BY THE QUEEN
A PROCLAMATION
FOR DISSOLVING THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT, AND
DECLARING THE CALLING OF ANOTHER

ELIZABETH R.

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

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this eleventh day of April in the Year of our Lord two thousand and five in the fifty-fourth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of May in the fifty-fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ELIZABETH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith; and in the year of our Lord 2005.

[No. 1.]

Wednesday 11th May 2005.

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

1 The House being met; and it being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, pursuant to Proclamation, Roger Blakemore Sands, Clerk of the House of Commons, Douglas George Millar, Clerk Assistant, and Helen Elizabeth Irwin, Principal Clerk of the Table Office, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, Alexander Claud Stuart Allan, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in Great Britain, delivered to the said Roger Blakemore Sands a book containing a list of the names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament.

Several of the Members repaired to their seats.

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

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

Members of the House of Commons,

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

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

4 And the House having returned;

Mr Alan Williams, pursuant to Standing Order No. 1A (Re-election of former Speaker), inquired whether Mr Michael J. Martin, as the Member who was Speaker at the dissolution of the previous Parliament, was willing to be chosen as Speaker.

Mr Michael J. Martin stood up in his place, indicated that he was willing to be so chosen, and submitted himself to the House.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 1A (Re-election of former Speaker), That Mr Michael J. Martin do take the Chair of this House as Speaker—(Mrs Angela Browning)—It was agreed to.

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

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

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

Whereupon Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Michael Ancram, Sir Menzies Campbell, The Reverend Ian Paisley and Mr Alex Salmond congratulated Mr Speaker Elect, and Mr Vernon Coaker moved, That this House do now adjourn till to-morrow at Eleven o'clock.

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

[Adjourned at 3.19 p.m.

[No. 2.

Thursday 12th May 2005.

1 The House met at Eleven o'clock; and the Speaker Elect having taken the Chair;

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

Mr Speaker Elect,

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

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

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

4 The House having returned;

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

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

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

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

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

Right honourable Alan John Williams
for Swansea West

Sedgefield

Right honourable Anthony Charles Lynton Blair

Right honourable John Leslie Prescott

Kingston upon Hull East

Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath

Right honourable John Whitaker Straw

Blackburn

Right honourable David Blunkett

Sheffield, Brightside

Right honourable Margaret Mary Beckett

Derby South

Right honourable Patricia Hope Hewitt

Leicester West
Right honourable Alistair Maclean
Edinburgh South West
Right honourable Alan Arthur Johnson
Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle
Right honourable Tessa Jane Helen Douglas
Dulwich and West Norwood
Right honourable Charles Rodway Clarke
Norwich South
Right honourable Hilary James Benn
Leeds Central
Right honourable Peter Gerald Hain
Neath
Right honourable John Reid
Airdrie and Shotts
Right honourable Ruth Maria Kelly
Bolton West
Right honourable David Wright Miliband
South Shields
Right honourable Desmond Henry Browne
Kilmarnock and Loudoun
Douglas Garven Alexander
Paisley and Renfrewshire South
Right honourable Ian McCartney
Ashfield
Right honourable Geoffroy William Hoon
North West Durham
Right honourable Michael Howard
Folkestone and Hythe
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Haltemprice and Howden
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Horsham
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Epsom and Ewell
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Meriden
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South Cambridgeshire
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Aylesbury
Alan James Carter Duncan
Rutland and Melton
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Penrith and The Border
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Manchester, Gorton
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Holborn and St Pancras
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Richard Henry Ronald Benyon    Newbury
Mark Gerard Hoban              Fareham
John Douglas Wilson Carswell   Harwich
John Quentin Davies            Grantham and Stamford
John Mark Lancaster            North East Milton Keynes
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 16th May.

[Adjourned at 4.03 p.m.]
Monday 16th May 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

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

- James Mark Dakin Purnell for Stalybridge and Hyde
- Right honourable John Alan Redwood Wokingham
- Yvette Cooper Pontefract and Castleford
- Right honourable Michael Andrew Ancram Devizes
- Right honourable John Matthew Patrick Hatton
- Simon Hugh McGuigan Burns West Chelmsford
- Francis Cook Stockton North
- Jim Knight South Dorset
- Antony Brian Baldry Banbury
- James Hood Lanark and Hamilton East
- Michael O’Brien North Warwickshire
- John Healey Wentworth
- Malcolm Douglas Moss North East Cambridgeshire
- Robert Michael Spink Castle Point
- Alan Keen Feltham and Heston
- Linda Riordan Halifax
- Clive Stanley Efford Eltham
- Right honourable Sir George Samuel Knatchbull Young North West Hampshire
- Adrian Mark Sanders Torbay
- Russell Leslie Brown Dumfries and Galloway
- John Douglas Naysmith Bristol North West
- Nicholas Douglas Palmer Broxtowe
- Elizabeth Marion Blackman Erewash
- Laura Jean Moffatt Crawley
- Right honourable Andrew David Smith Oxford East
- Desmond Angus Swayne New Forest West
- Crispin Jeremy Rupert Blunt Reigate
- Stephen Rothwell O’Brien Eddisbury
- Alexander Morrison Carmichael Orkney and Shetland
- Lynne Choona Featherstone Horney and Wood Green
- John Andrew Barrett Edinburgh West
- Sir Robert Hill Smith West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine
- Eddie McGrady South Down
- Sammy Wilson East Antrim
- Right honourable William Jefferson Hague Richmond (Yorks)
- Robert Goodwill Scarborough and Whitby
- Martin Phillip Caton Gower
- Jon Hedley Trickett Hemsworth
- John Timothy Grogan Selby
- Peter John Law Blaenau Gwent
- Adam James Harold Holloway Gravesham
- Natascha Engel North East Derbyshire
- John Mann Bassetlaw
- Roberta Carol Blackman-Woods City of Durham
- Gordon Raymond Banks Ochil and South Perthshire
- Robert Charles Douglas Flesso Stoke-on-Trent South
- William Etherington Sunderland North
- Edward O’Hara Knowsley South
- Right honourable Adam Ingram East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow
- Richard John Grenville Spring West Suffolk
- Hugh Michael Robertson Faversham and Mid Kent
- Mark Jonathan Mortlock Simmonds Boston and Mid Kent
- Patrick John Mercer Newark
Siôn Llewyn Simon Birmingham, Erdington
Gregory David Clark Tunbridge Wells
Michael Andrew Gove Surrey Heath
David Stanley Borrow South Ribble
Angela Christine Smith Sheffield, Hillsborough
Neil Turner Wigan
Louise Joyce Ellman Liverpool, Riverside
Celia Anne Barlow Hove
Joseph Edward Benton Bootle
Catharine Letitia Hoey Vauxhall
Martin John Salter Reading West
Alexander Boris Johnson Henley
Kerry McCarthy Bristol East
Jessica Elizabeth Morden Newport East
Diana Ruth Johnson Kingston upon Hull North
Graham Charles Stuart Beverley and Holderness
John Archibald, Viscount Thurso Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross
Rosemary McKenna Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East
Nadine Vanessa Dorries Mid Bedfordshire
Arthur Nicholas Winston Soames Mid Sussex
Colin Burgon Elmet
David Anthony Laws Yeovil
John Leech Manchester, Withington
Stephen Hepburn Jarrow
Peter John Viggers Gosport
Right honourable Jane Elizabeth Kennedy Liverpool, Wavertree
Rosale Winterton Doncaster Central
Liam Dominic Byrne Birmingham, Hodge Hill
Right honourable Clare Short Birmingham, Ladywood
Right honourable Stephen James Dorrell Charnwood
Douglas John Henderson Newcastle upon Tyne North
Nigel Griffiths Edinburgh South
Robert Graham Marshall-Andrews Medway
Alistair James Hendrie Burt North East Bedfordshire
David John Barrington Burrowes Enfield, Southgate
Christopher Shaun Ruane Vale of Clwyd
Khalid Miahmood Birmingham, Perry Barr
Joan Lorraine Walley Stoke-on-Trent North
Dawn Petula Butler Brent South
Vera Baird Redcar
Emily Thornberry Islington South and Finsbury
Barbara Mary Keeley Worsley
David Laurie Ruffley Barry St Edmunds
Michael Louis David Fabricant Lichfield
Alan Reid Argyll and Bute
Harry Michael Cohen Leyton and Wanstead
Austin Vernon Mitchell Great Grimsby
Mark Fisher Stoke-on-Trent Central
Liam Fox Woodspring
Right honourable Michael John Mates East Hampshire
Paul Alexander Cyril Goodman Wycombe
David Lindsay Willetts Havant
Anthony James McNulty Harrow East
Sharon Hodgson Gateshead East and Washington West
Andrew John Bower Mitchell Sutton Coldfield
Dennis Edward Skinner Bolsover
Charles Geoffrey Cox Torridge and West Devon
John Charles Baron Billericay
Peter Landreth Atkinson Hexham
Andrew Francis Slaughter Ealing, Acton and Shepherd’s Bush
Gregory Leonard George Barker Bexhill and Battle
John Alexander Melvin Hemming Birmingham, Yardley
2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till to-morrow at twenty-five minutes past Eleven o'clock.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.06 p.m.]
3 Speaker's Statement,—The Speaker made a Statement to the House, pursuant to the Resolution of 3rd November 2004.

4 Metropolitan Police,—Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that 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 during the sitting of Parliament, or to hinder Members by any means in the pursuit of their Parliamentary duties in the Parliamentary Estate; and that the Serjeant at Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioner.

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

6 Chairman of Ways and Means and First and Second Deputy Chairmen of Ways and Means,—Ordered, That Sir Alan Haselhurst be Chairman of Ways and Means, Sylvia Heal be First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and Sir Michael Lord be Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(Mr. Geoffrey Hoon.)

7 Queen's Speech,—The Speaker reported Her Majesty's Speech and directed that it be entered in the Journal, as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons

My Government will continue to pursue economic policies which entrench stability and promote long-term growth and prosperity.

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

My Government will build on its programme of reform and accelerate modernisation of the public services to promote opportunity and fairness. My Government will bring forward legislation in the key areas of public service delivery: education, health, welfare, and crime.

Education remains my Government’s main priority. My Government will further reform the education system to improve quality and choice in the provision of schooling, and build on the progress already made to improve educational standards for all.

Legislation will be brought forward to offer greater support for working families by extending maternity benefits and improving the provision of child care.

My Government will continue to reform the National Health Service in a way that maintains its founding principles. Measures will be brought forward to introduce more choice and diversity in healthcare provision and to continue to improve the quality of health services and hospital hygiene. Legislation to restrict smoking in enclosed public places and workplaces will also be introduced.

A Bill will be brought forward to support patients who wish to seek redress should they experience problems with their healthcare.

My Government will continue its reform of the welfare state, in order to reduce poverty further, offer greater equality, and match rights with responsibilities.

My Government will introduce legislation to reform support for housing costs.

A Bill will be introduced to establish benefits which will facilitate a return to employment, while offering long-term support for those unable to work.

My Government will begin long-term reform to provide sustainable income for those in retirement.

A Bill will be introduced to improve protection of consumers by bringing home reversion plans within the scope of the Financial Services Authority.

My Government is committed to creating safe and secure communities, and fostering a culture of respect.

Legislation will be taken forward to introduce an identity cards scheme.

A Bill will be introduced to give police and local communities new powers to tackle knives, guns and alcohol-related violence.

Further legislation will be introduced to tighten the immigration and asylum system in a way that is fair, flexible, and in the economic interests of the country.

Proposals will be brought forward to continue the fight against terrorism in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.
My Government will bring forward legislation to reduce re-offending by improving the management of offenders.

Legislation will be introduced to reform the criminal defence service, making better use of legal aid resources.

My Government believes that the welfare of the child is paramount. A Bill will be introduced to establish a barring and vetting scheme, and other measures to provide better protection for children and vulnerable adults.

Legislation will be introduced to safeguard the welfare of children in circumstances of parental separation and to improve the process of inter-country adoption.

My Government will continue with legislation to provide a new framework for the provision of compulsory treatment of those with mental disorders.

Legislation will be introduced to modernise charity law, to develop a vibrant, diverse and independent charitable sector.

My Government will take forward proposals to introduce an offence of corporate manslaughter.

My Government will bring forward measures to tackle those who incite religious hatred.

Legislation will be introduced to combat discrimination and to establish the Commission for Equality and Human Rights.

My Government is committed to achieving sustainable development and supporting rural services.

Legislation will be brought forward to ensure the better management and protection of the natural environment and to provide support for rural communities.

A Bill to modernise the management of common land will be introduced.

Legislation will be brought forward to help reduce casualties on the roads.

My Government is committed to promoting efficiency, productivity and value for money. Legislation will be introduced to streamline regulatory structures and make it simpler to remove outdated or unnecessary legislation.

Consumer credit law will be updated to provide greater protection for consumers and to create a fairer, more competitive credit market.

Company law will be reformed to encourage greater levels of investment and enterprise.

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

My Government will continue to work closely with the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales, and will work to bring about the conditions necessary for the restoration of political institutions in Northern Ireland.

Legislation will be brought forward to encourage greater voter participation in elections while introducing further measures to combat fraud and increase security.

Legislation will also be introduced to reform the National Assembly for Wales.

My Government will bring forward proposals to continue the reform of the House of Lords.

If London is selected to host the 2012 Olympic Games, legislation will be introduced as soon as possible to establish the necessary powers to ensure the delivery of the Games, and that the requirements of the International Olympic Committee are met.

My Government will establish a single system of service law for the Armed Forces.

My Government will bring forward a Bill to give effect to the Constitutional Treaty for the European Union, subject to a referendum. Legislation will be introduced to ratify the treaty of accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the European Union.

Other measures will be laid before you.

My Government will continue to play its full part in international affairs.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to our visit to Canada later today and to our state visit to Malta in November which precedes the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. We look forward to our visit to Australia in March next year for the opening of the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne followed by our State visit to Singapore. We also look forward to receiving Their Majesties King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway in the autumn.
The United Kingdom will take over the Presidency of the European Union in July, and my Government will work to build an increasingly prosperous and secure Europe.

My Government will use its Presidency of the G8 to secure progress in tackling poverty in Africa and climate change.

My Government will continue to push for a resolution of the conflict in Darfur.

My Government will continue to work to prevent terrorism and the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, and to combat drug smuggling and international crime.

My Government will work to strengthen commitment to the continued effectiveness of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and continue to contribute to a modern and representative United Nations.

My Government will work to secure a successful outcome from the United Nations Millennium Review Summit and the Ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation in Hong Kong in December.

My Government will support the Iraq Transitional Government and Transitional National Assembly as they write a constitution and prepare for future elections.

My Government will continue to assist the Government of Afghanistan including in its counter-narcotics efforts, and to support better standards of governance throughout the world. Peace in the Middle East will remain one of my Government’s highest priorities.

My Government will work to deepen and develop the strong partnership between Europe and the United States in order to meet these objectives.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons

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

8 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Mr Kevin Barron);

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.

APPENDIX

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 8th April 2005

1 Treaty Series (No. 12, 2005).—Exchange of Notes, done at The Hague on 5th November 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Criminal Court concerning the Relocation of Witnesses [Cm. 6513] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Treaty Series (No. 13, 2005).—WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, done at Geneva on 21st May 2003 [Cm. 6514] [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 8th April 2005

3 Criminal Law,—(1) Bail (Amendment) Act 1993 (Prescription of Prosecuting Authorities) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1129); and


5 Education,—(1) Education (Residential Trips) (Prescribed Tax Credits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1014); and

   (2) Revenue and Customs (Inspections) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1133), dated 7th April 2005; and

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates on or after Wednesday 11th May 2005, the day on which Parliament was appointed to meet, pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Wednesday 11th May 2005

7 Agriculture,—Feed (Corn Gluten Feed and Brewers Grains) (Emergency Control) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1265), dated 29th April 2005 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Road Traffic,—Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Tachograph Card Fees) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1140), dated 8th April 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Thursday 12th May 2005


Other Papers:

Wednesday 11th May 2005

   (2) Sudan (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1258) dated 7th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 17th May 2005:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

   (2) draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Montserrat) Order 2005;
   (3) draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands Antilles) Order 2005; and
(4) draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Virgin Islands) Order 2005
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

12 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Amendment List 15 to Air Publication 1269 The Royal Air
Force—Manual of Medical Management and Administration (Eighth Edition); and
(2) Air Publication 3392—Royal Air Force Manual of Personnel Administration
Volume 2, Pay and Personnel (Second Edition) and Volume 3, Allowances (Second
Edition)
[by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

13 Broadcasting.—Report and Financial Statements of the Channel Four Television
Corporation for 2004 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

14 Judicial Statistics.—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Statistics for England and
Wales for 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6565] [Ms Harriet Harman].

15 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Department of Health: Innovation in the NHS: Local Improvement Finance
Trusts;
(2) Ministry of Defence: Driving the Successful Delivery of Major Defence Projects:
Effective Project Control is a Key Factor in Successful Projects; and
(3) Securing strategic leadership for the learning and skills sector in England
[by Act], to be printed [Nos. 28, 30 and 29] [Clerk of the House].

16 Post Office.—Report and Accounts of Royal Mail Holdings plc for the year ended
27th March 2005 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

17 Public Petitions.—Observations by—
(1) the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [22nd March 2005,
in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Wirral South, Birkenhead and others
against the closure of the Dell Primary School;
(2) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition
[9th March, in the last Session of Parliament] from citizens of the United Kingdom
against the persecution of the Falun Gong practitioners by the Chinese authorities;
(3) the Secretary of State for the Home Office on the Petitions—
(i) [15th September, in Session 2003–04] from residents of Coatbridge and Chryston
for the creation of new offences of motor vehicle manslaughter and aggravated
motor vehicle manslaughter;
(ii) [12th October, in Session 2003–04] from the family and friends of Natalie
McCabe, Vicky Browne and Rebecca Fish, and others, for legislation to increase
the penalties for driving offences, to require the display of a valid driving licence
and insurance documents in the windscreen of vehicles and to create a separate
category of offence for drivers who cause injury or death while driving without a
licence; and
(iii) [3rd February, in the last Session of Parliament] from the residents of Hodge
Hill, Birmingham, and the surrounding areas for legislation to provide for tougher
sentencing for dangerous driving; and
(4) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petitions—
(i) [5th April, in the last Session of Parliament] from Mr Cresswell Butters and others
for measures to relieve the Wiltshire villages of Stapleford, Stoford, South Newton
and parts of Wilton from increased road traffic; and
(ii) [6th April, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents and bus passengers
of Walton, Stone, in Staffordshire, for the restoration of the 101 bus service from
Walton Corner along the A34 to Aston Island
[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

18 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned
Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament,
and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into
operation:
Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 2005
(S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 191)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].
19 Treaty Series (No. 14, 2005),—Convention, done at Brussels on 29th November 1996, on the Accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and to the Protocol on its interpretation by the Court of Justice, with the Adjustments made to them by the Convention on the Accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, of Ireland and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, by the Convention on the Accession of the Hellenic Republic and by the Convention on the Accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic [by Command] [Cm. 6549] [Mr Secretary Straw].

20 Treaty Series (No. 15, 2005),—Exchange of Notes, done at Accra on 8th and 14th January 2003, and 30th January and 10th March 2004, 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. 3 (2002)) and The United Kingdom/Ghana Debt Agreement No. 3 (2002) Amendment [by Command] [Cm. 6550] [Mr Secretary Straw].

[No. 5.]

Wednesday 18th May 2005.

PRAYERS.

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

Stephen Hesford for Wirral West
Mark Oaten Winchester
Owen William Paterson North Shropshire

2 Crossrail Bill,—Mr Secretary Darling, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson, Secretary Tessa Jowell and Derek Twigg, presented a Bill to make provision for a railway transport system running from Maidenhead, in the County of Berkshire, and Heathrow Airport, in the London Borough of Hillingdon, through central London to Shenfield, in the County of Essex, and Abbey Wood, in the London Borough of Greenwich, and for connected purposes: And the same was deemed to be read the first time, pursuant to the Standing Order of 7th April; and was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 1].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Crossrail Bill be printed [Bill 1–EN].

3 Consumer Credit Bill,—Secretary Alan Johnson, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hain, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Bridget Prentice, presented a Bill to amend the Consumer Credit Act 1974; to extend the ombudsman scheme under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to cover licensees under the Consumer Credit Act 1974; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

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

4 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed 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 John Heppell)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.49 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Employment and Training.—Draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

2. Civil Aviation.—Statement on pension determination for spouses of Civil Aviation Authority board members, dated 18th May 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3. Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland).—Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for the year ended 31st October 2003, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 45] [Clerk of the House].

4. Race Relations.—Accounts of the Commission for Racial Equality for 2003-04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 44] [Clerk of the House].

5. School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of—
   (1) Bedford Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (2) Bolton Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 10th January 2005;
   (3) Bristol Education Action Zone for 2003-04;
   (4) Camborne Pool and Redruth Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (5) Corby Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 10th January 2005;
   (6) Coventry Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (7) Downham and Bellingham Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (8) East Manchester Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 30th November 2004;
   (9) East Manchester Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 30th November 2004;
   (10) Ellesmere Port Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (11) Gloucester Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (12) Hamilton Oxford Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 6th September 2004;
   (13) Leigh Park Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (14) North Gillingham Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (15) North West Shropshire Education Action Zone for 2003-04;
   (16) Wednesbury Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 30th November 2004; and
   (17) Wythenshawe Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 30th November 2004, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 10, 22, 14, 18, 13, 19, 12, 23, 24, 17, 21, 8, 11, 20, 15, 9 and 16] [Clerk of the House].
Thursday 19th May 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill.—Ordered, That the promoters of the HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill which originated in this House in the previous Session on 25th January 2005 may have leave to proceed with the Bill in the current Session according to the provisions of Standing Order 188B (Revival of Bills);

That on the next sitting day following presentation of the Bill, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the Bill on the Table of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill.—Ordered, That the promoters of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill which originated in this House in the previous Session on 25th January 2005 may have leave to proceed with the Bill in the current Session according to the provisions of Standing Order 188B (Revival of Bills);

That, on the next sitting day following presentation of the Bill, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the Bill on the Table of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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

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4 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 agreement of this House:

That the promoters of the Liverpool City Council (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill which was introduced in the House of Lords in the previous Session on 24th January 2005 should have leave to proceed with the Bill in the current Session in accordance with the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150B (Revival of bills).

That the promoters of the London Local Authorities Bill which was introduced in the House of Lords in the previous Session on 24th January 2005 should have leave to proceed with the Bill in the current Session in accordance with the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150B (Revival of bills).

That the promoters of the London Local Authorities (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill which was introduced in the House of Lords in the previous Session on 24th January 2005 should have leave to proceed with the Bill in the current Session in accordance with the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150B (Revival of bills).

5 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill.—Secretary Margaret Beckett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hain and Jim Knight, presented a Bill to make provision about bodies concerned with the natural environment and rural communities; to make provision in connection with wildlife, sites of special scientific interest, National Parks and the Broads; to amend the law relating to rights of way; to make provision as to the Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council; to provide for flexible administrative arrangements in connection with functions relating to the environment and rural affairs and certain other functions; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 23rd May and to be printed [Bill 3].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill be printed [Bill 3–EN].

6 Transport (Wales) Bill.—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Secretary Alan Johnson, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr John Hutton, Bridget Prentice and Nick Ainger, presented a Bill to make provision about transport to, from and within Wales: And the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 23rd May and to be printed [Bill 4].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Transport (Wales) Bill be printed [Bill 4 EN].

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

Debate to be resumed on Monday 23rd May.

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

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd May.

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Assembly Pensions (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the—
   (1) Assembly Contributory Pension Fund for 1999-2000;
   (2) Assembly Contributory Pension Fund for 2000-01;
   (3) Assembly Contributory Pension Fund for 2001-02;
   (4) Members’ Contributory Pension (Northern Ireland) Fund for 1999-2000;
   (5) Members’ Contributory Pension (Northern Ireland) Fund for 2000-01; and
   (6) Members’ Contributory Pension (Northern Ireland) Fund for 2001-02,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 2005).—OCCAR Security Agreement, done at Paris on 24th September 2004, between the Government of the French Republic, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6554] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of—
   (1) Clacton and Harwich Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005;
   (2) Hackney Education Action Zone for 1st April to 30th November 2004;
   (3) Hastings and St Leonard’s Education Action Zone for 2003-04;
   (4) Kent and Somerset Education Action Zone for 1st April to 30th November 2004;
   (5) Wolverhampton Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55] [Clerk of the House].

4 Social Security (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Social Security Agency Social Fund for 2001-02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 31] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5 Treaty Series (No. 16, 2005).—Convention, done at Brussels on 21st December 1993, on the Accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the Convention on the Elimination of Double Taxation in Connection with the Adjustment of Profits of Associated Enterprises, with Minutes of Signing [by Command] [Cm. 6551] [Mr Secretary Straw].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Members take the Oath or make Affirmation.—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:
   Robert John Blizzard  for Waveney
   Right honourable Peter Bruce Lilley  Hitchin and Harpenden

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 17th May, 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 John Heppell.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

3 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

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

4 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 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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 20th May 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 17, 2005).—Agreement, done at Warsaw on 29th March 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Poland on the Prepayment of Certain Obligations by the Republic of Poland [Cm. 6555] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 23rd May 2005:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1341), dated 12th May 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

3 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Lost in Translation? Responding to the challenges of European Law; and
   (2) Ministry of Defence: Managing the Defence Estate
      [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 26 and 25] [Clerk of the House].

4 National Health Service Reform and Healthcare Professions.—Reports of the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health for—
   (1) 2002–03; and
   (2) 2003–04
      [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 6 and 7] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
Papers withdrawn:

5 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 1989 (Delegation) Order 2005 [laid 24th February, in the last Session of Parliament].

[No. 8.]

Tuesday 24th May 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Members take the Oath or make Affirmation,—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:
   - Marsha Singh for Bradford West
   - Charlotte Jean Atkins for Staffordshire Moorlands
   - Michael David Wills North Swindon

2. Private Bills (Lords) (Revival),—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the Liverpool City Council (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered;
   - That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);
   - And objection being taken to further proceedings, the Debate stood adjourned.
   - Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 7th June.

3. Private Bills (Lords) (Revival),—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered;
   - That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);
   - And objection being taken to further proceedings, the Debate stood adjourned.
   - Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 7th June.

4. Private Bills (Lords) (Revival),—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered;
   - That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);
   - And objection being taken to further proceedings, the Debate stood adjourned.
   - Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 7th June.

5. Sessional Returns,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Returns for Session 2004-05 of information and statistics relating to—
   - Business of the House;
   - Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time (including Programme Motions);
   - Sittings of the House;
   - Private Bills and Private Business;
   - Public Bills;
   - Delegated Legislation and Regulatory Reform Orders;
   - European Legislation, etc;
   - Grand Committees;
   - Chairmen's Panel; and
   - Select Committees.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

6. Members take the Oath or make Affirmation,—The following Member made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:
   - Patsy Calton for Cheadle

7. Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   - The Lords concur with the Order made by this House concerning the HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill set out in their message of 19th May; and they concur with the Order made by this House concerning the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill set out in their message of 19th May.
8 European Union Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Secretary John Reid, Secretary Alan Johnson, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, the Solicitor General, and Ms Harriet Harman, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the Treaty signed at Rome on 29th October 2004 establishing a Constitution for Europe; and to require a referendum to be held about it: 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 European Union Bill be printed [Bill 5–EN].

9 National Lottery Bill.—Secretary Tessa Jowell, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Darling, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Ruth Kelly and Mr Richard Caborn, presented a Bill to make provision about the National Lottery: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the National Lottery Bill be printed [Bill 6–EN].

10 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 17th May, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty’s 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 regret the absence of measures in the Gracious Speech to reduce the burden of political targets and bureaucracy in the public services and of measures which would deliver high standards throughout the public services by promoting autonomy for professionals, creating genuine choice and removing over-burdensome regulation so that new and existing providers can expand capacity and develop innovative approaches to service delivery, deplore the absence of measures adequately to support the NHS in delivering cleaner hospitals rather than just imposing sanctions on them, or to introduce a reformed legislative and organisational framework for public health; further regret the absence of measures which would take account of the proposals by the Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Health Bill in the last Parliament for substantial amendments to proposed mental health legislation; further deplore the absence of measures which would recognise the need to achieve the basic requirements in education of discipline, rigorous examinations, choice for parents and the freedom for staff to do what they do best; and further regret the absence of measures which would deliver the real improvements needed in the public services.’.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

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 Crispin Blunt, Mr Henry Bellingham: 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Ian Cawsey: 336.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

11 Income Tax,—Resolved, That the draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Aruba) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 17th May, be approved.—(John Healey.)

12 Income Tax,—Resolved, That the draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands Antilles) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 17th May, be approved.—(John Healey.)

13 Income Tax,—Resolved, That the draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Virgin Islands) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 17th May, be approved.—(John Healey.)
14 Income Tax,—Resolved, That the draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Montserrat) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 17th May, be approved.—(John Healey.)

15 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 (Fire Safety) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 17th March, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

16 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 26th May 2005, do adjourn till Monday 6th June 2005—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

17 Business of the House,—Ordered, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 14th, 21st and 28th October; 11th November; 2nd December 2005; 20th January; 24th February; 10th and 17th March; 12th May; 16th June; 14th July and 20th October 2006.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.07 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1380), dated 20th May 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


3 Immigration,—Displaced Persons (Temporary Protection) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1379), dated 18th May 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

4 Constitutional Affairs,—Paper, entitled Criminal Defence Service Bill Framework Document [by Command] [Cm. 6572] [Bridget Prentice].

5 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2004-05, on Human Rights Annual Report 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6571] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.),—Fifth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 46] [Mr Secretary Ham].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) the Speaker has nominated Mr David Amess, Janet Anderson, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Joe Benton, Sir John Butterfill, Mr Martin Caion, Mr Christopher Chope, Derek Conway, Frank Cook, Mr John Cummings, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Eric Illesley, Mr David Marshall, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Bill Olner, David Taylor, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr David Wilshire and Sir Nicholas Winterton to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.
POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS ACT 2000

The Speaker has, by virtue of the provisions of section 2(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, appointed the following Members to serve on the committee, known as the Speaker’s Committee, established by section 2(1) of the Act: Mrs Angela Browning, Lady Hermon, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Humfrey Malins and Mr Peter Viggers.

[No. 9.]

Wednesday 25th May 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills,—The Orders of 19th May relating to HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill and London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill being read;

HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill,—A Bill to make new provision for the regulation and management of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland upon its registration as a public company under the Companies Act 1985; to provide for the transfer of the undertakings of Capital Bank plc, Halifax plc and HBOS Treasury Services plc to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland; to provide for the transfer of the assets of the Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society to Clerical Medical Investment Group Limited; and for connected purposes, was read the first and second time and referred to the Examiners.

London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill,—A Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London and upon Transport for London; and for related purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

2 Identity Cards Bill,—Mr Secretary Clarke, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Secretary Margaret Beckett and Mr Tony McNulty, presented a Bill to make provision for a national scheme of registration of individuals and for the issue of cards capable of being used for identifying registered individuals; to make it an offence for a person to be in possession or control of an identity document to which he is not entitled, or of apparatus, articles or materials for making false identity documents; to amend the Consular Fees Act 1980; to make provision facilitating the verification of information provided with an application for a passport; 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 Identity Cards Bill be printed [Bill 9–EN].

3 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill,—Mr Ivan Lewis, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hain, Mr Des Browne, Dawn Primarolo and John Healey, presented a Bill to enable activities relating to certain arrangements involving the acquisition or disposal of land to be regulated under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill be printed [Bill 7–EN].

4 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 17th May, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ‘but regret that the Gracious Speech does not contain measures to address the major challenges the British economy now faces to ensure its competitiveness in the light of unprecedented global competition; further regret the absence of measures to bridge the skills gap so that the UK has the right skills for tomorrow’s economy; deplore the failure to include in the Gracious Speech a credible programme for cutting the burden of regulation which stifles business and holds back entrepreneurs; condemn the absence of measures to ensure value for taxpayers’ money in order to improve public services and
remove the need for further tax increases; and further regret the absence of measures in the Gracious Speech to tackle the pensions crisis to which Government policy has contributed, or to encourage savings to help give people greater security and dignity in retirement'.—(Mr George Osborne.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
    Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Gregory Barker: 241.
    Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Kevin Brennan: 335.
So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'but regret that the Gracious Speech contains no commitment to introduce legislation to reform the voting system and ensure that the composition of this House reflects the wishes of the electorate; further regret that the Gracious Speech proposes the introduction of a costly and ineffectual system of compulsory identity cards instead of providing for more police on the street; further regret the absence of proposals to introduce a fair system of local income tax, related to the individual's ability to pay; deplore the absence of measures to ensure that the elderly receive free long term care; further regret the absence of proposals to end the complex means-tested pensions system, which has deterred saving, has left many pensioners in poverty, and disproportionately disadvantages women; further regret the absence of legislation to reverse the punitive system of tuition fees and top-up fees that mean students could begin their careers with mortgage-level debts by 2010; further deplore the absence of specific measures to tackle the serious threat from climate change; and are concerned that there is still no commitment to introduce legislation to clarify the responsibility of the Prime Minister to Parliament, particularly in relation to the prerogative powers and the role of Parliament in matters of war and peace'.—(Andrew Stunell.)

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 Noes, Joan Ryan, Kevin Brennan: 327.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
    Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Kevin Brennan: 322.
    Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Selous, Michael Fabricant: 246.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

5 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 relating to Ways and Means in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Gillian Merron.)—It was agreed to.

6 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—Resolved, That,—

(1) 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.—

(Dawn Primarolo.)
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. Value added tax (goods subject to warehousing regime)

Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of value added tax in connection with goods subject to a warehousing regime.

3. Value added tax (fuel for private use)

Resolved, That provision may be made for and in connection with amending section 57 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

4. Value added tax (overstated or overpaid amounts)

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 80 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 shall be amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) there shall be substituted—

“(1) Where a person—

(a) has accounted to the Commissioners for VAT for a prescribed accounting period (whenever ended), and

(b) in doing so, has brought into account as output tax an amount that was not output tax due,

the Commissioners shall be liable to credit the person with that amount.

(1A) Where the Commissioners—

(a) have assessed a person to VAT for a prescribed accounting period (whenever ended), and

(b) in doing so, have brought into account as output tax an amount that was not output tax due,

they shall be liable to credit the person with that amount.

(1B) Where a person has for a prescribed accounting period (whenever ended) paid to the Commissioners an amount by way of VAT that was not VAT due to them, otherwise than as a result of—

(a) an amount that was not output tax due being brought into account as output tax, or

(b) an amount of input tax allowable under section 26 not being brought into account,

the Commissioners shall be liable to repay to that person the amount so paid.”.

(3) In subsection (2) before “repay” there shall be inserted “credit or”.

(4) After subsection (2) there shall be inserted—

“(2A) Where—

(a) as a result of a claim under this section by virtue of subsection (1) or (1A) above an amount falls to be credited to a person, and

(b) after setting any sums against it under or by virtue of this Act, some or all of that amount remains to his credit,

the Commissioners shall be liable to pay (or repay) to him so much of that amount as so remains.”.

(5) In subsection (3) for “under this section, that repayment” there shall be substituted “under this section by virtue of subsection (1) or (1A) above, that the crediting”.

(6) For subsection (3A) there shall be substituted—

“(3A) Subsection (3B) below applies for the purposes of subsection (3) above where—

(a) an amount would (apart from subsection (3) above) fall to be credited under subsection (1) or (1A) above to any person (“the taxpayer”), and

(b) the whole or a part of the amount brought into account as mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection has, for practical purposes, been borne by a person other than the taxpayer.”.

(7) In subsection (3B), in paragraph (a), for “repayment” there shall be substituted “crediting”.

(8) For subsection (4) there shall be substituted—

“(4) The Commissioners shall not be liable on a claim under this section—

(a) to credit an amount to a person under subsection (1) or (1A) above, or

(b) to repay an amount to a person under subsection (1B) above, if the claim is made more than 3 years after the relevant date.
(4ZA) The relevant date is—
(a) in the case of a claim by virtue of subsection (1) above, the end of the prescribed accounting period mentioned in that subsection, unless paragraph (b) below applies;
(b) in the case of a claim by virtue of subsection (1) above in respect of an erroneous voluntary disclosure, the end of the prescribed accounting period in which the disclosure was made;
(c) in the case of a claim by virtue of subsection (1A) above in respect of an assessment issued on the basis of an erroneous voluntary disclosure, the end of the prescribed accounting period in which the disclosure was made;
(d) in the case of a claim by virtue of subsection (1A) above in any other case, the end of the prescribed accounting period in which the assessment was made;
(e) in the case of a claim by virtue of subsection (1B) above, the date on which the payment was made.

In the case of a person who has ceased to be registered under this Act, any reference in paragraphs (b) to (d) above to a prescribed accounting period includes a reference to a period that would have been a prescribed accounting period had the person continued to be registered under this Act.

(4ZB) For the purposes of this section the cases where there is an erroneous voluntary disclosure are those cases where—
(a) a person discloses to the Commissioners that he has not brought into account for a prescribed accounting period (whenever ended) an amount of output tax due for the period;
(b) the disclosure is made in a later prescribed accounting period (whenever ended); and
(c) some or all of the amount is not output tax due.

For subsections (4A) and (4B) there shall be substituted—
“(4A) Where—
(a) an amount has been credited under subsection (1) or (1A) above to any person at any time on or after 26th May 2005, and
(b) the amount so credited exceeded the amount which the Commissioners were liable at that time to credit to that person,
the Commissioners may, to the best of their judgement, assess the excess credited to that person and notify it to him.”.

(10) For subsection (7) there shall be substituted—
“(7) Except as provided by this section, the Commissioners shall not be liable to credit or repay any amount accounted for or paid to them by way of VAT that was not VAT due to them.”.

(11) The side-note to the section shall accordingly become “Credit for, or repayment of, overstated or overpaid VAT”.

(12) In consequence of those amendments the Value Added Tax Act 1994 shall be amended as follows.

(13) In section 78, in subsection (1)(a) for “and which they are in consequence liable to repay to him” there shall be substituted “and, as a result, they are liable under section 80(2A) to pay (or repay) an amount to him,”.

(14) In section 80A—
(a) in subsection (2)(a), for “repayment” there shall be substituted “crediting”;
(b) in subsection (2)(b), for “the cost of the original payment of that amount to the Commissioners” there shall be substituted “the amount brought into account as mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) or (1A) of that section”;
(c) in subsection (3)(a), for “repayment” there shall be substituted “crediting of the amount”;
(d) for subsection (3)(b) there shall be substituted—
“(b) provision for cases where an amount is credited but an equal amount is not reimbursed in accordance with the arrangements;”;
(e) in subsection (3)(c), for “repaid” there shall be substituted “paid (or repaid)”;
(f) in subsection (4)(a), for “to make the repayments to the Commissioners that they are required to make” there shall be substituted “to make the repayments, or give the notifications, to the Commissioners that they are required to make or give”;
(g) in subsection (7)—
(i) for “repayment”, in the first place, there shall be substituted “credit”;
(ii) for “the making of any repayment” there shall be substituted “the crediting of any amount”.”
(15) In section 80B after subsection (1) there shall be inserted—

"(1A) Where—

(a) an amount ("the gross credit") has been credited to any person under subsection (1) or (1A) of section 80,
(b) any sums were set against that amount, in accordance with subsection (2A) of that section, and
(c) the amount reimbursed in accordance with the reimbursement arrangements was less than the gross credit,

subsection (1B) below applies.

(1B) In any such case—

(a) the person shall cease to be entitled to so much of the gross credit as exceeds the amount so reimbursed, and
(b) the Commissioners may, to the best of their judgement, assess the amount due from that person and notify it to him,

but an amount shall not be assessed under this subsection to the extent that the person is liable to pay it to the Commissioners as mentioned in subsection (1) above.

(1C) In determining the amount that a person is liable to pay as mentioned in subsection (1) above, any amount reimbursed in accordance with the reimbursement arrangements shall be regarded as first reducing so far as possible the amount that he would have been liable so to pay, but for the reimbursement of that amount.

(1D) For the purposes of this section, nil is an amount.

(1E) Any reference in any other provision of this Act to an assessment under subsection (1) above includes, if the context so admits, a reference to an assessment under subsection (1B) above.".

(16) In section 83—

(a) in paragraph (t), before “repayment” there shall be inserted “crediting or”;
(b) in paragraph (ta), after “80B(1)” there shall be inserted “or (1B)”.

(17) The amendments made by this Resolution shall have effect in any case where a claim under section 80(2) of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 is made on or after 26th May 2005, whenever the event occurred in respect of which the claim is made.

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. Value added tax (gas and electricity supplied by persons outside UK)

Resolved, That—

(1) In paragraph 8 of Schedule 6 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994—

(a) after “8” there shall be inserted “, or any supply of goods is treated by virtue of section 9A,”; and
(b) after “the services” there shall be inserted “or goods”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to supplies made on or after 17th March 2005.

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

6. Donations to charity by individuals

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 25 of the Finance Act 1990.

7. Employee securities

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to securities acquired pursuant to a right or opportunity available by reason of employment.

8. Scientific research organisations


9. Unit trusts and open-ended investment companies

Resolved, That provision may be made about the taxation of unit holders in authorised unit trust schemes and shareholders in open-ended investment companies.
10. Corporation tax (counteracting tax arbitrage)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for the purposes of corporation tax about—
(a) amounts that are not to be allowed as deductions for the purposes of the Corporation Tax Acts; and
(b) contributions to the capital of any company that are to be treated as income arising to the company.

11. Chargeable gains

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending, or making amendments connected with, the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

12. Accounting practice

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made with respect to matters connected with accounting practice.

13. Charges on income

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to charges on income for the purposes of corporation tax.

14. Rent factoring

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made—
(a) amending any enactment contained in sections 43A to 43G of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, or
(b) in relation to finance agreements (whenever entered into) to which section 43D of that Act would apply but for section 43E(1)(a) or (b) of it.

15. 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 to be treated as standing, in the position of a creditor or debtor in relation to a debt.

16. Annuities and other annual payments

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to assets which—
(a) represent the right to, or
(b) secure,
the payment of, or payments corresponding to, the whole or a part of one or more payments remaining to be made under an annuity or other obligation to make annual payments.

17. Manufactured interest

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending paragraph 3 of Schedule 23A to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

18. Strips of interest-bearing corporate securities

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to assets which—
(a) represent the right to, or
(b) secure,
the payment of, or payments corresponding to, the whole or a part of one or more payments remaining to be made under a security.

19. Derivative contracts etc

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for the purposes of corporation tax in relation to—
(a) derivative contracts, and
(b) contracts and other transactions which are to be treated as if they were derivative contracts.

20. Capital redemption policies

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to capital redemption policies, within the meaning of Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
21. Provision not at arm’s length

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending Schedule 28AA to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

22. Intangible fixed assets

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2002 and section 86(2) of the Finance Act 1993.

23. Insurance companies etc

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about insurance companies and friendly societies.

24. 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.

25. The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

26. Stamp duty land tax

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003.

27. Stamp duty land tax (miscellaneous amendments)

Resolved, That—

(1) Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003 shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this Resolution.

(2) In section 45, at the end of subsection (3) there shall be inserted “except in a case where the secondary contract gives rise to a transaction that is exempt from charge by virtue of subsection (3) of section 73 (alternative property finance: land sold to financial institution and re-sold to individual)”.

(3) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 7, in sub-paragraph (7) for “paragraph 3” there shall be substituted “paragraphs 3 and 4A”.

(4) In paragraph 3 of Schedule 7—

(a) for sub-paragraph (2) there shall be substituted—

“(2) The amount chargeable is the tax that would have been chargeable in respect of the relevant transaction but for group relief if the chargeable consideration for that transaction had been an amount equal to—

(a) the market value of the subject-matter of the transaction, and

(b) if the acquisition was the grant of a lease at a rent, that rent, or, as the case may be, an appropriate proportion of the tax that would have been so chargeable.”, and

(b) at the end of sub-paragraph (5) there shall be inserted “and paragraph 4A (withdrawal of group relief in certain cases involving successive transactions)”.

(5) In paragraph 4 of Schedule 7—

(a) in sub-paragraph (3), for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted—

“(b) another company that—

(i) is above the vendor in the group structure, and

(ii) as a result of the transaction ceases to be a member of the same group as the purchaser.”, and

(b) in sub-paragraph (5), for “this purpose” there shall be substituted “the purposes of sub-paragraphs (3) and (4)”.

(6) After paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 there shall be inserted—

“Withdrawal of group relief in certain cases involving successive transactions

4A(1) Where, in the case of a transaction (“the relevant transaction”) that is exempt from charge by virtue of paragraph 1 (group relief)—

(a) there is a change in the control of the purchaser,

(b) that change occurs—

(i) before the end of the period of three years beginning with the effective date of the relevant transaction, or

(ii) in pursuance of, or in connection with, arrangements made before the end of that period,

(c) apart from this paragraph, group relief in relation to the relevant transaction would not be withdrawn under paragraph 3, and
(d) any previous transaction falls within sub-paragraph (2), paragraphs 3 and 4 have effect in relation to the relevant transaction as if the vendor in relation to the earliest previous transaction falling within sub-paragraph (2) were the vendor in relation to the relevant transaction.

(2) A previous transaction falls within this sub-paragraph if—

(a) the previous transaction is exempt from charge by virtue of paragraph 1, 7 or 8,

(b) the effective date of the previous transaction is less than three years before the date of the event falling within sub-paragraph (1)(a),

(c) the chargeable interest acquired under the relevant transaction by the purchaser in relation to that transaction is the same as, comprises, forms part of, or is derived from, the chargeable interest acquired under the previous transaction by the purchaser in relation to the previous transaction, and

(d) since the previous transaction, the chargeable interest acquired under that transaction has not been acquired by any person under a transaction that is not exempt from charge by virtue of paragraph 1, 7 or 8.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a) there is a change in the control of a company if—

(a) any person who controls the company (alone or with others) ceases to do so,

(b) a person obtains control of the company (alone or with others), or

(c) the company is wound up.

References to “control” in this sub-paragraph shall be construed in accordance with section 416 of the Taxes Act 1988.

(4) If two or more transactions effected at the same time are the earliest previous transactions falling within sub-paragraph (2), the reference in sub-paragraph (1) to the vendor in relation to the earliest previous transaction is a reference to the persons who are the vendors in relation to the earliest previous transactions.

(5) In this paragraph “arrangements” includes any scheme, agreement or understanding, whether or not legally enforceable.”

(7) In paragraph 11(5)(a) of Schedule 17A, for the words from “the purchaser” to the end there shall be substituted “the event falling within paragraph 3(1)(a) of Schedule 7 (purchaser ceasing to be a member of the same group as the vendor), as read with paragraph 4A of that Schedule”.

(8) In paragraph 8 of Schedule 7—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for “the first and second conditions” there shall be substituted “all the conditions”, and

(b) after sub-paragraph (5) there shall be inserted—

“(5A) The third condition is that the undertaking or part acquired by the acquiring company has as its main activity the carrying on of a trade that does not consist wholly or mainly of dealing in chargeable interests.

In this sub-paragraph “trade” has the same meaning as in the Taxes Act 1988.”

(9) In paragraph 9 of Schedule 7, for sub-paragraph (2) there shall be substituted—

“(2) The amount chargeable is the tax that would have been chargeable in respect of the relevant transaction but for reconstruction or acquisition relief if the chargeable consideration for that transaction had been an amount equal to—

(a) the market value of the subject-matter of the transaction, and

(b) if the acquisition was the grant of a lease at a rent, that rent, or, as the case may be, an appropriate proportion of the tax that would have been so chargeable.”

(10) After paragraph 17 of Schedule 15 there shall be inserted—

“Withdrawal of money etc from partnership after transfer of chargeable interest

17A(1) This paragraph applies where—

(a) there is a transfer of a chargeable interest to a partnership (“the land transfer”);

(b) the land transfer falls within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of paragraph 10(1);

(c) during the period of three years beginning with the date of the land transfer, a qualifying event occurs.
(2) A qualifying event is—
   (a) a withdrawal from the partnership of money or money’s worth which does not represent income profit by the relevant person—
      (i) withdrawing capital from his capital account,
      (ii) reducing his interest, or
      (iii) ceasing to be a partner, or
   (b) in a case where the relevant person has made a loan to the partnership—
      (i) the repayment (to any extent) by the partnership of the loan, or
      (ii) a withdrawal by the relevant person from the partnership of money or money’s worth which does not represent income profit.

(3) For this purpose the relevant person is—
   (a) where the land transfer falls within paragraph 10(1)(a) or (b), the person who makes the land transfer, and
   (b) where the land transfer falls within paragraph 10(1)(c), the partner concerned or a person connected with him.

(4) The qualifying event—
   (a) shall be taken to be a land transaction, and
   (b) is a chargeable transaction.

(5) The partners shall be taken to be the purchasers under the transaction.

(6) Paragraphs 6 to 8 (responsibility of partners) have effect in relation to the transaction.

(7) The chargeable consideration for the transaction shall be taken to be—
   (a) in a case falling within sub-paragraph (2)(a), equal to the value of the money or money’s worth withdrawn from the partnership, or
   (b) in a case falling within sub-paragraph (2)(b)(i), equal to the amount repaid, and
   (c) in a case falling within sub-paragraph (2)(b)(ii), equal to so much of the value of the money or money’s worth withdrawn from the partnership as does not exceed the amount of the loan,

       but (in any case) shall not exceed the market value, as at the effective date of the land transfer, of the chargeable interest transferred by the land transfer, reduced by any amount previously chargeable to tax.”

(11) For paragraph 3 of Schedule 16 there shall be substituted—
   “Bare trustee

   3(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where a person acquires a chargeable interest as bare trustee, this Part applies as if the interest were vested in, and the acts of the trustee in relation to it were the acts of, the person or persons for whom he is trustee.

   (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply in relation to the grant of a lease.

   (3) Where a lease is granted to a person as bare trustee, he is treated for the purposes of this Part, as it applies in relation to the grant of the lease, as purchaser of the whole of the interest acquired.

   (4) Where a lease is granted by a person as bare trustee, he is to be treated for the purposes of this Part, as it applies in relation to the grant of the lease, as vendor of the whole of the interest disposed of.”

(12) In paragraph 11 of Schedule 17A, for sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted—
   “(1) This paragraph applies where the grant of a lease is exempt from charge by virtue of any of the provisions specified in sub-paragraph (3).”

(13) In paragraph 15A of Schedule 17A—
   (a) after sub-paragraph (1) there shall be inserted—
      “(1A) Where any consideration in money or money’s worth (other than an increase in rent) is given by the lessee for any variation of a lease, other than a variation of the amount of the rent or of the term of the lease, the variation is treated for the purposes of this Part as an acquisition of a chargeable interest by the lessee.”, and
   (b) for the heading preceding that paragraph there shall be substituted “Reduction of rent or term or other variation of lease”.

(14) After paragraph 18 of Schedule 17A there shall be inserted—
   “Loan or deposit in connection with grant or assignment of lease

   18A(1) Where, under arrangements made in connection with the grant of a lease—
   (a) the lessee, or any person connected with him or acting on his behalf, pays a deposit, or makes a loan, to any person, and
(b) the repayment of all or part of the deposit or loan is contingent on anything done or omitted to be done by the lessee or on the death of the lessee, the amount of the deposit or loan (disregarding any repayment) is to be taken for the purposes of this Part to be consideration other than rent given for the grant of the lease.

(2) Where, under arrangements made in connection with the assignment of a lease—
(a) the assignee, or any person connected with him or acting on his behalf, pays a deposit, or makes a loan, to any person, and
(b) the repayment of all or part of the deposit or loan is contingent on anything done or omitted to be done by the assignee or on the death of the assignee, the amount of the deposit or loan (disregarding any repayment) is to be taken for the purposes of this Part to be consideration other than rent given for the assignment of the lease.

(3) Sub-paragraph (1) or (2) does not apply in relation to a deposit if the amount that would otherwise fall within the sub-paragraph in question in relation to the grant or (as the case requires) assignment of the lease is not more than twice the relevant maximum rent.

(4) The relevant maximum rent is—
(a) in relation to the grant of a lease, the highest amount of rent payable in respect of any consecutive twelve month period in the first five years of the term;
(b) in relation to the assignment of a lease, the highest amount of rent payable in respect of any consecutive twelve month period in the first five years of the term remaining outstanding as at the date of the assignment, the highest amount of rent being determined (in either case) as the same way as the highest amount of rent mentioned in paragraph 7(3).

(5) Tax is not chargeable by virtue of this paragraph—
(a) merely because of paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 5 (which excludes the 0% band in the Tables in section 55(2) in cases where the relevant rental figure exceeds £600 a year), or
(b) merely because of paragraph 5(4)(b), 6(6)(b), 9(4)(b) or 10(6)(b) of Schedule 6 (which make similar provision in relation to land which is wholly or partly residential property and is wholly or partly situated in a disadvantaged area).

(6) Section 859 of the Taxes Act 1988 (connected persons) has effect for the purposes of this paragraph.

(15) In section 80 (adjustment where contingency ceases or consideration is ascertained) after subsection (4) there shall be inserted—
“(4A) Where the transaction ("the relevant transaction") is the grant or assignment of a lease, no claim may be made under subsection (4)—
(a) in respect of the repayment (in whole or part) of any loan or deposit that is treated by paragraph 18A of Schedule 17A as being consideration given for the relevant transaction, or
(b) in respect of the refund of any of the consideration given for the relevant transaction, in a case where the refund—
(i) is made under arrangements that were made in connection with the relevant transaction, and
(ii) is contingent on the determination or assignment of the lease or on the grant of a chargeable interest out of the lease.”

(16) Subject to paragraph (22) of this Resolution, paragraphs (3) to (7) of this Resolution shall have effect where the effective date of the relevant transaction (within the meaning of paragraph 3 or 4A of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 2003) is after 19th May 2005.

(17) Subject to paragraph (22) of this Resolution, paragraph (9) of this Resolution shall have effect where the effective date of the relevant transaction (within the meaning of paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 2003) is after 19th May 2005.

(18) Subject to paragraph (22) of this Resolution, paragraph (10) of this Resolution shall have effect where the effective date of the transaction transferring the chargeable interest to the partnership is after 19th May 2005.

(19) Subject to paragraph (22) of this Resolution, paragraphs (11) and (12) of this Resolution shall have effect where the effective date of the land transaction consisting of the grant of the lease is after 19th May 2005.

(20) Subject to paragraph (22) of this Resolution, the amendments made by the other provisions of this Resolution shall have effect in relation to any transaction of which the effective date is after 19th May 2005.
(21) In paragraphs (22) and (23) of this Resolution “the specified date” means—
(a) in relation to the amendments made by paragraphs (4)(a) and (9) of this
Resolution, 19th May 2005, and
(b) in relation to the amendments made by the other provisions of this Resolution,
16th March 2005.

(22) The amendments made by this Resolution shall not have effect—
(a) in relation to any transaction which is effected in pursuance of a contract entered
into and substantially performed on or before the specified date, or
(b) subject to paragraph (23) of this Resolution, in relation to any other transaction
which is effected in pursuance of a contract entered into on or before the
specified date.

(23) The exclusion by paragraph (22)(b) of this Resolution of transactions effected in
pursuance of contracts entered into on or before the specified date shall not apply—
(a) if there is any variation of the contract or assignment of rights under the contract
after that date,
(b) if the transaction is effected in consequence of the exercise after that date of any
option, right of pre-emption or similar right, or
(c) if after that date there is an assignment, subsale or other transaction (relating to
the whole or part of the subject-matter of the contract) as a result of which a person
other than the purchaser under the contract becomes entitled to call for a
conveyance to him.

(24) In this Resolution “assignment”, “effective date” and “substantially performed”
have the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Finance Act 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.

28. Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Intermediaries)
Resolved, That provision may be made repealing section 117 of the Finance Act 2002.

29. SEs (stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax)
Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be
made about stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax in relation to securities issued or
raised by an SE which has its registered office in the United Kingdom.

30. SEs (residence)
Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be
made about residence for tax purposes, and changes of residence, of SEs.

31. Reorganisation of water and sewerage services in Northern Ireland
Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to—
(a) any transfer from a Northern Ireland department to one or more transferees of
property, rights and liabilities connected with the provision of water or sewerage
services; and
(b) property, rights and liabilities of any transferee.

32. 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 (EU Mutual Assistance),—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

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 in relation to the taxation of social security pension lump sums;
(b) provision amending section 25 of the Finance Act 1990;
(c) provision in relation to authorised unit trust schemes and open-ended investment
companies;
(d) provision in relation to insurance companies and friendly societies.
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, it is expedient to authorise any increase in sums payable under any other enactment attributable to the reimbursement of expenditure in connection with the administration of stamp duty land tax.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Blankett, Mr Secretary Darling, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Alan Johnson, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Mr Des Browne, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Mr Ivan Lewis do prepare and bring it in.

7 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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 8].

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 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 fourteen minutes past Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 1989 (Delegation) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Trade Descriptions,—Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1401), dated 23rd May 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

4 Armed Forces’ Pay,—Supplement to the Thirty-Fourth Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 6563] [The Prime Minister].

5 Criminal Procedure and Investigations,—Code of Practice for Northern Ireland under Part II of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 25th May 2005, regarding the gifting of non-lethal military equipment to the Government of Nepal [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

7 Environmental Audit,—Government Response to the First Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2004–05, on Housing: Building a Sustainable Future [by Command] [Cm. 6575] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Resource Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 64]; and

(2) Treasury Minute, dated 25th May 2005, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2006 [by Act]

[John Healey].

9 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Account of the Office of the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 66] [Clerk of the House].
10 Supply Estimates.—(1) Main Supply Estimates for 2005–06 for—
(i) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 2] [John Healey];
(ii) the Electoral Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5] [The Speaker];
(iii) the House of Commons Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3]
[The Speaker];
(iv) the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4][Mr Alan Williams]; and
(2) Central Government Supply Estimates 2005–06: Supplementary Budgetary
Information [by Command] [Cm. 6489] [John Healey].

11 Treaty Series (No. 51, 2004).—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions,
Withdrawals, etc., for 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6564] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Video Recordings.—Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for
2004 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

[No. 10.]

Thursday 26th May 2005.

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

PAPERS

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment).—A Motion
was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Tony
Cunningham);

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

2 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past
Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th June, pursuant to Resolution [24th May].

[Adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Extradition.—Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) (No. 2) Order 2005
[by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Health Care and Associated Professions.—Draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005
[by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture.—Environmental Impact Assessment (Uncultivated Land and Semi-natural
2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret
Beckett].

4 Land Drainage.—Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works)
(Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1399), dated 24th May 2005 [by Act],
with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Road Traffic.—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area)
(Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1385); and
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan
Borough of Doncaster) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1383); and
(3) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan
[Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Sea Fisheries.—(1) Calshot Oyster Fishery Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1400); and
(2) Stanswood Bay Oyster Fishery Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1402),
dated 24th May 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command]
[Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Other Papers:

7 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, on The Government’s Rural Strategy and the draft Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill [by Command] [Cm. 6574] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Report on an unannounced inspection of the imprisonment of women in Northern Ireland at Ash House, Hydebank Wood Prison, by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons and the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland, 28th–30th November 2004 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].


10 Public Petitions.—Observations by—
   (1) the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions—
      (i) [6th April, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Hodge Hill in Birmingham and the surrounding area against the proposed development of a Tesco’s supermarket on the site of the Brockhurst Road playing fields;
      (ii) [6th April, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of St Albans for legislation preventing the construction of telephone masts without consultation with residents and the taking into account of the needs of children living in the area; and
   (2) the Secretary of State for International Development on the Petition [4th April, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Pudsey Constituency and others for co-ordinated international action to remove trade injustice, reduce international debt and increase aid
      [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Railways.—Report of the Office of Rail Regulation for 2004–05 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

12 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st July to 31st December 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6552] [Mr John Hutton].

13 Terrorism.—Report on the operation in 2004 of the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

[No. 10; WH, No. 1]

Thursday 26th May 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Millennium Review Summit).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Gareth Thomas);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 7th June.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
[No. 11.]

Monday 6th June 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member,—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Mrs Patsy Calton, Member for Cheadle. 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 husband, family and friends.

2 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities 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 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill because, whilst making welcome amendments to wildlife protection and rights of way legislation, it nevertheless creates a new public body with far-reaching powers affecting the landscape of England and Wales and rural communities without setting the protection of the natural environment as the priority, without creating a simplified scheme of support for either the environment or rural communities and without any accountability at local or national level; and because it also creates a second public body with no function that cannot be effectively delivered by existing local authorities and by other elected bodies and gives the Secretary of State powers to abolish existing public bodies and to create new public bodies, endowing them with significant powers’, instead thereof.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Prisk: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Mr Dave Watts: 349.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

3 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities 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 5th July 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.
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—(Joan Ryan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Dave Watts: 342.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Mr David Ruffley: 186.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Natural Environment and Rural Communities 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 Natural Environment and Rural Communities 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 in consequence of the Act, and

2. any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

5 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill, it is expedient to authorise the making of provision requiring charges to be paid in respect of licences issued by Natural England—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

APPENDIX

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 27th May 2005

1 Treaty Series (No. 18, 2005),—Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, done at Brussels on 28th November 1994, establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, including Exchanges of Letters with Declarations and Final Act [Cm. 6567] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Treaty Series (No. 19, 2005),—Protocol, done at London on 4th November 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of New Zealand to amend the Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains, signed at London on 4th August 1983 [Cm. 6568] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 3rd June 2005

3 Treaty Series (No. 20, 2005),—Agreement, done at Dublin on 12th April 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland on the Reciprocal Holding of Stocks of Crude Oil and/or Petroleum Products [Cm. 6569] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Treaty Series (No. 21, 2005),—Tampere Convention, done at Tampere on 18th June 1998, on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations [Cm. 6573] [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 27th May 2005**


6 Pensions,—Pension Protection Fund (Pension Protection Levies Consultation) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1440), dated 27th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


8 Public Passenger Transport,—Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1403), dated 24th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

**Tuesday 31st May 2005**

9 Defence,—(1) Unfitness to Stand Trial and Insanity (Army) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1390);

(2) Unfitness to Stand Trial and Insanity (Royal Air Force) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1388); and

(3) Unfitness to Stand Trial and Insanity (Royal Navy) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1389), dated 24th May 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary John Reid].

**Wednesday 1st June 2005**

10 Agriculture,—Reporting of Prices of Milk Products (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1441), dated 26th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Heathrow Express Class 360/2) Exemption (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1404), dated 25th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


**Thursday 2nd June 2005**

15 Merchant Shipping,—Ship and Port Facility (Security) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1434), dated 25th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

16 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Hartlepool) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1438), dated 26th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

**Friday 3rd June 2005**


18 Environmental Protection,—Pollution Prevention and Control (Public Participation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1448), dated 2nd June 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

19 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service Litigation Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1445), dated 2nd June 2005;

(2) NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1446), dated 3rd June 2005; and
(3) NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1447), dated 3rd June 2005 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 6th June 2005:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

20 Capital Gains Tax,—Recovery of Taxes etc Due in Other Member States (Amendment of Section 134 of the Finance Act 2002) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1479), dated 6th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:


23 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 57] [Clerk of the House].

24 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Public Guardianship Office: Protecting and promoting the financial affairs of people who lose mental capacity; and
   (2) The Refinancing of the Norfolk and Norwich PFI Hospital: how the deal can be viewed in the light of the refinancing [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 27 and 78] [Clerk of the House].


Papers withdrawn:

26 Land Drainage,—Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1399) [laid 26th May].

[No. 12.]

Tuesday 7th June 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill,—Ordered, That the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 14th June.

2 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th May, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the Liverpool City Council (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered;

   That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 15th June.

3 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th May, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered;

   That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 15th June.

4 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th May, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered;

   That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 14th June.
5 Finance Bill,—The Finance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That—

(1) Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule No. 8 shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

(2) the remainder of the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee; and

(3) when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill shall be proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

Committee to-morrow.

6 Finance Bill,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Finance Bill, the Standing Committee on the Bill shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.48 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


(2) draft Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2005; and

(3) draft Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2005

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1501), dated 6th June 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Opticians,—Contact Lens (Specification) and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1481), dated 6th June 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:


(1) Department for International Development [by Command] [Cm. 6534] [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and

(2) Foreign and Commonwealth Office [by Command] [Cm. 6533] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Health,—Account of the Commission for Health Improvement for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86] [Clerk of the House].

6 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 6th June 2005, concerning the creation of a non-statutory contingent liability in respect of provision of an indemnity to members of local probation boards [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

7 Industrial Training Act,—Review and Report and Accounts of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) for 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 33] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

8 International Development,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the International Development Committee, Session 2004–05, on Darfur, Sudan: The responsibility to protect [by Command] [Cm. 6576] [Secretary Hilary Benn].
CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) the Speaker has nominated Mr John Bercow and Ann Winterton to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 12; WH, No. 2]
Tuesday 7th June 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began 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 2 p.m.]

[No. 13.]
Wednesday 8th June 2005.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Violent Crime Reduction Bill,—Mr Secretary Clarke, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Secretary Ruth Kelly and Hazel Blears, presented a Bill to make provision for reducing and dealing with the abuse of alcohol; to make provision about real and imitation firearms, about ammunition and about knives and other weapons; to amend the Football Spectators Act 1989 and the Football (Disorder) Act 2000; to amend the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and section 8 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998; to amend section 23 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969; to amend the Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Act 2002; 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 Violent Crime Reduction Bill be printed [Bill 10–EN].

2 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.

EU Constitution,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, in the light of the rejection of the EU Constitution by the French and the Dutch people, urges the Government to make clear its intention not to ratify the EU Constitutional Treaty, and instead to pursue a policy of a more decentralised and deregulated Europe, better suited to serving the people of Europe—(Dr Liam Fox);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘endorses the Statement of 6th June by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, which set out the Government’s response to the results of the French and Dutch referenda on the EU Constitutional Treaty; recognises that discussions will now take place on the future of the Constitutional Treaty between European leaders collectively; and agrees that the EU should uphold the concept of subsidiarity and pursue greater flexibility and better regulation, and continue the contribution it has made to peace, democracy and prosperity over recent decades for the benefit of the people of Europe’, instead thereof.—(Mr Douglas Alexander.)

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, Gregory Barker, Mr Mark Prisk: 186.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Frank Roy: 374.
Tellers for the Noes, Gregory Barker, Mr Mark Prisk: 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House endorses the Statement of 6th June by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, which sets out the Government’s response to the results of the French and Dutch referenda on the EU Constitutional Treaty; recognises that discussions will now take place on the future of the Constitutional Treaty between European leaders collectively; and agrees that the EU should uphold the concept of subsidiarity and pursue greater flexibility and better regulation, and continue the contribution it has made to peace, democracy and prosperity over recent decades for the benefit of the people of Europe.

3 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 (Execution of Deeds and Documents) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 21st February, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

4 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of and visitors to the Bradford-on-Avon area in Wiltshire for action at the G8 summit to change international policy on fair trade, debt and aid to the poorest countries was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Water Industry.—(1) Draft Water Act 2003 (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2005; and
(2) draft Water Supply Licence (Modification of Standard Conditions) Order 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Criminal Law.—(1) Burma (Financial Sanctions) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1526);
(2) International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (Financial Sanctions Against Indictees) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1527); and


4 Excise.—Denatured Alcohol Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1524), dated 8th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

5 Financial Services and Markets.—Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1518), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

(3) General Optical Council (Fitness to Practise Rules) Order of Council 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1475), dated 27th May 2005;
(6) General Optical Council (Registration Rules) Order of Council 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1478), dated 27th May 2005; and
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Insolvency,—Insolvent Partnerships (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1516), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Libraries,—Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variations) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1519), dated 6th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Medicines,—(1) Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1507); and
(2) Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1520), dated 6th June 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10 Open Spaces,—Royal Parks (Regulation of Specified Parks) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1522), dated 6th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

11 Education and Skills,—Government Reply to the First Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Children (Contact) and Adoption Bill, Session 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6583] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


13 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, on Foreign Policy Aspects of the War Against Terrorism [by Command] [Cm. 6590] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board to the Treasury for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 48] [Mr Des Browne].


16 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of—
(1) Bridgwater Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005; and
(2) North West Shropshire Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 2nd April 2005,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 90 and 91] [Clerk of the House].

17 Sessional Returns, 2004–05,—Returns to an Order [24th May] for Returns for Session 2004–05 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 Regulatory Reform Orders;
(7) European Legislation, etc;
(8) Grand Committees;
(9) Chairmen’s Panel; and
(10) Select Committees

[pursuant to Order]; to be printed [No. 1] [Clerk of the House].

(2) Democratic Republic of the Congo (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1468), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act] [Bridget Prentice];
(4) Democratic Republic of the Congo (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1461), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw];
(5) Sudan (United Nations Measures) (Channel Islands) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1462), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act] [Bridget Prentice]; and

[No. 13; WH, No. 3]
Wednesday 8th June 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Dave Watts);
And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 5 p.m.

[No. 14.]
Thursday 9th June 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill.—Mr Secretary Clarke, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Secretary Alan Johnson and Paul Goggins, presented a Bill to make provision about offences involving stirring up hatred against persons on racial or religious grounds: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 11].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill be printed [Bill 11–EN].

2 Civil Aviation Bill.—Mr Secretary Darling, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson, Ms Harriet Harman and Ms Karen Buck, presented a Bill to make further provision about civil aviation, including provision about the funding of the Air Travel Trust; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 12].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Civil Aviation Bill be printed [Bill 12–EN].

3 Consumer Credit Bill.—The Consumer Credit Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
4 Consumer Credit Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Consumer Credit Bill:

**Committee**

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 June 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

**Programming of 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—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

5 Consumer Credit Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Consumer Credit 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 Consumer Credit 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 or the Office of Fair Trading by virtue of the Act, and

2. any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided by virtue of any other Act—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

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

1. the imposition of charges on persons who hold licences under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 or who apply or have applied for the issue or renewal of such licences, and

2. the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment.—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.

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th June.

[Adjourned at 6.19 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005; and

(2) draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2005

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—School Governance (Contracts) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1508), dated 31st May 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3 Energy Conservation,—(1) Energy Information (Household Air Conditioners) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1531), dated 7th June 2005; and

   (2) Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1530), dated 6th June 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Environmental Protection,—Waste Management Licensing (England and Wales) (Amendment and Related Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1528), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1529); and


6 Lands Tribunal,—Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 269), dated 20th May 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

7 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Education and Health and Social Services Transport [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 32] [Clerk of the House].

8 Education and Skills,—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2004–05, on Prison Education [by Command] [Cm. 6562] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

9 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 49] [Clerk of the House].

10 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Dockyard Port of Portsmouth Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1470), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

11 Home Affairs,—Government Replies to the—

   (1) Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, on Anti-Social Behaviour; and

   (2) Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Terrorism and Community Relations [by Command] [Cm. 6588 and 6593] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

12 Police (Northern Ireland),—Thirteenth Report of the Oversight Commissioner [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

13 Water Industry,—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 50] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

[No. 14; WH, No. 4]

Thursday 9th June 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (The National Service Framework for Coronary Heart Disease),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. —(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.49 p.m.]
[No. 15.]

Monday 13th June 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Queen’s Speech (Answer to Address),—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been attended with its Address of 25th May, 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 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Heppell, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Gillian Merron, Joan Ryan, Andrew Stunell and Sir George Young be members of the Committee of Selection;

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

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

3 Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule No. 8),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule No. 8).

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the Order in which proceedings in the Committee of the whole House on the Finance Bill are to be taken shall be Clauses Nos. 11, 18 and 40, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 43, 44 and 69.—(Mr Ivan Lewis.)

Clause No. 11 (Donations to charity by individuals).

Amendment (No. 36) proposed, in page 11, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(h) interactive experiments with an educational purpose.’.—(Mr Mark Francois.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 12, line 1, to leave out the words ‘one year’ and insert the words ‘three months’.—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr David Ruffley: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr John Heppell: 290.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Section 17(3): specific powers).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 17, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(i) in relation to unit trust schemes and open-ended investment companies mainly invested in interests or rights in or over land, determine the rate of corporation tax for the year 2005 and subsequent financial years to be nil, or the rate at which income tax at the lower rate is charged for year of assessment which begins on 6th April in the financial year concerned.

(j) include provision for unit trust schemes and open-ended investment companies to have different classes of units or shares, and to allow different distributions to be made in respect of such different classes subject always to any rules preventing discrimination between unit holders or shareholders made under section 64(2)(e).’.—(Mr Richard Spring.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 40 agreed to.

Schedule No. 8 (Financing of companies etc: transfer pricing and loan relationships).

Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 124, line 23, to leave out the words ‘in relation to the financing arrangements’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 125, line 35, at the end, to insert the words—

'(8) This paragraph shall apply only to a person where that person, or a connected party to that person, owns shares or an interest in shares, in either A or B.'—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr David Ruffley: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Vernon Coaker: 289.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 125, line 45, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 23 on page 126.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 126, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

'( ) Paragraph 5D shall be amended as follows—
Leave out subparagraphs (1) to (6) and replace with—

'(1) Small enterprise means an enterprise that has no more than 50 staff, and either an annual turnover in the preceding accounting period or a net asset value at the end of the preceding accounting period of less than £7 million.
(2) Medium enterprise means an enterprise that has no more than 250 staff, and either an annual turnover in the preceding accounting period of less than £35 million or a net asset value at the end of the preceding accounting period of less than £30 million.
(3) ‘Annual turnover’ and ‘net asset value’ shall be defined in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.
(4) The number of staff shall be determined on the basis that staff that are not full time should be counted at the appropriate fraction.’.—(Mr Mark Field.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 126, line 25, to leave out paragraph 2.—(Mr Mark Field.)

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

Question put, That the Schedule be the Eighth Schedule to the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Kevin Brennan: 333.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Ruffley, Michael Fabricant: 157.

Clause No. 45 agreed to.

Clause No. 44 ( Territories with a lower level of taxation: reduction of amount of local tax).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 35, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) In subsection (1), omit “outside the United Kingdom” and insert “outside the European Union”.’.—(Mr Richard Spring.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 69 (Abolition of statutory adjudicator for National Savings and Investments).

Amendment (No. 37) proposed, in page 58, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) After the coming into force of this section, any dispute of the nature referred to in subsection (1) shall be dealt with under the compulsory jurisdiction rules within the meaning and operation of section 226 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8) (compulsory jurisdiction of the financial ombudsman service).’.—(Mr Mark Francois.)

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

Clause agreed to.
Bill (Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule No. 8) to be reported, without Amendment.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Ian Cawsey reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule No. 8), and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule No. 8) do lie upon the Table.

4 House of Commons Commission,—Ordered, That Nick Harvey be appointed a member of the House of Commons Commission under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978.—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon.)

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 11.36 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10th June 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 22, 2005),—Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, done at Stockholm on 22nd May 2001 [Cm. 6581] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10th June 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Defence,—(1) Courts-Martial (Amendment) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1535);
(2) Standing Civilian Courts (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1534); and
(3) Summary Appeal Courts (Amendment) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1536), dated 8th June 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary John Reid].

5 Environmental Protection,—Pollution Prevention and Control (Amendment) and Connected Provisions (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 285), dated 2nd June 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].


7 International Immunities and Privileges,—G8 Gleneagles (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1456), dated 7th June 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Straw].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 13th June 2005:
Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

10 Transport,—Draft Railways (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


12 Sea Fisheries,—Registration of Fish Buyers and Sellers and Designation of Fish Auction Sites Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1605), dated 10th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

13 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Environment Agency: Efficiency in water resource management; and
   (2) Ministry of Defence: Assessing and Reporting Military Readiness
   [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 73 and 72] [Clerk of the House].

[No. 16.]

Tuesday 14th June 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 21st June.

2 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival),—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th May, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered;

   That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution;

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

   And the Question being put;

   Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered.

   Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

   Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

3 National Lottery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Lottery Bill;

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

   An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the National Lottery Bill because it creates the Big Lottery Fund, which will take the National Lottery further away from its original purpose of providing new resources to charities, sport, heritage and the arts, because it breaches the principle of additionality and allows the Secretary of State too much interference over the direction of Lottery funds and distributors, because it fails to restore funding to the original four good causes, which have lost £3 billion in Lottery funding since 1998, and because it fails to give the public sufficient say in where Lottery funding will go’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa May.)

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr John Randall: 197.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Dave Watts: 290.

   So the Question was negatived.

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

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
4 National Lottery Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), that the following provisions shall apply to the National Lottery 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 Thursday 20th October 2005.
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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Parmjit Dhanda);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Alan Campbell: 282.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 197.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

It was agreed to.

6 Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—
(a) 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;
(b) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 23rd June between One o'clock and half-past Five o'clock to consider the matter of the Government's Legislative Programme as outlined in the Queen's Speech as it relates to Wales, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (Matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.46 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Contingencies.—Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr John Hutton].

2 Transport.—Draft Railways Act 1993 (Determination of Turnover) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

3 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 83] [Ms Harriet Harman].

4 Northern Ireland,—Report of the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 2004–05 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 67] [Mr Secretary Hain].

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Tuesday 14th June 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Clare Ward.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has nominated Mrs Janet Dean to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

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Wednesday 15th June 2005.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th May, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the Liverpool City Council (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered;

That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 22nd June.

2 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th May, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered;

That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 22nd June.

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

The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of seven Lords to join with a Committee of this House as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

4 Selection (Standing Committees),—Rosemary McKenna reported from the Committee of Selection the following Resolution:

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

5 Selection (Select Committees),—Rosemary McKenna reported from the Committee of Selection the following Resolution:

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

Report to lie upon the Table.
6 Standing Committee C.—Rosemary McKenna 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.

Report to lie upon the Table.

7 Adjournment (European Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

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

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

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership.—(1) Draft Civil Partnership (Contracted-out Occupational and Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) (Surviving Civil Partners) Order 2005; and

(2) draft Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], to be printed [No. 104], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic Act 1988 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1606), dated 13th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Social Security.—Social Security (Shared Additional Pension) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1551), dated 9th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Town and Country Planning.—North Northamptonshire Joint Committee Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1552), dated 9th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:


7 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Seventh to Ninth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6577] [Mr John Healey].

8 Transport.—Department for Transport Minute concerning non-statutory contingent liabilities in respect of liabilities incurred by staff appointed as a director of SRA Investment Company Limited and Cross London Rail Links Limited and company secretary of SRA Investment Company Limited, dated 13th June 2005 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


10 Wales.—Paper, entitled Better Governance for Wales [by Command] [Cm. 6582] [Mr Secretary Hain].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated fourteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Colin Breed, Mr David Chaytor, Tony Cunningham, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Nick Herbert, Mr David Kidney, Jim Knight, John Mann, Mr James Puce, Dr Nick Palmer, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Paddy Tipping and Mr Roger Williams.

2 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule 8):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-four Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ian Austin, Ed Balls, Mr Mark Field, Mr Robert Fllo, Mr Mark Francois, Helen Goodman, Mr Philip Hammond, Stephen Hammond, John Healey, Chris Huhne, Mr Kevan Jones, Susan Kramer, Mr Ivan Lewis, Ian Lucas, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Pat McFadden, Jessica Morden, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dawn Primarolo, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Richard Spring, Mark Tami, Mr Tom Watson and Stephen Williams.

3 Consumer Credit 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 Adrian Bailey, Gordon Banks, John Battle, James Brokenshire, Mr Wayne David, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Michael Fabricant, Michael Jabez Foster, Charles Hendry, Norman Lamb, Mike Penning, Mr Alan Reid, Anne Snelgrove, Ian Stewart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Edward Vaizey and Mr Iain Wright.

4 Draft Remand in Custody (Effect of Concurrent and Consecutive Sentences of Imprisonment) Rules 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules to the First Standing on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated fourteen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Mr Adrian Bailey, Gregory Barker, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Wayne David, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Angela Eagle, Lynne Featherstone, Mr David Gauke, Shona McIsaac, Fiona Mactaggart, Margaret Moran and Joan Ryan.

5 Draft Community Interest Company Regulations 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated fourteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Clive Betts, Colin Challen, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Clive Efford, Charles Hendry, Mr Adam Holloway, Norman Lamb, Mr Bob Laxton, Alun Michael and Mr Alan Reid.

6 Draft Suitability of Adopters Regulations 2005 and the draft Restriction on the Preparation of Adoption Reports Regulations 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated fourteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Mr Brian Binley, Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Edward Davey, Jim Dobbin, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Frank Field, Mr Neil Gerrard, Beverley Hughes, Tim Loughton, Anne Main, Mr John Randall and Jonathan Shaw.

7 Draft Unauthorised Encampments (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated fourteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr Kevin Barron, John Battle, Mr Vernon Coaker, Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mike Gapes, Dr William McCrea, Lembit Opik, Mark Pritchard, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Selous, Angela E. Smith (Basildon) and Mr Ben Wallace.

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated fourteen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Russell Brown, David Cairns, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Frank Doran, Paul Farrelly, Nia Griffith, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, David Mundell, Mr Frank Roy and Andrew Selous.

9 Draft Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated fourteen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Hugh Bayley, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jim Dowd, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Anne Milton, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson, Andrew Selous and Mr Shaun Woodward.

10 Draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Regulations 2005 and the draft Climate Change Levy (Fuel Use and Recycling Processes) Regulations 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated fourteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Norman Baker, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr David Burrows, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Stephen Crabb, Frank Dobson, Jeff Ennis, Mr Mark Francois, John Healey, Mr David Ruffley, Andrew Stunell, Mark Tami and Mr Tom Watson.

Grand Committees

11 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee: Mr David Ruffley and Bill Wiggin.

12 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five additional Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Grand Committee: Mr David Anderson, Mr Adrian Bailey, John Battle, Lorely Burt, Mr Vernon Coaker, Rosie Cooper, Mary Creagh, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Tom Harris, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Huw Irranca-Davies, Eric Joyce, Mr David Lidington, Mr Andrew Mackay, Anne Moffat, Greg Mulholland, Lembit Opik, Stephen Pound, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Laurence Robertson, Chris Ruane, Andrew Selous, Mr Ben Wallace and Mr Robert Walter.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Rosemary McKenna reported from the Committee of Selection, That she had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

[No. 17; WH, No. 6]

Wednesday 15th June 2005

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

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

2 Transport (Wales) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Transport (Wales) 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 June 2005.
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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

3 Transport (Wales) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Transport (Wales) Bill [Money];
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Transport (Wales) Bill it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under another enactment—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

4 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the direction given by the Secretary of State under section 51B(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 on 1st April 2005, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th April, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr David Hanson.)

5 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 draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;
(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 29th June 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 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 Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.
6 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.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit twenty-one minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 20th June.

[Adjourned at 6.21 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law (Northern Ireland).—Draft Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Fees and Charges.—Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2005; and

(2) draft Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Health Professions Council (Practice Committees and Registration) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1625), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Pensions.—Pension Protection Fund (Payments to meet Investment Costs) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1610), dated 13th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Stamp Duty (Northern Ireland).—Stamp Duty (Consequential Amendment of Enactments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1634), dated 15th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

7 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,.—Statutes, dated—

(1) 26th November 2004, made by the Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge; and

(2) 11th February 2005, made by the Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge,

amending the Statutes of the Colleges [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

8 Aliens’ Employment.—Cabinet Office Minute, dated 16th June, under section 1(4) of the Aliens’ Employment Act 1955 relating to aliens employed in the Civil Service during 2004-05 [by Act] [Mr John Hutton].

9 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Decision-Making and Disability Living Allowance [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 43] [Clerk of the House].


(1) Cabinet Office [by Command] [Cm. 6543] [Mr John Hutton];

(2) Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Department for Culture, Media and Sport Sponsored Bodies [by Command] [Cm. 6538] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];

(3) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Forestry Commission [by Command] [Cm. 6537] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
(4) Food Standards Agency [by Command] [Cm. 6525] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
(5) HM Revenue and Customs [by Command] [Cm. 6542] [Dawn Primarolo];
(6) Northern Ireland Office [by Command] [Cm. 6546] [Mr Secretary Hain];
(7) Office for National Statistics [by Command] [Cm. 6548] [Mr Des Browne]; and
(8) Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) [by Command] [Cm. 6523] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

11 Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, on Police Reform [by Command] [Cm. 6600] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Northern Ireland,—Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2005 [laid 9th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson, Tony Cunningham, Jim Knight, Mr James Paice, Dr Nick Palmer, Paddy Tipping and Mr Roger Williams members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth and Janet Anderson Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry and Mrs Madeline Moon.

3 Finance Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Frank Cook Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

4 Consumer Credit Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Michael Fabricant, Charles Hendry, Mr Alan Reid, Anne Snelgrove, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

5 Consumer Credit Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway and David Taylor Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

6 Draft Remand in Custody (Effect of Concurrent and Consecutive Sentences of Imprisonment) Rules 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Rules; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Committee: Peter Bottomley and Mr Mike Hall.

7 Draft Community Interest Company Regulations 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon and Mr Tom Harris.

8 Draft Suitability of Adopters Regulations 2005 and draft Restriction on the Preparation of Adoption Reports Regulations 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Stephen Dorrell and David Heyes.

9 Draft Unauthorised Encampments (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Brian Iddon and Mr Boris Johnson.


(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Committee: Lynne Jones and Mr Peter Lilley.

11 Draft Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Committee: Alan Keen and Peter Lilley.

12 Draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Regulations 2005 and draft Climate Change Levy (Fuel Use and Recycling Processes) Regulations 2005:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Greenway and Mr Peter Kilfoyle.

Grand Committees

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 23rd June.

[No. 18; WH, No. 7]

Thursday 16th June 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (The Inter-Parliamentary Union),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 21st June.

[Adjourned at 4.02 p.m.]
[No. 19.]

Monday 20th June 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Violent Crime Reduction Bill.—The Violent Crime Reduction Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

2 Violent Crime Reduction Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Violent Crime Reduction 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 25th October 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

3 Violent Crime Reduction Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Violent Crime Reduction 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 Violent Crime Reduction Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

4 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 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 17th June 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Constitutional Affairs.—Government Responses to the following Reports from the Constitutional Affairs Committee—

(1) Fifth, Session 2004–05, on Legal Aid: asylum appeals; and
(2) Seventh, Session 2004–05, on The operation of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC) and the use of Special Advocates [Cm. 6597 and 6596] [Bridget Prentice].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 5, 2005),—Patent Law Treaty, adopted at Geneva on 1st June 2000, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6585] [Mr Secretary Straw].
3 Science and Technology.—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Science and Technology Select Committee, Session 2004–05, on The Work of Research Councils UK [Cm. 6590] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Treaty Series (No. 24, 2005).—Convention, done at Aarhus on 25th June 1998, on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters [Cm. 6586] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Treaty Series (No. 25, 2005).—Amendments, done at London on 24th May and 12th December 2002, to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea: 2002 Amendments (MSC.123(75)); 2002 Amendments to the Protocol of 1998 MSC.124(75)); 2002 Amendments to the Guidelines on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers (Resolution A.744(18), as amended) (MSC.125(75)) and 2002 Amendments (MSC.134(76)) [Cm. 6587] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17th June 2005 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 June 2005:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


9 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

10 Constitutional Law,—Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1467), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

11 Electricity,—Electricity and Gas (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 287), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:


(1) Charity Commission for England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 6529] [Mr Secretary Clarke];

(2) Department for Constitutional Affairs, Northern Ireland Court Service, The National Archives, and HM Land Registry [by Command] [Cm. 6530] [Ms Harriet Harman];

(3) Department for Education and Skills [by Command] [Cm. 6522] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];

(4) Department for Transport [by Command] [Cm. 6527] [Mr Secretary Darling];

(5) Department for Work and Pensions [by Command] [Cm. 6539] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];

(6) Department of Trade and Industry [by Command] [Cm. 6536] [Secretary Alan Johnson];

(7) HM Treasury [by Command] [Cm. 6540] [Mr Des Browne];

(8) Home Office [by Command] [Cm. 6528] [Mr Secretary Clarke];
(9) Law Officers’ Departments [by Command] [Cm. 6531] [The Solicitor General];
(10) National Savings and Investments [by Command] [Cm. 6547] [Mr Ivan Lewis];
(11) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister [by Command] [Cm. 6526] [Mr Secretary Prescott]; and
(12) Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General for Scotland [by Command] [Cm. 6544] [Mr Secretary Darling].

14 Health,—Department of Health Minute, concerning a proposed contingent liability relating to indemnity for the resolution process in the case of the P family [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

15 Home Affairs,—Government Reply to the Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, on Home Office Target-Setting 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6592] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

16 House of Commons,—Report of the House of Commons Commission for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 65] [The Speaker].

17 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Filing of Income Tax Self Assessment Returns [by Act]; to be printed [No. 74] [Clerk of the House].

18 Pensions,—Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1471), dated 7th June 2005 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

19 Public Processions (Northern Ireland),—Account of the Northern Ireland Parades Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 170] [Clerk of the House].

20 Social Security Administration,—Account of the Social Fund for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 131] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Finance Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill), and nominated in substitution Rob Marris.

2 Draft Remand in Custody (Effect of Concurrent and Consecutive Sentences of Imprisonment) Rules 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Eagle from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Rules) and nominated in substitution Meg Hillier.

[No. 20.]

Tuesday 21st June 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill,—The London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Remand in Custody (Effect of Concurrent and Consecutive Sentences of Imprisonment) Rules 2005.

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

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Community Interest Company Regulations 2005.

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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Suitability of Adopters Regulations 2005 and the draft Restriction on the Preparation of Adoption Reports Regulations 2005.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
5 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Racial and Religious Hatred 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 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill because, while the Bill recognises the problems caused by extremists seeking to stir up hatred against others on the grounds of their ethnic identity, by creating a new offence of inciting religious hatred, it will disproportionately curtail freedom of expression, worsen community relations as different religious and belief groups call for the prosecution of their opponents, create uncertainty as to what words or behaviour are lawful and lead to the selective application of the law in a manner likely to bring it into disrepute', instead thereof.—(David Davis.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Andrew Stunell: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 303.

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, Claire Ward, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Andrew Stunell: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

6 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Racial and Religious Hatred 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 June 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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, Claire Ward, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alan Reid: 235.

So the Question was agreed to.
7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Access to Justice.—Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission [by Act] [Bridget Prentice].

2 Legal Services Commission.—(1) Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2005; and
(2) draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Environmental Protection.—Landfill (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1640), dated 17th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

5 Access to Justice.—Direction by the Lord Chancellor under section 6(8) of the Access to Justice Act 1999, authorising the Legal Services Commission to fund in specified circumstances services generally excluded from the scope of the Community Legal Service Fund [by Act] [Bridget Prentice].


7 International Development.—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the International Development Committee, Session 2004–05, on Fair trade? The European Union’s trade agreements with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries [by Command] [Cm. 6605] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

8 National Health Service.—Summarised Accounts of Strategic 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 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 60-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

9 Parliamentary and Health Service Commissioner.—Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2005–06: Tax Credits: Putting Things Right [by Act], to be printed [No. 124] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Community Interest Company Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Allen from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Chris Mole.
2 Draft Suitability of Adopters Regulations 2005 and draft Restriction on the Preparation of Adoption Reports Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Beverley Hughes from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Maria Eagle.

[No. 20; WH, No. 8]

Tuesday 21st June 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.56 p.m.]

[No. 21.]

Wednesday 22nd June 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th May, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the Liverpool City Council (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered;

That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution;

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

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the Liverpool City Council (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th May, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered;

That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution;

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

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [19th May] as relates to the London Local Authorities (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work) Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Unauthorised Encampments (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the draft Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2005.

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

5 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Regulations 2005 and the draft Climate Change Levy (Fuel Use and Recycling Processes) Regulations 2005.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.—Mr Secretary Clarke, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Tony McNulty, Bridget Prentice and Andy Burnham, presented a Bill to make provision about immigration, asylum and nationality; 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 13].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill be printed [Bill 13-EN].

7 Employment Tribunals (Representation and Assistance in Discrimination Proceedings) Bill.—Mr Marshi Singh, supported by Peter Bottomley, Mr Michael Clapham, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr John Grogan, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Mike Hancock, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Eric Illesley, Mr Terry Rooney and Mrs Betty Williams, presented a Bill to make provision about representation of and assistance to complainants in discrimination proceedings before employment tribunals and the Employment Appeal Tribunal; to establish and confer functions upon the Tribunal Representation and Assistance Board; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th October and to be printed [Bill 14].

8 Rights of Savers Bill.—Sir Malcolm Rifkind, supported by Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Nigel Waterson, Mr Tim Boswell and Mr Paul Goodman, presented a Bill to make provision about the rights and choices of savers in relation to pensions and pension schemes, annuities and savings; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 15].

9 Armed Forces (Parliamentary Approval for Participation in Armed Conflict) Bill.—Clare Short, supported by Dr Tony Wright, Mr William Hague, Sir Menzies Campbell, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Alex Salmond, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Gordon Prentice, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Michael Moore and Adam Price, presented a Bill to require parliamentary approval for the participation of Her Majesty’s armed forces in armed conflict and for a declaration of war; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st October and to be printed [Bill 16].

10 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—Mr Mark Lazarowicz, supported by Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Frank Doran, Andrew Stunell, Dr Desmond Turner, Mr Mike Weir, Joan Walley, Alan Simpson, Meg Hillier and Colin Challen, presented a Bill to make provision about the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases, the alleviation of fuel poverty, the promotion of microgeneration and the introduction of a renewable heat obligation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 17].

11 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill.—Miss Anne McIntosh, supported by David Davis, Patrick Mercer, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Frank Field, Mr Mike Hancock, Lady Hermon, Kate Hoey, Dr Richard Taylor, Mr Mark Prisk, Chris Grayling and Mr Roger Gale, presented a Bill to amend section 3 of the Criminal Law Act 1967 and section 3 of the Criminal Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 in relation to the use of force in the prevention of crime or in the defence of persons or property; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 18].

12 International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill.—Mr Tom Clarke, supported by Ann McKechin, Mr Nicholas Brown, John Barrett, Angela Browning, Mr Alex Salmond, Dan Norris, Ed Balls, Lady Hermon, Dr Hywel Francis, John Bercow and Keith Vaz, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to report annually on total expenditure on international development assistance as a proportion of gross national income, and in particular on progress towards the target for expenditure on official development assistance to constitute 0.7 per cent. of gross national income; to require such reports to contain information about expenditure by country, about the proportion of expenditure in low income countries and about the effectiveness of expenditure in each country; to make provision about the transparency of international development assistance; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 19].

13 Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill.—Mr Alan Williams, supported by Derek Conway, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Andrew Dismore, Clive Efford, Nia Griffith, Mr David Heath, Mr Michael Mate, Ms Emily Thornberry, Jon Trickett, Mrs Betty Williams and Richard Younger-Ross, presented a Bill to make it an offence to assault or impede persons who provide emergency services; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 20].
14 Income Tax (Earnings Exemption for Persons Living in Poverty) Bill,—Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, supported by Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Nick Herbert, Mr William Hague, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Andrew Selous, Peter Luff, Sir George Young and Mr David Curry, presented a Bill to provide that income tax is not chargeable on the earnings of persons living in poverty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th October and to be printed [Bill 21].

15 Management of Energy in Buildings Bill,—Dr Alan Whitehead, supported by Mark Lazarowicz, Paddy Tipping, Mr John Denham, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Andrew Stunell, Mr Andrew Robathan, Joan Ruddock, Colin Challen, Annette Brooke, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Martin Salter, presented a Bill to make provision about the promotion of renewable and sustainable energy, energy efficiency in buildings and the alleviation of fuel poverty; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 22].

16 Children’s Food Bill,—Mary Creagh, supported by David Taylor, Helen Goodman, Mark Durkan, Ms Emily Thornberry, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Paul Burstow, Vera Baird, Ms Barbara Keeley, Tom Levitt, Mr Barry Sheerman and Mr Robert Walter, presented a Bill to make provision about the marketing, sale and provision of food to and for children; to make provision for education and the dissemination of information about children’s diet, nutrition and health; to place certain duties on the Food Standards Agency; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th October and to be printed [Bill 23].

17 Road Safety and Parking Bill,—Ms Sally Keeble, supported by Miss Anne Begg, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Tom Clarke, Margaret Moran, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Kilney, Andrew Miller, Bob Russell, Peter Bottomley, Mr Brian Binley and Andrew Selous, presented a Bill to make it an offence to cause death or serious injury by careless driving; to make further provision about badges for display on motor vehicles used by disabled persons; to make provision about the safety of school transport; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st October and to be printed [Bill 24].

18 Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill,—Mr Nigel Evans, supported by David Davis, Mrs Caroline Spelman, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Simon Burns, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Patrick Mercer, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr James Paice and Richard Ottaway, presented a Bill to make provision about crime prevention and the built environment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 25].

19 Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill,—Mr David Curry, supported by Sir George Young, Alan Simpson, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr James Gray, Adam Afriyie, Mr Gary Streeter, Derek Wyatt, Andrew Stunell, Mr Phil Willis, Mr Mark Oaten and John Bercow, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to planning in connection with telecommunications masts and associated apparatus; to amend the electronic communications code in connection with telecommunications masts and associated apparatus and make further provision about that code; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 26].

20 Occasional Sales Bill,—Mr John Whittingdale, supported by Janet Anderson, Dr Vincent Cable, Peter Luff, Chris Bryant, Mr Den Foster, Mr Hugo Swire, Jim Dowd, Pete Wishart, Mr Nigel Evans, Lembit Opik and Peter Bottomley, presented a Bill to make provision about occasional sales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th October and to be printed [Bill 27].

21 Regulation of Laser Eye Surgery Bill,—Frank Cook, supported by Dr Ian Gibson, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Dr Richard Taylor, Mr Alan Williams, Sir George Young, John McDonnell, Roger Berry, Peter Bottomley, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Mike Hancock and Lynne Jones, presented a Bill to regulate laser eye surgery: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st October and to be printed [Bill 28].

22 European Communities Act 1972 (Disapplication) Bill,—Mr Owen Paterson, supported by Mr William Cash, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Frank Field, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Nick Harvey, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Richard Shepherd, Angela Watkinson, Mrs Theresa Villiers and Mr Robert Goodwill, presented a Bill to provide that Community treaties, Community instruments and Community obligations shall only be binding in legal proceedings in the United Kingdom insofar as they do not conflict with a subsequent, expressly inconsistent enactment of the Parliament of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th October and to be printed [Bill 29].
23 Breast Cancer Bill,—Mr Shasilesh Vara, supported by Mr Stephen Dorrell, Dr Ian Gibson, Bob Russell, Angela Browning, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Roger Gale, Vera Baird, Mrs Ann Cryer, Dr Doug Naysmith, Annette Brooke and Dr Richard Taylor, presented a Bill to make provision about the detection and treatment of breast cancer: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 30].

24 Humber Bridge Bill,—Shona McIsaac, supported by Mr Austin Mitchell, David Davis, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Graham Stuart, Edward Miliband, Mr Phil Willis, Mr John Grogan and Mr Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to amend the Humber Bridge Act 1959; to require the Secretary of State to give directions to certain members of the Humber Bridge Board in relation to healthcare; to require the Secretary of State to review the desirability of facilitating journeys across the Humber Bridge in relation to healthcare; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 31].

25 Professional Football (Supporter Involvement) Bill,—Mr John Grogan, supported by Tony Lloyd, Joan Walley, Nick Harvey, John Mann, Shona McIsaac, Mr Mike Hall, Dr Alan Whitehead, Stephen Hesford, Jon Trickett, Mr Clive Betts and Mr Marsha Singh, presented a Bill to make provision about supporter involvement in professional football clubs; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 32].

26 Prohibition of Abortion (England and Wales) Bill,—Mr Laurence Robertson, supported by Mr David Amess, Mr Julian Brazier and Sir Nicholas Winterton, presented a Bill to prohibit the aborting of foetuses in England and Wales unless the mother’s life is at risk, or where conception has been caused by rape; to make it an imprisonable offence for anyone to carry out an abortion other than in those circumstances; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st October and to be printed [Bill 33].

27 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.

Special Schools and Special Needs Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the House believes that special schools play a vital role in meeting the needs of children with learning difficulties, and that parents should have more choice between special and mainstream schools; further believes that the Government should hold a proper review of the provision of special educational needs to cover concerns about bias in the law and central government pressure to pursue policies of inclusion when they are not always appropriate; and calls for a moratorium on special school closures until such a review has been published and properly debated.—(Mr David Cameron);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word ‘difficulties’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘acknowledges that parents may want mainstream or special schools for their children and notes that under the current statutory framework they have the right to express a preference for either; welcomes the Government’s commitment to improving the range and quality of provision for children with special educational needs through its special educational needs strategy, Removing Barriers to Achievement, which followed wide consultation and a separate review of the role of special schools; rejects the call for further reviews and a moratorium on closures of special schools, since this would stifle reorganisation of local provision to meet changing patterns of need and halt the development of effective collaboration between mainstream and special schools; welcomes the Government’s audit of provision for low incidence needs since it will contribute to more effective planning; and welcomes its determination to ensure that all children with Special Educational Needs are able to realise their potential, wherever they are taught’; instead thereof.—(Jacqui Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gregory Barker, Mr Peter Atkinson: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Gillian Merron: 349.

So the Question was negatived.

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

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;
Resolved, That this House believes that special schools play a vital role in meeting the needs of children with learning difficulties, acknowledges that parents may want mainstream or special schools for their children and notes that under the current statutory framework they have the right to express a preference for either; welcomes the Government’s commitment to improving the range and quality of provision for children with special educational needs through its special educational needs strategy, Removing Barriers to Achievement, which followed wide consultation and a separate review of the role of special schools; rejects the call for further reviews and a moratorium on closures of special schools, since this would stifle reorganisation of local provision to meet changing patterns of need and halt the development of effective collaboration between mainstream and special schools; welcomes the Government’s audit of provision for low incidence needs since it will contribute to more effective planning; and welcomes its determination to ensure that all children with Special Educational Needs are able to realise their potential, wherever they are taught.

Electoral Integrity and Democratic Accountability.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the Government should rule out future use of all-postal voting and that any pilot schemes should be subject to explicit parliamentary ratification; regrets the unwillingness of the Government to adopt in mainland Britain the tried and tested Northern Ireland system of individual voter registration; condemns the Government’s constitutional changes which have undermined democratic accountability, such as the introduction of proportional representation; and further believes that urgent steps are needed to restore public confidence and integrity in the electoral system and to increase the accountability of government—(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 ‘believes that the General and local elections were safe and secure, and produced results that were fair and accurate; recognises that public confidence in the electoral process is paramount; and believes that the Government’s constitutional changes have strengthened democratic accountability, bringing our institutions closer to the people’, instead thereof.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

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, 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 Peter Atkinson, Gregory Barker: 175.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Watson, Tony Cunningham: 361.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Watson, Tony Cunningham: 300.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Gregory Barker: 226.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House believes that the General and local elections were safe and secure, and produced results that were fair and accurate; recognises that public confidence in the electoral process is paramount; and believes that the Government’s constitutional changes have strengthened democratic accountability, bringing our institutions closer to the people.

28 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 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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership,—Draft Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

2 Pensions,—(1) Draft Financial Assistance Scheme Regulations 2005; and (2) draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Internal Review) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Electricity,—Electricity and Gas Appeals (Designation and Exclusion) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1646), dated 18th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 307), dated 16th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Other Papers:

5 Northern Ireland,—Paper, entitled Review of the State Pathologist's Department in Northern Ireland by Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Transport (Wales) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D and has appointed Miss Anne Begg and Ann Winterton Chairmen; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Kevin Brennan, David T. C. Davies, Nia Griffith, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mrs Siân C. James, Mr David Jones, Mr Martyn Jones, Lembit Opik, Chris Ruane, Mr David Raffley, John Smith, Bill Wiggin, Mrs Betty Williams, Hywel Williams and Mr Roger Williams.

2 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara and Mr David Amess Chairmen; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Greg Barker, Chris Bryant, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Harry Cohen, Phillip Davies, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Dominic Grieve, Paul Goggins, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Shahid Malik, Sir Peter Soulsby, Mr Gary Streeter, Ms Emily Thornberry and Mr Charles Walker.

3 Draft Unauthorised Encampments (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin, Mr Kevin Barron, Bill Etherington and Angela E. Smith from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr David Hanson and Ian Stewart.

4 Draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Regulations 2005 and the draft Climate Change Levy (Fuel Use and Recycling Processes) Regulations 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Diane Abbott from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Fiollo.
CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) the Speaker has nominated Mr Greg Pope and Mrs Joan Humble to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 21; WH, No. 9]

Wednesday 22nd June 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.13 p.m.

[No. 22.

Thursday 23rd June 2005.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Cheadle Writ.—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Cheadle, in the room of Mrs Patsy Calton, deceased.—(Andrew Stunell.)

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

3 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill.—The Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

4 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) 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 7th July 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

5 Children and Young 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 Restriction on the Preparation of Adoption Reports Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 2nd March, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.
6 Children and Young 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 Suitability of Adopters Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 2nd March, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

7 Criminal Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Remand in Custody (Effect of Concurrent and Consecutive Sentences of Imprisonment) Rules 2005, which were laid before this House on 28th February, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

8 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Community Interest Company Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 17th March, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 27th June.

[Adjourned at 2.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law (Northern Ireland).—Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, dated 20th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


3 Social Security.—Draft Age-Related Payments Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Acquisition of Land.—Home Loss Payments (Prescribed Amounts) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1635), dated 14th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances.—Nuclear Industries Security (Fees) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1654), dated 12th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Dangerous Drugs,—(1) Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1653); and

(2) Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1652), dated 22nd June 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

7 Education.—(1) Education (London Residuary Body) (Property Transfer) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1542), dated 31st May 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly]; and

(2) Student Fees (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 290), dated 10th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Pensions,—Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1639), dated 16th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

9 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (Borough of Woking) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1645), dated 20th June 2005; and

(2) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1641), dated 18th June 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

10 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Northern Ireland’s Waste Management Strategy [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 88] [Clerk of the House].


12 European Community Finances. —Statement on the 2005 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm. 6580] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

13 Government Trading Funds. —Report and Accounts of Ordnance Survey for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 84] [Clerk of the House].

14 Police (Northern Ireland). —Report of the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2004–05 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Transport (Wales) Bill. —The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee D).

2 Transport (Wales) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee). —The Speaker has appointed Nick Ainger, Kevin Brennan, Mrs Sian C. James, Lembit Öpik, Chris Ruane and Bill Wiggin members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

3 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill (Programming Sub-Committee). —The Speaker has appointed Gregory Barker, Chris Bryant, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Alan Campbell, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve and Mr Khalid Mahmood members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins and Hugh Bayley from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen and Angela Eagle.

Grand Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 29th June.

[No. 22; WH, No. 10]

Thursday 23rd June 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Recent Developments in Volunteering).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 28th June.

[Adjourned at 4.39 p.m.]

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.
PRAYERS.

1 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Martin Caton 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 June.

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

2 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—Mr Andrew Dismore, supported by Mr Andrew Love, Dr Tony Wright, Annette Brooke, Keith Vaz, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Martin Salter, 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 16th June and to be printed [Bill 34].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill be printed [Bill 34–EN].

3 Civil Aviation Bill.—The Civil Aviation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

4 Civil Aviation Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Civil Aviation 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 7th July 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

5 Civil Aviation Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills). That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Civil Aviation Bill, it is expedient to authorise the making of provision requiring contributions to the Air Travel Trust to be made by persons applying for, or holding, licences by virtue of section 71 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982—(Mr Alan Campbell):—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 Unauthorised Encampments (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 21st February, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

7 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) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 10th March, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.
8 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 (Fuel Use and Recycling Processes) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 10th March, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

9 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation). That the draft Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 25th January, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

10 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation). That the draft Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 25th January, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

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

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

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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 24th June 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 27, 2005),—Agreement, done at Dublin on 26th November 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland concerning Mutual Assistance in relation to Criminal Matters [Cm. 6601] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Treaty Series (No. 28, 2005),—Agreement, 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 carrying of Service Weapons by French Officers on the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [Cm. 6604] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th June 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Government Trading Funds,—Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency Trading Fund (Variation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1672), dated 22nd June 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 27th June 2005:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Access to Justice,—Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission [by Act] [Bridget Prentice].

6 Northern Ireland,—Draft Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 314), dated 26th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Customs and Excise,—Export Control (Democratic Republic of Congo) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1677), dated 23rd June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

9 Road Traffic,—(1) M42 (Junctions 3A to 7) (Actively Managed Hard Shoulder and Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1671); and
(2) Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations and General Directions 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1670), dated 18th June 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Wildlife,—Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1674), dated 24th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

11 Church Commissioners,—Report of the Church Commissioners for 2004 [by Measure] [Bridget Prentice].

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Resource Accounts of the Office of Fair Trading for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 171] [Mr John Healey].

13 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Milk Development Council for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 79] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

14 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Home Office: Working with the Third Sector [by Act]; to be printed [No. 75] [Clerk of the House].

15 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 94] [Mr Secretary Hain].

16 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of Dingle Granby Toxteth Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 210] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

17 Civil Partnership,—Draft Civil Partnership (Pensions and benefit payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005 [laid 15th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Transport (Wales) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Williams from Standing Committee F (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mark Williams.
Tuesday 28th June 2005.

PRAYERS.

1 Member takes the Oath.—The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:
   Sir Patrick Thomas Cormack
   for South Staffordshire.

2 Consumer Credit Bill,—David Taylor reported from Standing Committee D, That it had
gone through the Consumer Credit Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be
   printed [Bill 35].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Transport (Wales) Bill,—Miss Anne Begg reported from Standing Committee F, That it had
gone through the Transport (Wales) Bill, and directed her to report the same, without
Amendment.
   Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Identity Cards Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Identity
   Cards 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 Identity Cards Bill because the scheme proposed in the Bill will make no significant
   contribution to the reduction or eradication of terrorism, illegal immigration, or illegal
employment, contains no proper safeguards to limit or prescribe the information to be
stored upon identity cards or the national register, or the agencies and organisations,
   national or international, to whom this information will be made available or will be
given; fails to identify the biometric details to be stored or to acknowledge the
effectiveness of the same or the margins of, the consequences of, and the remedies for,
error; fails properly to limit or define the fees which may be levied by the Secretary of
   State; and the Bill provides for the costs of the scheme to be paid on the authority of the
Secretary of State without providing to Parliament any proper estimates of the vast costs
   likely to be incurred; instead thereof.—(Lynne Jones.)
   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;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Kevin Brennan: 314.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr John Randall: 283.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Identity Cards Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put
forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the
following provisions shall apply to the Identity Cards 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 19th July 2005.
   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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Programming of 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 Alan Campbell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Kevin Brennan: 313.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr John Randall: 286.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

(1) such allowances to be paid to the National Identity Scheme Commissioner as the Treasury may determine;

(2) any sums authorised or required to be paid by the Secretary of State for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under that Act; and

(3) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Kevin Brennan: 311.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

(1) the charging of fees in respect of functions carried out under that Act;

(2) the charging of fees in respect of consular functions within the meaning of section 1 of the Consular Fees Act 1980; and

(3) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr John Heppell):—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 Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 21st February, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Eric Forth, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr David Kidney and Mr John MacDougall be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Mr Richard Bacon, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr William Cash, Michael Connarty, Rosie Cooper, Mr Wayne David, Jim Dobbin, Michael Gove, Nia Griffith, Mr David Hamilton, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Angus Robertson, Mr Anthony Steen and Younger-Ross be members of the European Scrutiny Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee) (Date and Time),—Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments do meet with the Committee appointed by the Lords on Tuesday 5th July at a quarter past Four o’clock in Committee Room 7.—(Mr John Heppell.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

12 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of South Bedfordshire and others for the continued existence of single-handed and small General Practitioner practices was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
13 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from William Alexander for clarification of responsibility for bringing into force sections 25 to 29 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (rights to conduct litigation and rights of audience) was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

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

[Adjourned at 11.19 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—Draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005; and
(2) draft Colleges of Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Capital Gains Tax,—Recovery of Duties and Taxes Etc. Due in Other Member States (Corresponding UK Claims, Procedure and Supplementary) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1709), dated 27th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

4 Health and Safety,—Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1643), dated 18th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 National Health Service,—Surrey and Borders Partnership National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1669), dated 22nd June 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Race Relations,—Draft Code of Practice on Racial Equality in Employment [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:


8 Northern Ireland,—Accounts for—
(1) Mineral Development; and
(2) Petroleum Production
for 2003–04, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 203 and 202] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Treaty Series (No. 29, 2005).—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 [by Command] [Cm. 6607] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Racial and Religious Hatred Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gregory Barker from Standing Committee E (nominated in respect of the Bill), and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Prisk.
Tuesday 28th June 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Claire Ward.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.53 p.m.

Wednesday 29th June 2005.

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 the draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, referred to it on 16th June.

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

2 Chairman’s Panel (Parliament Act 1911).—Rosemary McKenna reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of section 1(3) of the Parliament Act 1911, it had appointed Frank Cook 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.

3 Chairman’s Panel,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the following Resolutions from the Chairman’s Panel:

That if, at any two morning sittings of a Standing Committee called for the consideration of a Bill, the Committee is adjourned by reason of the absence of a quorum within one and a half hours of the time at which the Committee meets, the Committee shall not proceed again to the consideration of that Bill until any other Bills committed to the Committee have been considered.

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

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

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

The Lords communicate that they have ordered that the Committee appointed by them to join with a Committee appointed by this House as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments do meet with the Committee appointed by this House on Tuesday 5th July at a quarter past Four o’clock, as proposed by this House.

5 Opposition Day [3rd 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.

Access to NHS Dentistry and Primary Health Care,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the crisis in NHS dentistry, together with problems in accessing other primary care services; recognises that many dentists chose to undertake more private practice as a consequence of the new contract introduced under the Conservatives in 1990 and the subsequent reduction in dentists’ fees in 1992; notes that the Conservative government closed two dental schools; further notes that the number of adults registered with an NHS dentist fell by five million between 1994 and 1998; recalls the Prime Minister’s pledge in 1999 that ‘everyone within the next two years will be able once again to see an NHS dentist just by phoning NHS Direct’, but notes that less than half the adult population is now registered with an NHS dentist; and calls on the Government to work with the dentistry profession to ensure that the new contract delivers more dentists spending more time working in the NHS—(Steve Webb);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s record levels of investment in the National Health Service, with expenditure set to rise to over £92 billion in 2007–08; congratulates the Government and NHS staff for improvements in primary care; notes that the Government’s ambitions for NHS dentistry will deliver a modernised, high quality primary dental service; congratulates the
Government on supporting this with a record level of investment, which has been increased by 19 per cent., or £250 million a year, over 2003–04 levels; further welcomes the increase in NHS primary care dentists from 16,700 in 1997 to 20,192 in April, the creation of 53 dental access centres across England treating some 400,000 patients a year and an NHS support team to improve access to dentistry in areas where there are problems, and the introduction of additional capital grants of £35 million to fund practice improvements; and further congratulates the Government for this investment and programme of reform that has delivered a better quality of life for staff, and improved services for all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, true to the founding principles of the NHS, instead thereof.—(Ms Rosie Winterton.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 467.

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 levels of investment in the National Health Service, with expenditure set to rise to over £92 billion in 2007–08; congratulates the Government and NHS staff for improvements in primary care; notes that the Government’s ambitions for NHS dentistry will deliver a modernised, high quality primary dental service; congratulates the Government on supporting this with a record level of investment, which has been increased by 19 per cent., or £250 million a year, over 2003–04 levels; further welcomes the increase in NHS primary care dentists from 16,700 in 1997 to 20,192 in April, the creation of 53 dental access centres across England treating some 400,000 patients a year and an NHS support team to improve access to dentistry in areas where there are problems, and the introduction of additional capital grants of £35 million to fund practice improvements; and further congratulates the Government for this investment and programme of reform that has delivered a better quality of life for staff, and improved services for all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, true to the founding principles of the NHS.

Using the G8 Summit to Tackle Climate Change,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the serious threat posed to the planet by climate change; welcomes the decision of the Prime Minister to make this a priority for the UK presidency of the G8; notes with concern however the lack of progress being made to secure effective international agreement on the way forward and in particular the weakening tactics of the present US Administration and the total lack of leverage on this issue by the Prime Minister over President Bush, who is still in public denial of even the basic science, believes that carbon emissions need to be cut by at least 60 per cent. by 2050; further believes that without such action, measures to reduce poverty in developing countries will be severely undermined; calls on the Prime Minister to use the G8 to win support for a successor regime to Kyoto based upon the principle of contraction and convergence, engaging the participation of both developed and developing nations; further believes that he will be in a stronger position to give an international lead if he now tackles his failures in domestic climate change policy, which mean that the UK is now virtually certain to miss its 2010 carbon emissions reduction target and is now in danger of missing even its Kyoto target; and urges him in particular to adopt effective policies to conserve energy within the domestic sector, and to cut emissions within the transport and energy sectors.—(Norman Baker.)

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 UK’s global leadership on climate change and in particular the Prime Minister’s decision to make climate change one of the top two priorities for the G8 Presidency and a priority for the EU Presidency; recognises that UK initiatives in 2005 have already made important contributions to the international debate on future climate change policy, in particular the scientific conference on stabilisation in February 2005 and the Energy and Environment Ministerial Roundtable in March 2005, looks forward to the G8 Summit and provides its full support to the Prime Minister’s continuing efforts to secure a successful outcome; commends the UK’s plans to continue to strive for further international action following Gleneagles through both the G8 and EU; further commends the Labour Party for being the only party to commit in its manifesto to a national goal to reduce emissions by 20 per cent. by 2010; celebrates the UK’s achievement in already reducing emissions to 13.4 per cent. between the base year and 2003, beyond that required by the Kyoto Protocol; further welcomes the introduction of policies such as the climate change levy and renewables obligation that have been so
important in achieving this; and looks forward to the publication of the climate change programme later this year which will set out further policies to deliver the goal of a 20 per cent. reduction in emissions by 2010', instead thereof.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Richard Younger-Ross rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to. And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Danny Alexander: 220.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Watson, Claire Ward: 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):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the UK’s global leadership on climate change and in particular the Prime Minister’s decision to make climate change one of the top two priorities for the G8 Presidency and a priority for the EU Presidency, recognises that UK initiatives in 2005 have already made important contributions to the international debate on future climate change policy, in particular the scientific conference on stabilisation in February 2005 and the Energy and Environment Ministerial Roundtable in March 2005; looks forward to the Gleneagles Summit and provides its full support to the Prime Minister’s continuing efforts to secure a successful outcome; commends the UK’s plans to continue to strive for further international action following Gleneagles through both the G8 and EU; further commends the Labour Party for being the only party to commit in its manifesto to a national goal to reduce emissions by 20 per cent. by 2010; celebrates the UK’s achievement in already reducing emissions to 13.4 per cent. between the base year and 2003, beyond that required by the Kyoto Protocol; further welcomes the introduction of policies such as the climate change levy and renewables obligation that have been so important in achieving this; and looks forward to the publication of the climate change programme later this year which will set out further policies to deliver the goal of a 20 per cent. reduction in emissions by 2010.

6 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 sixteen minutes to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership,—Draft Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

(2) draft Pension Protection Fund (PPF Ombudsman) Amendment Order 2005; and
(3) draft Pension Protection Fund (Reference of Reviewable Matters to the PPF Ombudsman) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Energy Conservation,—Energy Information (Household Air Conditioners) (No. 2) Regulations (S.I., 2005, No. 1726), dated 28th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
5 Environmental Protection,—Waste Management Licensing (England and Wales) (Amendment and Related Provisions) (No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1728), dated 29th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

6 Duchy of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Report and Financial Statements of the Duchy of Cornwall for the year ended 31st March 2005 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 174] [Mr John Healey].

7 Financial Services and Markets,—Report and Financial Review of the Financial Services Authority for 2004-05 [by Act] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

8 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for 2003-04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 58] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 2005),—Framework Agreement, done at Washington on 28th February 2005, for International Collaboration on Research and Development of Generation IV Nuclear Energy Systems, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6613] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 2005),—Framework Agreement, done at Stockholm on 21st May 2003, on a Multilateral Nuclear Environmental Programme in the Russian Federation, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6615] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Northern Ireland,—(1) Accounts of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 231] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland for 2003-04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument] to be printed [No. 89] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Twelfth, Fourteenth and Sixteenth to Eighteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2004-05 [by Command] [Cm. 6579] [Mr John Healey].

13 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of Wakefield Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 225] [Clerk of the House].

14 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 29th June 2005, concerning the Write-Off of British Shipbuilders’ Public Dividend Capital [by Command] [Mr Des Browne].

15 Treaty Series (No. 52, 2004),—Index to Treaty Series 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6608] [Mr Secretary Straw].

16 Treaty Series (No. 30, 2005),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 8th and 10th November 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Ecuador Debt Agreement No. 8 (2003)) [by Command] [Cm. 6614] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Civil Aviation Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Mr Peter Atkinson, Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Crausby, Justine Greening, Andrew Gwynne, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Alan Keen, Mr Jim McGovern, Laura Moffatt, Mr Mark Prisk, Dr John Pugh, Mr Frank Roy, John Smith and Graham Stringer.

2 Identity Cards 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: Vera Baird, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr David S. Bowrow, Andy Burnham, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr David Drew, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Tim Farron, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Tony McNulty, Patrick Mercer, Kali Mountford, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Mark Prisk, John Robertson, Joan Ryan and Mr Ben Wallace.
3 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
Committee: Mr Ian Austin, Gregory Barker, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Mark Field, Mr
David Gauke, Mr Mark Harper, Mr Kevan Jones, Susan Kramer, Mr Ivan Lewis, Ann
McKechnie, Mrs Marra Miller, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Stmin Simon, Mark Tami, Lyndy
Walsho, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Iain Wright.

4 Draft Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations
2005:
(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 Kevin Barron, Malcolm Bruce, Mr David Clelland,
Mr Ian Davidson, Parmjit Dhanda, Michael Fabricant, Dr Hywel Francis, Dr Ian
Gibson, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Norman Lamb, Dr Nick Palmer, Mike Penning, Mr
Edward Vaizey, Mrs Theresa Villiers and Malcolm Wicks.

5 Draft Colleges of Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
(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, Roger Berry, Lorely Burt, Ben Chapman, Mr Vernon
Coaker, Philip Davies, Mr John Denham, Mark Fisher, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester),
Mr John Grogan, Mark Pritchard, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Selous, Grant
Shapps, Angela E. Smith (Basildon) and Sammy Wilson.

6 Draft Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) (Northern Ireland)
Order 2005:
(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, Lyn Brown, Mr Vernon Coaker, Michael Connarty, Mr
Quentin Davies, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Michael Foster
(Worcester), Kelvin Hopkins, Mrs Siân C. James, Daniel Kawczynski, Greg
Mulholland, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Selous, Angela E. Smith (Basildon) and
Mr Rob Wilson.

7 Draft Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
(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: Richard Burden, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mary Creagh, Mr Michael Foster
(Worcester), Linda Gilroy, Michael Gove, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr David Jones, Helen
Jones, Ms Sally Keeble, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Selous, Angela
E. Smith (Basildon), Mr Robert Walter and Sammy Wilson.

8 Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee
on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
Committee: Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hanson,
Lady Hermon, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Paara S. Khabra, Mr David
Lidington, Mr Eddie McGrady, Anne Moffat, Lembit Opik, The Reverend Ian Paisley,
Mr Greg Pope, Stephen Pound, Mr Andrew Robathan, Andrew Selous and Paddy
Tipping.

9 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2005:
(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 Alan Campbell, Mr Robin Cook, Jim Cousins, Mr Wayne David,
Michael Fabricant, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Gerald Howarth, Ms Diana R. Johnson,
Robert Key, Mr Michael Moore, Dr Doug Naysmith, Dan Norris, Bob Russell, Mr Lee
Scott, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr Don Touhig.
Draft Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Lidington, Greg Mulholland, Sandra Osborne, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Mrs Linda Riordan, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Selous, Jim Sheridan, Helen Southworth, Ms Emily Thornberry, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Shaun Woodward.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.06 p.m.

PRAYERS.

1 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule No. 8).—Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 11, 18, 40, 43, 44 and 69 and Schedule No. 8), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended, in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 4th July, and to be printed [Bill 37].

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

2 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill.—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 4th July.

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

3 Adjournment (Helping Africa to fight poverty).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tom Watson);
And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

4 Estimates, 2005–06.—The Deputy Speaker put the Question required to be put at Six o’clock, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2006—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £277,697,379,000, be authorised for use of defence and civil services as set out in HC 2, HC 3, HC 4 and HC 5,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £203,017,367,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services as so set out, and

(3) limits as set out in HC 2, HC 4 and HC 5 be set on appropriations in aid.—(John Healey.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Des Browne, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Mr Ivan Lewis do prepare and bring it in.
5 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—John Healey accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2006 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending with 31st March 2006; to appropriate the supply authorised in this Session of Parliament for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2006; and to repeal certain Consolidated Fund and Appropriation Acts. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 4th July and to be printed [Bill 36].

6 Business of the House.—Ordered. That, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions, more than one stage of the Finance Bill may be taken at any sitting of the House.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

7 Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.29 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 (Amendment) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 International Immunities and Privileges.—Draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture.—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1725), dated 28th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Customs and Excise.—Gaming Duty (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1727), dated 29th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

5 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—(1) Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1751); and

(2) Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1748),

dated 29th June 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Transport.—(1) Railways (Rail Passengers’ Council and Rail Passengers’ Committees) (Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1737); and


dated 29th June 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7 Education and Skills.—Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2004–05, on Every Child Matters [by Command] [Cm. 6610] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

8 Environmental Audit.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2004–05, on Environmental Education: Follow-up to Learning the Sustainability Lesson [by Command] [Cm. 6594] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

9 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Paper, entitled Prospects for the EU in 2005: The UK Presidency of the European Union [by Command] [Cm. 6611] [Mr Secretary Straw].
10 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Report and Accounts of the British Hallmarking Council for 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 213] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Duke of York’s Royal Military School for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 80] [Secretary John Reid]; and
   (3) Resource Accounts of HM Treasury for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 93] [John Healey].


12 Industrial Development.—Report for 2004–05 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the First Minister of the Scottish Parliament and the First Secretary of the National Assembly for Wales under the Industrial Development Act 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 207] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

13 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st August 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 164] [Mr Secretary Hain].

14 Transport.—Government Response to the Third Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2004–05, on Disabled People’s Access to Transport: a year’s worth of improvements? [by Command] [Cm. 6558] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Civil Aviation Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Julian Brazier, Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Crausby, Andrew Gwynne, Dr John Pugh and Mr Frank Roy members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Civil Aviation Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Prisk from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Syms.

3 Identity Cards Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Vera Baird, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Tony McNulty, Kali Mountford, Mr Mark Prisk and Joan Ryan members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

4 Identity Cards Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Jimmy Hood Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

5 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton as additional Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill.

6 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Gregory Barker, Mr Mark Field, Susan Kramer, Mr Ivan Lewis, Mark Tami, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Iain Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

7 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor and Mr Martin Caton Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

8 Draft Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

9 Draft Colleges of Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
Draft Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

[No. 26; WH, No. 13]

Thursday 30th June 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Turning around problem estates).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 5th July.

[Adjourned at 5.06 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Colleges of Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

3 Opposition Day [4th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Local Taxation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the increasing burden of local taxation; awaits the outcome of the Lyons Inquiry but rejects the proposals for a local income tax; asserts that a local income tax would entail higher taxation on hard-working families and crippling compliance costs on local businesses and would undermine the incentive to work; believes that council tax must be reformed, with the introduction of an automatic discount for pensioners and other measures, but rejects proposals to move from a local services tax based on fixed property bands to a wealth tax; calls on the Government to reject the Mayor of London’s proposals for a regional income tax in London and to cancel its plans for a council tax revaluation and higher bands in England, which would be a further stealth tax, particularly on those living on fixed incomes—(Mrs Caroline Spelman);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s continuing support for local government with its 33 per cent. grant increase since 1997; notes that the average increase in council tax in 2005–06, at 4.1 per cent., is the lowest increase in a decade, the second lowest ever, and lower than the last three council tax settlements for which the previous Government was responsible; welcomes the Government’s engagement with councils to facilitate the delivery of 2.5 per cent. annual efficiency gains in local government; and looks forward to the conclusions of Sir Michael Lyons’s inquiry as an important contribution to securing a fair and sustainable system of local government finance for the future’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Miliband.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Selous: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Dave Watts: 340.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Dave Watts: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Selous: 183.

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 continuing support for local government with its 33 per cent. grant increase since 1997; notes that the average increase in council tax in 2005–06, at 4.1 per cent., is the lowest increase in a decade, the second lowest ever, and lower than the last three council tax settlements for which the previous Government was responsible; welcomes the Government’s engagement with councils to facilitate the delivery of 2.5 per cent. annual efficiency gains in local government; and looks forward to the conclusions of Sir Michael Lyons’s inquiry as an important contribution to securing a fair and sustainable system of local government finance for the future.
Government Regulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House draws attention to the escalating cost of regulation and the increasing number of cases where regulation either achieves nothing or does positive harm to those being regulated; urges the Government to produce a deregulation bill which goes beyond exhortation to better regulation by repealing unnecessary and burdensome laws and rules; encourages the Government to table a programme for the UK Presidency of lesser and better regulation for the EU as a whole; and asks the Government to bring forward proposals which free professionals in hospitals and schools, which cut the costs of controls over elected local government, and allow business in the UK to compete more successfully against Asian and American competitors—(Mr John Redwood).

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 is taking to remove unnecessary regulations and rationalise inspection arrangements in both the public and private sectors; acknowledges the additional freedoms given to high performing schools, hospitals and local councils; notes the lead the Government has taken in driving forward the better regulation agenda in Europe; recognises the benefits that well-targeted and proportionate regulation can bring in driving up standards; and further notes that the UK is seen by international observers as a leader in the field of regulatory reform and that the success of the UK economy reflects the approach the Government has taken’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Hutton.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Selous: 198.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 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, Tony Cunningham, Mr Frank Roy: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Selous: 203.
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 steps the Government is taking to remove unnecessary regulations and rationalise inspection arrangements in both the public and private sectors; acknowledges the additional freedoms given to high performing schools, hospitals and local councils; notes the lead the Government has taken in driving forward the better regulation agenda in Europe; recognises the benefits that well-targeted and proportionate regulation can bring in driving up standards; and further notes that the UK is seen by international observers as a leader in the field of regulatory reform and that the success of the UK economy reflects the approach the Government has taken.

4 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.

5 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 (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

6 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 21st July 2005, do adjourn till Monday 10th October 2005—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 1st July 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 4th July 2005:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5. Education.—Kent Institute of Art and Design Higher Education Corporation (Dissolution) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1708), dated 27th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Other Papers:

9. Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 12 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

10. Audit Commission.—Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 232] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11. European Communities (No. 1, 2005).—Agreement, done at Brussels on 6th December 2002, on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People’s Republic of China, of the other part, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6621] [Mr Secretary Straw].


14. School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of Derby North East Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 16th April 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 263] [Clerk of the House].

15. Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:

    Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 314) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland and Dr Nick Palmer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ms Celia Barlow and Mr Bob Laxton.

2 Draft Colleges of Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Roger Berry, Mr John Denham, Mark Fisher and Mr John Grogan from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Huw Irranca-Davies, Tom Levitt, Mr Terry Rooney and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

3 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerald Howarth from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Robathan.

European Standing Committees

4 European Union Document No. 6364/05, relating to working conditions on interoperable cross-border rail services, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

5 European Union Document No. 8635/05, relating to the marketing of genetically modified maize, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

6 European Union Document No. 7455/05, relating to the EU contribution to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

7 European Union Documents Nos. 8137/05, 8138/05 and 8139/05, relating to the EU contribution to achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

8 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 1st June 2005, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the preliminary Draft Budget 2006, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

9 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 7th June 2005, submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, relating to the EU Common Strategy on Russia, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

10 European Union Document No. 5436/05, relating to the Green Paper on economic migration, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

11 European Union Document No. 6174/04, relating to services in the internal market, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

12 European Union Documents Nos. 15570/04 and 15614/04, relating to nominal quantities for pre-packed products, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 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. 34-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the European Scrutiny Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the European Scrutiny Committee, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

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

1 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill.—Mr Eric Forth reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 38].

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

2 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill.—Mr Martin Caton reported from Standing Committee E, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill:

   That the Standing Committee recommends that the Programme Order of 23rd June 2005 relating to the Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill be varied as follows—
   (a) paragraphs 4 and 5 shall be omitted; and
   (b) proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after commencement of proceedings on consideration.

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

3 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill.—Mr Martin Caton reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) 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 lie upon the Table.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

6 Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a warning symbol to be prominently displayed on the packaging of pharmaceuticals which act on the brain and central nervous system so as to impair dangerously the consumer’s ability to carry out certain activities; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Andrew Dismore, Stephen Pound, Martin Salter, Mr David Hamilton, Dr Alan Whitehead, Angela Eagle, Miss Anne Begg, Ann Keen, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Paul Flynn do prepare and bring it in.

7 Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill.—Mr Andrew Dismore accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a warning symbol to be prominently displayed on the packaging of pharmaceuticals which act on the brain and central nervous system so as to impair dangerously the consumer’s ability to carry out certain activities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 39].

8 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.—The Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

9 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality 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 25th October 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Parmjit Dhanda);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Dave Watts: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Sir Robert Smith: 65.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

(1) expenditure of the Secretary of State in connection with the Act, and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under another enactment—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.

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

(1) the charging of fees in connection with immigration and nationality applications, claims, services, processes, advice and information, and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership,—Draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson]

2 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation).,—Draft Codes of Practice on—

(1) Access and Unfair Practices during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots; and

(2) Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Housing.—Housing (Right to Buy) (Information to Secure Tenants) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1735), dated 29th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Legal Aid and Advice.—Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1802), dated 4th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

5 Social Security.—Employment Zones (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1744), dated 30th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

6 Constitutional Affairs.—Paper, entitled A Fairer Deal for Legal Aid [by Command] [Cm. 6591] [Bridget Prentice].

7 Explosives (Northern Ireland).—Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 2004 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 103] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Defence Bills Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 85] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Richard Burden and Mr Vernon Coaker from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr John Heppell and Mr Andy Reed.

European Standing Committees

2 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 4th July 2005, submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, relating to European Union Arms Exports, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—Mr Eric Forth reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

2 Statutory Instruments.—First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-i] [Mr Eric Forth].

[No. 28; WH, No. 14]

Tuesday 5th July 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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 1.55 p.m.]
[No. 29.]

Wednesday 6th July 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

2 International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill.—Mr William Cash, supported by Mr Edward Leigh, John Bercow, Mr Peter Lilley, Sir George Young, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Nick Harvey and Mr Shaiilesh Vara, presented a Bill to amend section 7 of the International Development Act 2002 to require the imposition of conditions relating to internationally supervised audit on assistance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th October and to be printed [Bill 40].

3 Representation of the People (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Acts in respect of deceased candidates: And that Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Alan Beith, Sir Menzies Campbell, Mr Robin Cook, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Michael Fabricant, Chris Grayling, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Mark Oaten, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Ms Gisela Stuart and Sir George Young do prepare and bring it in.

4 Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill.—Sir Patrick Cormack accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Acts in respect of deceased candidates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th October and to be printed [Bill 41].

5 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Finance Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 6, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 7 to 12, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 13 to 24, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 25 to 34, Schedule No. 4, Clause No. 35, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 36 and 37, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 38 and 39, Schedule No. 7, Clause No. 40, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 41 and 42, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 43 to 49, Schedule No. 10 and Clauses Nos. 50 to 69, new Schedules, Amendments relating to Clause No. 70, Schedule No. 11 and Clauses Nos. 71 and 72.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

A Clause (NC1) (Inheritance Tax)—(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, Gregory Barker, Mr Mark Prisk: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr John Heppell: 276.

Another Clause (NC4) (Tax Law Commission)—(Mr Mark Field)—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 Prisk, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Alan Campbell: 289.

Another Clause (NC5) (Inheritance tax: mitigation of double charges)—(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, Michael Fabricant, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Kevin Brennan: 340.

Another Clause (NC7) (Road fuel regulator)—(Stewart Hosie)—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 Mike Weir, Adam Price: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Tony Cunningham: 351.

Another Clause (NC9) (Real estate investment trusts)—(Mr Richard Spring)—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 17, line 39, at the end, to insert the words 'for the purpose of avoiding any tax.'—(Chris Huhne.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 131, line 14, at the end, to insert the words '; but no order under this section shall be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of the House of Commons.'—(Mr Mark Field.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Environmental Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 17th March, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—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 Colleges of Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from staff, pupils and parents of Dr Triplet's CE Primary School, Hayes, and others for action by G8 members to remove trade injustice, cancel all the debt of the poorest countries and increase aid was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.21 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection.—(1) Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1815), dated 4th July 2005; and

(2) General Product Safety Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1803), dated 30th June 2005
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Environmental Protection.—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1805), dated 4th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

3 Defence.—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Defence Committee, Session 2004–05, on Future Capabilities [by Command] [Cm. 6616] [Secretary John Reid].

4 Environmental Audit.—Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2004–05, on The International Challenge of Climate Change: UK leadership in the G8 and EU [by Command] [Cm. 6617] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
5 Environmental Protection,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Waste Management Licensing (England and Wales) (Amendment and Related Provisions) (No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1726) [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Exchange Equalisation Account,—Report and Accounts of the Exchange Equalisation Account for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 107] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

7 Government Resources and Accounts.—Resource Accounts of the National Audit Office for 2004-05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 305] [Mr Alan Williams].

8 Housing,—Report and Accounts of Castle Vale Housing Action Trust for 2004-05 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Learning and Skills,—Report and Accounts of the Adult Learning Inspectorate for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 101] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


11 Northern Ireland.—(1) Accounts of the Central Services Agency for 2003-04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon; and
   (2) Resource Accounts of the Northern Ireland Audit Office for 2004-05, [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 236 and 229] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Northern Ireland Land Purchase,—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding up), for 2003-04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 300] [Clerk of the House].


14 Science and Technology,—Report and Accounts of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 247] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

15 Senior Salaries,—Sixtieth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries, on Pay for Standing Committee Chairmen in the House of Commons [by Command] [Cm. 6566] [The Prime Minister].

Papers withdrawn:

16 Environmental Protection,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Waste Management Licensing (England and Wales) (Amendment and Related Provisions) (No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1726) [laid 29th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005:
   (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 David Amess, Mr Ian Austin, Gordon Banks, Roger Berry, Mr Paul Burstow, Rosie Cooper, Mr David Drew, Mr Martin Horwood, Gillian Merron, Anne Milton, Dr Andrew Murray, Sandra Osborne, Mike Penning, Mr John Randall, Ms Rosie Winterton and Mr Iain Wright.

2 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2005:
   (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: Ed Balls, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr David Crausby, Bill Etherington, Helen Goodman, Andrew Gwynne, Dr Kim Howells, Ms Anne McIntosh, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr John Maples, Andrew Selous and Sir John Stanley.
3 Draft Age-Related Payments Regulations 2005:
(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 Benyon, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Philip Dunne, Sandra Gidley, Mr John Heppell, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr John Randall, Graham Stringer, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Mark Todd, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Nigel Waterson, Mr David Winnick and Derek Wyatt.

4 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2005:
(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 Henry Bellingham, Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Edward Davey, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr David Evennett, Patrick Hall, Stephen Hesford, Phil Hope, Ms Barbara Keeley, Mr Andrew Love, Ian Lucas, Steve McCabe, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Stephen O’Brien and Mr Rob Wilson.

5 Draft Railways (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) Regulations 2005:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr David S. Borrow, Tom Brake, Mr Michael Clapham, Greg Clark, Jon Cruddas, Philip Davies, Mr Alan Duncan, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr John Grogan, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Dr John Pugh, Mr Frank Roy and Derek Twigg.

6 Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Foster, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Eddie McGrady and Mr Greg Pope from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Dawn Butler, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Dan Norris and Jonathan Shaw.

7 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2005:
(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 Nicholas Brown, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher Fraser, Michael Gove, Mr David Hanson, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Saadiq Khan, Mr David Lidington, Mr Pat McFadden, Judy Mallaber, Mr Eric Martlew, Lembit Öpik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson and Andrew Selous.

8 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Fabricant, Mr Roger Godsiff, Dan Norris and Mr Ian Taylor from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Helen Goodman, Dr Ashok Kumar, Anne Milton and Peter Viggers.

9 Draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Nick Clegg, Harry Cohen, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr John Horam, Kerry McCarthy, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Alan Meale, Albert Owen, Ian Pearson, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Andrew Selous, Paddy Tipping, Mr Charles Walker and Claire Ward.

10 Draft Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Greg Mulholland from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Lorely Burt.

11 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
(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: Richard Burden, Colin Burgon, Mr David Chidland, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Bruce George, Mr David Hanson, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr David Lidington, Lembit Öpik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson, Andrew Selous, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Shailesh Vara.

12 Draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2005, the draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2005, and the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and Revised Funding Code to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Kevin Brennan, James Brokenshire, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Mark Harper, Mr David Heath, Mr Doug Henderson, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mr Kevan Jones, Mark Lazarowicz, Martin Linton, Tony Lloyd, Bridget Prentice and Andrew Stunell.

13 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2005:

(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: Mr Peter Bone, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Michael Fabricant, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Norman Lamb, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr John McFall, Edward Miliband, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Alison Seabeck, Mr Richard Shepherd, Sir Peter Soulsby, Ian Stewart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Richard Younger-Ross.

14 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme Regulations 2005 and the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Internal Review) Regulations 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Danny Alexander, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Curry, Paul Flynn, Justine Greening, Mr John Heppell, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr John Randall, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Stephen Timms, Jon Trickett, Keith Vaz and Mr Nigel Waterson.

15 Draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Vincent Cable, Michael Fabricant, Mr Michael Fallon, Damian Green, Susan Kramer, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Alan Simpson, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Mr Richard Spring, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Ms Emily Thornberry, Joan Walley, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Tom Watson.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Roger Gale, Sandra Gidley, Mr John Heppell, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Boris Johnson, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, David Lepper, Chris McCafferty, Mr Denis MacShane, John Penrose, Mr John Randall, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Nigel Waterson.

17 Draft Pension Protection Fund (Investigation by PPF Ombudsman of Complaints of Maladministration) Regulations 2005, the draft Pension Protection Fund (Reference of Reviewable Matters to the PPF Ombudsman) Regulations 2005, and the draft Pension Protection Fund (PPF Ombudsman) (Amendment) Order 2005:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and 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: Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Roger Gale, Sandra Gidley, Mr John Heppell, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Boris Johnson, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, David Lepper, Chris McCafferty, Mr Denis MacShane, John Penrose, Mr John Randall, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Nigel Waterson.

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Amstrong, Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Colin Breed, Tony Cunningham, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr George Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Kidney, Mr John MacDougall, Rob Marris, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Elliott Morley, Mark Pritchard and Bill Wiggin.

19 Draft Railways Act 1993 (Determination of Turnover) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Tom Brake, Mr Alan Duncan, Jessica Morden, Julie Morgan, Mr George Mudie, Mr Chris Mullin, David Mundell, Dr John Pugh, Mr Nick Raynsford, John Robertson, Mr Frank Roy, Joan Ruddock, Mr Lee Scott, Derek Twigg and Mr David Wilshire.

20 Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Alan Campbell, Chris Grayling, Simon Hughes, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Brooks Newmark, Clare Short, Mr Andrew Smith, Helen Southworth, Sarah Teather, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mrs Betty Williams and Mike Wood.

21 Draft Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Vincent Cable, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, John Healey, Rosemary McKenna, Andrew Miller, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Alan Reid, Mr David Ruffley, Anne Snelgrove, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mark Tami, Peter Viggers, Mr Tom Watson, Mr David Willetts and Mr Alan Williams.

22 Draft Companies Act 1989 (Delegation) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, John Battle, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Michael Fabricant, Barry Gardiner, Meg Hillier, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Norman Lamb, Peter Luff, Mrs Maria Miller, Richard Ottaway, Mr Alan Reid and Ian Stewart.

23 Draft Civil Partnership (Contracted-out Occupational and Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) (Surviving Civil Partners) Order 2005 and the draft Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Danny Alexander, Mr David Anderson, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr David Chaytor, Angela Eagle, Jeff Ennis, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Mike Hall, Mr John Heppell, Mr Douglas Hogg, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, Mr John Randall, Bob Spink and Mr Stephen Timms.

24 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No.2) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Vernon Coaker, Sir Patrick Cormack, Jim Dowd, Clive Efford, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Nia Griffith, Mr David Hanson, Mr David Heath, Alan Keen, Mr David Lidington, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson and Andrew Selous.
ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE

In pursuance of section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 the Speaker has nominated Sir Stuart Bell, Peter Bottomley, Ben Chapman, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr David Drew, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Frank Field, Mr John Gummer, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Simon Hughes, Robert Key, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Desmond Swayne, David Taylor and Steve Webb to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee.

[No. 29; WH, No. 15]

Wednesday 6th July 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Tom Watson);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

[No. 30.]

Thursday 7th July 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Civil Aviation Bill.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Civil Aviation 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 lie upon the Table.

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2005.

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Derek Conway reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

4 Adjournment (Defence in the world).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Kevin Brennan);

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

5 European Standing Committees (Temporary Nomination).—Ordered. That, if any European Union Documents have been referred to a European Standing Committee which has not yet been nominated for the duration of the Parliament under paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), the Committee of Selection may nominate one or more temporary European Standing Committees to consider one or more of the documents instead; and the remaining provisions of the Standing Order (including sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (3)) shall apply.—(Claire Ward.)

6 Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 11th July.

[Adjourned at 6.01 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Council Tax.—Draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2. Agriculture.—Fees for Assessment of Active Substances (Fourth Stage Review) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1811), dated 6th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


4. Education.—Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1718), dated 28th June 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Other Papers:

6. Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Olympic Lotteries (Declaration that London is to host the 2012 Olympic Games) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1830), dated 6th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


8. Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Reports and Accounts of the—
   (i) Army Training and Recruiting Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 215] [Secretary John Reid].
   (ii) Veterinary Laboratories Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 117] [Secretary Margaret Beckett]; and
   (2) Resource Accounts of the Office of Rail Regulation for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 284] [John Healey].

9. Government Resources and Accounts (Northern Ireland).—Financial Auditing and Reporting: 2003–04: General Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland [by Act]; to be printed [No. 96] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10. Health and Safety at Work.—Report and Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 98] [Mr Secretary Blankett].


13. Northern Ireland.—(1) Foreword and Financial Statements of the Youth Council for Northern Ireland for 2003–04; and
   (2) Reports and Accounts of—
   (i) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Northern Ireland for 2004–05;
   (ii) the Laganside Corporation for 2004–05;
   (iii) the Livestock and Meat Commission for 2003–04;
   (iv) the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency for 2004–05;
(v) the Sports Council for Northern Ireland for 2001–02;  
(vi) the Sports Council for Northern Ireland for 2002–03; and  
(vii) the Valuation and Lands Agency for 2004–05; 

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon  
[by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 172, 95, 123, 257, 205, 159, 160 and 111]  
[Mr Secretary Hain].

14 Transport,—Paper, entitled Responses to the Government’s Consultation on the Crossrail  
Bill: Environmental Statement [by Command] [Cm. 6603] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric  
Illsley Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of  
the draft Order.

2 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2005:  
(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the Second  
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.  
(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Miss Anne McIntosh from the Second  
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order)  
and nominated in substitution Mr Keith Simpson.

3 Draft Age-Related Payments Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth  
Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the  
draft Regulations.

4 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2005.—The Speaker  
has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on  
Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Railways (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) Regulations 2005.—The  
Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the Fifth Standing  
Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

6 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Speaker has  
appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated  
Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7 Draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order  
2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Seventh Standing  
Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

8 Draft Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has  
discharged Sandra Osborne, Jim Sheridan and Helen Southworth from the Seventh  
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order)  
and nominated in substitution Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Andrew Miller and Mr Iain  
Wright.

9 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order  
2005.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Eighth Standing  
Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

10 Draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2005, draft Community Legal Service  
(Cost Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 and Revised Funding Code prepared  
by the Legal Services Commission,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope  
Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the  
draft Regulations and Code.

11 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2005.—The  
Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the Tenth Standing Committee on  
Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

12 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme Regulations 2005 and draft Financial Assistance Scheme  
(Internal Review) Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock  
Chairman of the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of  
the draft Regulations.

13 Draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2005.—The  
Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the Twelfth Standing Committee  
on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

15 Draft Pension Protection Fund (Investigation by PPF Ombudsman of Complaints of Maladministration) Regulations 2005, draft Pension Protection Fund (Reference of Reviewable Matters to the PPF Ombudsman) Regulations 2005 and draft Pension Protection Fund (PPF Ombudsman) Amendment Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations and Order.

16 Draft Water Supply Licence (Modification of Standard Conditions) Order 2005 and draft Water Act 2003 (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order and Regulations.

17 Draft Railways Act 1993 (Determination of Turnover) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the Sixteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

18 Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Seventeenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

19 Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Eighteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

20 Draft Companies Act 1989 (Delegation) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Nineteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

21 Draft Civil Partnership (Contracted-out Occupational and Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) (Surviving Civil Partners) Order 2005 and draft Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth Chairman of the Twentieth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

22 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Twenty-First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

[No. 30; WH, No. 16]

Thursday 7th July 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Sustainable Development).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 12th July.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2005.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Forth reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Age-Related Payments Regulations 2005.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2005.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.
   A Clause (NC3) (Consequential amendment: powers of arrest)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
   Another Clause (NC2) (Protection of freedom of expression)—(Mr Dominic Grieve)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
   Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 3, to leave out from the word ‘Act’ to the end of line 7.—(Mr Alistair Carmichael)
   Question put, That the Amendment be made.
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Mark Prisk: 233.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 291.
   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 Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 301.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Prisk, Michael Fabricant: 229.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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 Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 2nd March, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—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 Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—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 Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.
9 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 2005, which was laid before this House on 4th April, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

10 Police,—Ordered, That the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Area) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1537) dated 8th June 2005, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

11 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda); And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 8th July 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 2005),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 8th October 2002, on the Accession of the European Community to the Eurocontrol International Convention Relating to Co-operation for the Safety of Air Navigation of 13th December 1960, as variously amended and as consolidated by the Protocol of 27th June 1997, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6622] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 8th July 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Social Security,—Social Security (Students and Income-related Benefits) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1807), dated 4th July 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 11th July 2005:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

8 Access to Justice,—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Legal Services Complaints Commissioner for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 166] [Bridget Prentice].

9 Coal Industry,—Account of the Coal Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 314] [Clerk of the House].

10 Courts and Legal Services,—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Legal Services Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 165] [Bridget Prentice].

11 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, on Waste Policy and the Landfill Directive [by Command] [Cm. 6618] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of the— (1) Defence Analytical Services Agency; and (2) Pay and Personnel Agency, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 100 and 178] [Secretary John Reid].

13 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of OGC buying solutions for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 288] [Clerk of the House].

14 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Account of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 315] [Clerk of the House].

15 Land Registration,—Report and Accounts of the Land Registry for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 176] [Bridget Prentice].

16 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Returning failed asylum applicants [by Act]; to be printed [No. 76] [Clerk of the House].

17 Northern Ireland,—Reports and Accounts of the— (1) Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland for the six months ended 31st March 2004; (2) Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland for 2004–05; (3) Northern Ireland Health and Social Services Estates Agency for 2004–05; (4) Northern Ireland Tourist Board for 2003–04; and (5) North/South Language Body for 2nd December 1999 to 31st December 2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 208, 258, 161, 296 and 209] [Mr Secretary Hain].

18 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for International Development on the Petition [8th June] from citizens of and visitors to the Bradford-on-Avon area in Wiltshire for action at the G8 summit to change international policy on fair trade, debt and aid to the poorest countries [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

19 School Standards and Framework,—Account of the Hastings and St Leonard’s Education Action Zone, for 1st April to 30th November 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 303] [Clerk of the House].

20 Transport,—Department for Transport Minute, dated 11th July 2005, in respect of certain changes to the contingent liabilities arising from Government support for Network Rail borrowing [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Age-Related Payments Regulations 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gordon Prentice from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Chris Mullin.

2 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Steve McCabe from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Denis Murphy.

3 Draft Railways (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) Regulations 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Duncan from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr John Hayes.

4 Draft Pension Protection Fund (Investigation by PPF Ombudsman of Complaints of Maladministration) Regulations 2005, the draft Pension Protection Fund (Reference of Reviewable Matters to the PPF Ombudsman) Regulations 2005, and the draft Pension Protection Fund (PPF Ombudsman) (Amendment) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Gale from the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Benyon.

5 Draft Railways Act 1993 (Determination of Turnover) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Duncan from the Sixteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Julian Brazier.

6 Draft Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Duncan from the Eighteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution David T. C. Davies.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 6364/05, relating to working conditions on interoperable cross-border rail services:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Nick Clegg, Mr David Clelland, Mr Vernon Coaker, Derek Conway, Mr David Evennett, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr John Grogan, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr John Hayes, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Greg Knight, Judy Mallaber, Derek Twigg and Richard Younger-Ross.

[No. 32.]

Tuesday 12th July 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Identity Cards Bill,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from Standing Committee D, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Identity Cards Bill:

   That the Standing Committee recommends that the Programme Order of 28th June 2005 should be amended by substituting ‘Thursday 21st July’ for ‘Tuesday 19th July’.

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

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Railways (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) Regulations 2005.

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—John Bercow reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2005.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—David Taylor reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2005, the draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2005, and the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Financial Assistance Scheme Regulations 2005, and the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Internal Review) Regulations 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Computer Misuse.—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Computer Misuse Act 1990; and for connected purposes; And that Mr Tom Harris, Mr Ian Austin, Mr John Spellar, Gordon Banks, Michael Gove, Jessica Morden, Ms Emily Thornberry, David Mundell, Derek Wyatt, Charles Hendry, Mr Alan Reid and Michael Fabricant do prepare and bring it in.

10 Computer Misuse Bill.—Mr Tom Harris accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Computer Misuse Act 1990, and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 42].

11 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.

Tax Credits System.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House commends the Parliamentary Ombudsman and the Citizens Advice Bureau on their reports on Tax Credits; notes with concern their conclusions that many thousands of low income families are suffering financial hardship as a result of the serious problems with the administration of tax credits; further notes the huge cost to the taxpayer of these problems; calls on the Government to implement as soon as possible all the Ombudsman’s recommendations to improve the tax credit administration; in particular calls on the Government to adopt the Ombudsman’s recommendation to set up a statutory test for recovery of excess payments of tax credits consistent with the test that is currently applied to social security benefits, with the right of appeal to an independent tribunal and calls on HM Revenue and Customs to suspend all recovery of tax credit overpayments until this reform has been completed; and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to explain the Government’s failure to provide low income families with the service they deserve; and requests that he conduct a fundamental review of the administration of tax credits, as recommended by the Ombudsman—(Mr George Osborne).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘supports the Government’s strategy to make work pay and provide financial support to families through tax credits; welcomes the fact that over 6 million families and 10.5 million children are benefiting from tax credits, with first year take-up of around 80 per cent., compared to just 57 per cent. for the Family Credit system inherited by the Government; recognises that far more families than ever before are benefiting from help with childcare costs; notes that tax credits are central to the Government’s goal of abolishing child poverty; further notes that tax credits have helped ensure there are 1.5 million fewer children in poverty and have helped 275,000 lone parents into work; recognises the need to balance the demands for a simple system with the need for a system that responds to people’s changing circumstances, giving most help to families when they need it most; acknowledges the IT and administrative problems that accompanied the early stages of implementation; and welcomes the measures announced by the Government for improving the administration of the system’, instead thereof.—(Mr Des Browne.)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Peter Atkinson: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Dave Watts: 305.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House supports the Government’s strategy to make work pay and provide financial support to families through tax credits; welcomes the fact that over 6 million families and 10.5 million children are benefiting from tax credits, with first year take-up of around 80 per cent., compared to just 57 per cent. for the Family Credit system inherited by the Government; recognises that far more families than ever before are benefiting from help with childcare costs; notes that tax credits are central to the Government’s goal of abolishing child poverty; further notes that tax credits have helped ensure there are 1.5 million fewer children in poverty and have helped 275,000 lone parents into work; recognises the need to balance the demands for a simple system with the need for a system that responds to people’s changing circumstances, giving most help to those who need it most; acknowledges the IT and administrative problems that accompanied the early stages of implementation, and welcomes the measures announced by the Government for improving the administration of the system.

Implementation of the Licensing Act 2003,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern that with only 25 days to go before the 6th August deadline set in the Licensing Act 2003, only 20 per cent. of licence applications have been received; further notes the chaos that this is creating both for the licensing trade and for local authorities; is concerned by the problems of extra cost that the legislation is creating for village halls, sports clubs and community centres; regrets the effect that this will have upon local communities; condemns the Government for its lack of action in dealing with the problem; and calls upon the Government to extend the deadlines for the receipt of applications and re-examine the impact upon village halls and sports clubs.—(Mrs Theresa May.)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘commends the Government on its effective publicity campaign that has significantly increased the rate of applications to convert existing licences under the Licensing Act 2003 before 6th August; encourages remaining licensees to fulfil their responsibilities and get their applications in before that date; considers that failure to implement the Act without delay would deny local communities increased powers of intervention and improved democratic accountability with regard to licensing and deny the police the expanded powers that are vital to their efforts to tackle alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour; welcomes the powers in the Act to prevent crime and disorder and public nuisance, and protect children from harm; believes that the Act will benefit local communities, local economies and tourism and generate savings for business of almost £2 billion over 10 years; and furthermore, believes that the Act will be successfully implemented by 24th November 2005 and will be welcomed by industry and non-commercial organisations, including village halls and sports clubs, alike’, instead thereof.—(James Purnell.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Henry Bellingham: 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Tony Cunningham: 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):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House commends the Government on its effective publicity campaign that has significantly increased the rate of applications to convert existing licences under the Licensing Act 2003 before 6th August; encourages remaining licensees to fulfil their responsibilities and get their applications in before that date; considers that failure to implement the Act without delay would deny local communities increased powers of intervention and improved democratic accountability with regard to licensing and deny the police the expanded powers that are vital to their efforts to tackle alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour; welcomes the powers in the Act to
prevent crime and disorder and public nuisance, and protect children from harm; believes that the Act will benefit local communities, local economies and tourism and generate savings for business of almost £2 billion over 10 years; and furthermore, believes that the Act will be successfully implemented by 24th November 2005 and will be welcomed by industry and non-commercial organisations, including village halls and sports clubs, alike.

12 Identity Cards Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the Order of 28th June 2005 (Identity Cards Bill (Programme)) shall be amended, in paragraph 2, by substituting ‘Thursday 21st July’ for ‘Tuesday 19th July.’—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

13 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

14 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 Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 26th May, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

15 Fees and Charges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

16 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Prestwick Marine Neighbourhood Watch and others for legislation to enable the installation of closed-circuit television cameras on Prestwick seafront was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Karen Hook for a public inquiry into the lessons to be learnt from the treatment of whistle-blowers at BUPA was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 299], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Local Government,—Transport for London (Waterloo Station) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1866), dated 7th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Broadcasting,—(1) Papers, entitled:
(i) BBC Property: LST partnership arrangements—Ernst and Young review presented to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, May 2005, and a response to the review from the BBC;
(ii) the BBC’s White City development: the second phase of the building project—NAO review presented to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, May 2005, by the Comptroller and Auditor General, and a response to the review from the BBC;
(iii) Credit management operations: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP review presented to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, May 2005, and a response to the review from the BBC; and
(iv) Public service broadcasting: the BBC’s performance measurement framework—NAO review presented to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, May 2005, by the Comptroller and Auditor General, and a response to the review from the BBC; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 2004–05
[by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Competition.—Account of the Competition Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 327] [Clerk of the House].

6 Crown Estate.—(1) Account of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 133]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]
[Clerk of the House].

7 Data Protection.—Report and Accounts of the Information Commissioner’s Office for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 110] [Clerk of the House].

8 Defence.—Government Responses to the—

(1) Second Report from the Defence Committee, Session 2004–05, on the Armed Forces Bill; and

(2) Third Report from the Defence Committee, Session 2004–05, on Duty of Care
[by Command] [Cms. 6619 and 6620] [Secretary John Reid].

9 Enterprise.—Account of the Competition Appeal Tribunal and Competition Service for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 326] [Clerk of the House].

10 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—

(1) Defence Dental Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 238] [Secretary John Reid];

(2) Defence Procurement Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 108] [Secretary John Reid]; and

(3) Employment Tribunals Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 180] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

11 Parliamentary Commissioner.—Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2005–06 on: ‘A Debt of Honour’. The ex gratia scheme for British groups interned by the Japanese during the Second World War [by Act], to be printed [No. 324] [Clerk of the House].

12 Prosecution of Offences.—Report of the Crown Prosecution Service for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 81] [The Solicitor General].

13 Transport.—Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Railways (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David S. Borrow from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Gordon Prentice.

2 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Sadiq Khan from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Liz Blackman.

3 Draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Harry Cohen, Mr Alan Meale, Albert Owen and Gwyn Prosser from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Andrew Gwynne and Mr Jamie Reed.
4 Draft Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dari Taylor from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris.

5 Draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2005, the draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2005, and the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton and Tony Lloyd from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and Revised Funding Code) and nominated in substitution Jessica Morden and Mrs Linda Riordan.

6 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bernard Jenkin and Ian Stewart from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Charles Hendry and Mr Bob Laxton.

7 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme Regulations 2005 and the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Internal Review) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Danny Alexander and Paul Flynn from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Sandra Gidley and Andrew Miller.

8 Draft Companies Act 1989 (Delegation) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Eleanor Laing from the Nineteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr James Arbuthnot.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 6364/05, relating to working conditions on interoperable cross-border rail services.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr John Hayes and Derek Twigg from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments.—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-ii] [Mr Eric Forth].

[No. 32; WH, No. 17]

Tuesday 12th July 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2005.

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


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3 Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hugh Bayley reported from the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pension Protection Fund (Investigation by PPF Ombudsman of Complaints of Maladministration) Regulations 2005, the draft Pension Protection Fund (Reference of Reviewable Matters to the PPF Ombudsman) Regulations 2005, and the draft Pension Protection Fund (PPF Ombudsman) (Amendment) Order 2005.

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 draft Water Supply Licence (Modification of Standard Conditions) Order 2005 and the draft Water Act 2003 (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2005.

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:

Fishery Limits (United Kingdom) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the United Kingdom to withdraw from the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Union; to amend the Fishery Limits Act 1976; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Climate Change Bill.—Mr Michael Meacher, supported by Mr Tim Yeo, Norman Baker, Mr John Gummer, Robert Key, Vera Baird, Joan Ruddock, Emily Thornberry, Tony Lloyd, Andrew George, Mr Martin Horwood and Mr Mike Weir, presented a Bill to combat climate change by setting annual targets for the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions until 2050; to place duties on the Prime Minister regarding the reporting on and achievement of those targets; to specify procedures to be followed if the targets are not met; to specify certain functions of and provide certain powers to Members of Parliament with regard to ensuring carbon dioxide emissions are reduced; to set sectoral reduction targets and targets for energy efficiency, the generation of energy from renewable sources, combined heat and power and microgeneration; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 43].

7 Green Belt Reform.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the Green Belt; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Mark Prisk, Colin Challen, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Selous, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr Mark Lancaster, Anne Main, Philip Davies, Mr James Gray, Mr Stephen O'Brien and Mr Edward Vaizey do prepare and bring it in.

8 Green Belt Reform Bill.—Mr Mark Prisk accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the Green Belt; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 44].

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put—

(a) the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Bob Ainsworth and Rosemary McKenna, other than those listed in paragraph (b) of this Order, not later than four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, and
(b) the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon and Mr Bob Ainsworth relating to Standards and Privileges, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Committee on Standards and Privileges and Standards and Privileges (Nomination) not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion;

such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon.)

10 Administration Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Standing Orders Nos. 139 (Select Committee on Broadcasting) and 142 (Domestic Committees) be repealed and the following be a Standing Order of the House:

‘Administration Committee

(1) There shall be a select committee, to be called the Administration Committee, to consider the services provided for and by the House and to make recommendations thereon to the House of Commons Commission or to the Speaker. Any such recommendation whose implementation would incur additional expenditure charged to the Estimate for House of Commons: Administration shall also be considered by the Finance and Services Committee.

(2) The committee shall make rules and give directions to Officers of the House in respect only of such administrative matters as may from time to time be determined by the Speaker or by the House of Commons Commission.

(3) The committee shall consist of not more than sixteen Members, of whom five shall be a quorum.

(4) The committee shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from time to time;

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

(c) to communicate its evidence to the House of Commons Commission.

(5) The committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees and to refer to such sub-committees any of the matters referred to the committee and to delegate to such sub-committees any of the powers delegated to the committee under paragraph (2) above.

(6) Any such sub-committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, and to adjourn from place to place, to report from time to time the minutes of their proceedings, and shall have a quorum of three.

(7) The committee and any sub-committee appointed by it shall have the assistance of the Officers of the House appropriate to the matters under consideration.

(8) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the Committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament’.—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon).

And it being four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for the Order relating to Business of the House, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]—It was agreed to.

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

11 Finance and Services Committee.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 144 (Finance and Services Committee) be amended

(a) in line 6, by leaving out from the first ‘for’ to ‘for’ in line 7 and inserting ‘House of Commons: Administration’;

(b) in line 10, by leaving out ‘Departments of the House’ and inserting ‘House Administration’; and

(c) by leaving out lines 14 to 16 and inserting ‘the Administration Committee’.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)
12 Term Limits for Chairmen of Select Committees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Standing Order No. 122A (Term limits for chairmen of select committees) shall be amended by leaving out ‘choose’ and inserting ‘have’—(Mr Vernon Coaker).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Alan Campbell: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Mark Harper: 102.
So the Question was agreed to.

13 Select Committees (Size of Committees).—Ordered, That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders—
(a) Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended as follows—
(i) in items 3, 6, 8, 14 and 16 in the Table, by leaving out ‘11’ and inserting ‘14’;
(ii) in item 5 in the Table, by leaving out ‘17’ and inserting ‘14’; and
(iii) in paragraph (3), by leaving out the words from ‘sub-committee’ in line 10 to the end of the paragraph; and
(b) Standing Order No. 141 (Regulatory Reform Committee) be amended by leaving out ‘eighteen’ in paragraph (9) and inserting ‘fourteen’.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

14 Standing Orders (Machinery of Government Changes).—Ordered, That the following amendments be made to the Standing Orders—
(a) Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended, in item 16 in the Table, by leaving out ‘Board of Inland Revenue, Board of Customs & Excise’ and inserting ‘HM Revenue & Customs’; and
(b) Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees) be amended, in the table, by leaving out ‘HM Customs and Excise’ and inserting ‘HM Revenue and Customs’.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

15 Administration.—Ordered, That Mr Bob Ainsworth, Janet Anderson, Derek Conway, Frank Dobson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Frank Doran, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Mark Harper, Helen Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, David Lepper, Peter Luff, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, John Thurso and Pete Wishart be members of the Administration Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Constitutional Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Alan Beith, James Brokenshire, David Howarth, Barbara Keeley, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Jessica Morden, Julie Morgan, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Keith Vaz, Dr Alan Whitehead and Jeremy Wright be members of the Constitutional Affairs Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

17 Culture, Media and Sport.—Ordered, That Janet Anderson, Mr Nigel Evans, Paul Farrelly, Mr Mike Hall, Alan Keen, Rosemary McKenna, Adam Price, Mr Adrian Sanders, Helen Southworth, Mr John Whittingdale and Mr Tim Yeo be members of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 Defence.—Ordered, That Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Colin Breed, Derek Conway, Mr David Crausby, Linda Gilroy, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Kevan Jones, Robert Key, John Smith and Mr Desmond Swayne be members of the Defence Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

19 Education and Skills.—Ordered, That Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr David Chaytor, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Jeff Ennis, Mr David Evennett, Tim Farron, Helen Jones, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Barry Sheerman, Stephen Williams and Mr Rob Wilson be members of the Education and Skills Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

20 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr David Drew, James Duddridge, Patrick Hall, Mr Michael Jack, Lynne Jones, Daniel Kawczynski, David Lepper, Mrs Madelene Moon, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr Dan Rogerson, David Taylor, Sir Peter Soulsby, Mr Shashele Vara and Mr Roger Williams be members of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

21 Foreign Affairs.—Ordered, That Mike Gapes, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr John Horam, Mr Eric Iladalafil, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Andrew Mackay, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr John Maples, Sandra Osborne, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Ken Purchase, Sir John Stanley, Ms Gisela Stuart and Richard Younger-Ross be members of the Foreign Affairs Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
22 Health,—Ordered, That Mr David Amess, Charlotte Atkins, John Austin, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Paul Burstow, Jim Dowd, Anne Milton, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mike Penning, Dr Richard Taylor and Dr Howard Stoate be members of the Health Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

23 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Jeremy Browne, Colin Burgon, Mr James Clappison, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr John Denham, Nick Harvey, Mr Nick Herbert, Mr Shabab Malik, Steve McCabe, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Gary Streeter and Mr David Winnick be members of the Home Affairs Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

24 International Development,—Ordered, That John Barrett, John Battle, Hugh Bayley, John Bercow, Malcolm Bruce, Richard Burden, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Ann McKechin, Joan Ruddle and Mr Marsha Singh be members of the International Development Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

25 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr David Anderson, Gordon Banks, Mr Gregory Campbell, Rosie Cooper, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr John Grogan, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, meg Hillier, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Stephen Pound and Sammy Wilson be members of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

26 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—Ordered, That Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Clive Betto, John Cummings, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Martin Horwood, Mr Mark Lancaster, Anne Main, Mr Bill Oner, Dr John Pagh, Alison Seabeck and Mr Phyllis Starkey be members of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

27 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Angus MacNeil, David Mundell, Mr Mohammed Sarwar, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Ben Wallace and Mr Charles Walker be members of the Scottish Affairs Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

28 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That Roger Berry, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Michael Clapham, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Peter Luff, Judy Mallaber, Rob Marris, Mrs Marzia Miller, Anne Moffat, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Mike Weir and Mr Anthony Wright be members of the Trade and Industry Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

29 Transport,—Ordered, That Mr David Clelland, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Clive Efford, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr John Leech, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Lee Scott, Graham Stringer and Mr David Willsbe be members of the Transport Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

30 Treasury,—Ordered, That Lorely Burt, Jim Cousins, Angela Eagle, Mr Michael Fallon, Damian Green, Ms Sally Keeble, Susan Kramer, Mr Andrew Love, Kerry McCarthy, Mr John McFall, Mr George Mudie, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Mark Todd and Peter Viggers be members of the Treasury Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

31 Work and Pensions,—Ordered, That Miss Anne Begg, Harry Cohen, Mr Philip Dunne, Mrs Natascha Engel, Michael Jabez Foster, Justine Greening, Mrs Joan Humble, Greg Mulholland, John Penrose, Mr Terry Rooney and Jenny Willott be members of the Work and Pensions Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

32 Regulatory Reform,—Ordered, That Gordon Banks, Mr James Gray, Stephen Hammond, John Hemming, Sharon Hodgson, Mr Stewart Jackson, Andrew Miller, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Jamie Reed, Bob Russell, Alison Seabeck, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Ms Angela C. Smith and Mr Anthony Steen be members of the Regulatory Reform Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

33 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr David Anderson, Annette Brooke, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Gauke, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Eric Illsley, Mrs Siân C. James, Mr Greg Knight, Rosemary McKenna, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Rob Wilson and Sir Nicholas Winterton be members of the Procedure Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

34 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Ainsworth, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Martin Caton, Colin Challen, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Lynne Featherstone, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, David Lepper, Mark Pritchard, Emily Thornberry, Dr Desmond Turner, Mrs Theresa Villiers and Joan Walley be members of the Environmental Audit Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
35 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr Richard Bacon, Angela Browning, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Greg Clark, Mr David Currie, Mr Ian Davidson, Helen Goodman, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Edward Leigh, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Jon Trickett, Kitty Ussher, Mr Alan Williams and Stephen Williams be members of the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

36 Public Administration,—Ordered, That Mr David Burrowes, Julia Goldsworthy, Paul Flynn, David Heyes, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Julie Morgan, Mr Gordon Prentice, Grant Shapps, Jenny Willott and Dr Tony Wright be members of the Select Committee on Public Administration.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

37 Human Rights (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Mr Douglas Carswell, Mary Creagh, Mr Andrew Dismore, Dr Evan Harris, Dan Norris and Mr Richard Shepherd be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

38 Human Rights (Joint Committee) (Date and Time of Meeting),—Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights do meet the Committee appointed by the Lords on Tuesday 19th July at Four o’clock in Committee Room 5.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.) Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

39 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Ordered, That a Select Committee of fifteen Members be appointed to consider how the House operates and to make recommendations for modernisation;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House; to adjourn from place to place, to report from time to time and to appoint specialist advisers;

That Liz Blackman, Mr Crispin Blunt, Ms Dawn Butler, Ann Coffey, Mr David Heath, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr George Howarth, Mr Greg Knight, Mark Lazarowicz, Jessica Morden, Mr Richard Shepherd, Andrew Stunell, Mr Edward Vaizey, Lynda Waltho and Sir Nicholas Winterton be members of the Committee,

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of the present Parliament.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

40 Liaison Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) With effect for the current Parliament, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 121 (Nomination of select committees), the Chairman for the time being of each of the Select Committees listed in paragraph (2) below shall be a member of the Liaison Committee;

(2) The Committees to which paragraph (1) above applies are:

Administration
    Constitutional Affairs
    Culture, Media and Sport
    Defence
    Education and Skills
    Environmental Audit
    Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
    European Scrutiny
    Finance and Services
    Foreign Affairs
    Health
    Home Affairs
    Joint Committee on Human Rights (the Chairman being a Member of this House)
    International Development
    Northern Ireland Affairs
    Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions
    Procedure
    Public Accounts
    Public Administration
    Regulatory Reform
    Science and Technology
    Scottish Affairs
    Selection
    Standards and Privileges
Statutory Instruments
Trade and Industry
Transport
Treasury
Welsh Affairs
Work and Pensions;

and

(3) Mr Alan Williams shall also be a Member of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 40, at the end, to add the words 'and

(4) the senior backbench member of the Chairmen’s Panel shall also be a member of the Liaison Committee'.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, John Bercow: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Alan Campbell: 224.

So the Question was negatived.

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

41 Pay for Chairmen of Standing Committees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House—

(1) takes note of the Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries on Pay for Standing Committee Chairmen in the House of Commons presented to Parliament on 6th July (Cm. 6566); and

(2) expresses the opinion that—

(a) with effect from 1st November 2005, the salary of a Member should be higher by the amount specified in sub-paragraph (b) 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 the Member has been nominated by the Speaker to act as a temporary chairman of committees in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) (‘a member of the Panel’), otherwise than to the extent that the provisions of sub-paragraph (d) apply;

(b) for a Member who has served on the Panel for less than one year, the additional amount should be £2,615; for a Member who has served on the Panel for at least one year but less than three years, the additional amount should be £7,340; for a Member who has served on the Panel for at least three years and less than five years, the additional amount should be £9,960; and for a Member who has served on the Panel for at least five years, the additional amount should be £13,107; and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph length of service should include membership of the Panel before 1st November 2005 and should be calculated irrespective of breaks in service;

(c) a period should begin for the purpose of sub-paragraph (a) on the day on which the Member is appointed to the Panel, or on 1st November 2005, whichever is the later; and end on the day on which the Member ceases to be a member of the Panel;

(d) there should be disregarded for the purpose of sub-paragraph (a) any period in respect of which the Member is receiving additional payment as Chairman of a Select Committee;

(e) the provisions of paragraph (2) of the Resolution of the House of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2) should apply, with effect from 1st April 2006, to a salary determined in accordance with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) as they apply in relation to a salary determined in accordance with the provisions of that Resolution; and

(f) the Speaker should have authority to interpret these provisions—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Question, in line 14, to leave out from the word ‘than’ to the second word ‘the’ in line 19 and insert the words ‘two years, the additional amount should be £7,340 and for a Member who has served for more than two years’, instead thereof.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Mark Harper: 85.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 220.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 226.
Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Dennis Skinner: 74.
So the Question was agreed to.

42 Pay for Chairmen of Standing Committees (No. 2).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Pay for Chairmen of Standing Committees (No. 2);

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

(a) with effect from 1st November 2005, the salary of a Member shall be higher by the amount specified in sub-paragraph (b) 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 the Member has been nominated by the Speaker to act as a temporary chairman of committees in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) (‘a member of the Panel’), other than to the extent that the provisions of sub-paragraph (d) apply;

(b) for a Member who has served on the Panel for less than one year, the additional amount shall be £2,615; for a Member who has served on the Panel for at least one year but less than three years, the additional amount shall be £7,340; for a Member who has served on the Panel for at least three years and less than five years, the additional amount shall be £9,960; and for a Member who has served on the Panel for at least five years, the additional amount shall be £13,107; and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph length of service shall include membership of the Panel before 1st November 2005 and shall be calculated irrespective of breaks in service;

(c) a period should begin for the purpose of sub-paragraph (a) on the day on which the Member is appointed to the Panel, or on 1st November 2005, whichever is the later; and end on the day on which the Member ceases to be a member of the Panel;

(d) there shall be disregarded for the purpose of sub-paragraph (a) any period in respect of which the Member is receiving additional payment as Chairman of a Select Committee;

(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 2006, to a salary determined in accordance with sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) 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.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

43 Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House expresses the opinion that, with immediate effect, the Resolution of the House of 30th October 2003 relating to Pay for Chairman of Select Committees (No. 2) should be amended in paragraph (1) by leaving out ‘or the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments’ and inserting ‘the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Administration Committee, the Finance and Services Committee, the Liaison Committee, the Procedure Committee, the Committee of Selection or the Committee on Standards and Privileges’—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 232.
Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Dennis Skinner: 59.
So the Question was agreed to.

44 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);

Resolved, That, with immediate effect, the resolution of the House of 30th October 2003 relating to Pay for Chairman of Select Committees (No. 2) shall be amended in paragraph (1) by leaving out ‘or the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments’ and inserting ‘the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Administration Committee, the Finance and Services Committee, the Liaison Committee, the Procedure Committee, the Committee of Selection or the Committee on Standards and Privileges’—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

45 Chairmen’s Panel.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) be amended by leaving out the words ‘, for every session,’ in line 1.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)
46 Joint Activities with the National Assembly for Wales.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 137A (Select Committees: power to work with other committees) be amended, in line 23, at the end, by adding the words—

'(3) The Welsh Affairs Committee may invite members of any specified committee of the National Assembly for Wales to attend and participate in its proceedings (but not to vote).'—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

47 Standards and Privileges.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Fourth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges, Session 2004–05 (House of Commons Paper No. 472), and approves the revised Code of Conduct set out in the Annex to the Report.—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon.)

Code of Conduct and Guide to the Rules to be printed [No. 351].

48 Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 150 (Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards) be amended by leaving out paragraph (3) and inserting the following—

'(3) No report shall be made by the Commissioner:
(a) in any case where the Member concerned has agreed that he has failed to register or declare an interest, if 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; and
(b) in any case involving parliamentary allowances, or the use of facilities or services, if the Commissioner has with the agreement of the Member concerned referred the matter to the relevant Officer of the House for the purpose of securing appropriate financial reimbursement, and the Member has made such reimbursement within such period of time as the Commissioner considers reasonable.'—(Tony Cunningham.)

49 Committee on Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 149 (Committee on Standards and Privileges) be amended as follows—

(a) by leaving out ‘eleven’ in line 24 and inserting ‘ten’; and
(b) by leaving out from ‘committee;’ in line 33 to the end of line 35.—(Tony Cunningham.)

50 Standards and Privileges (Nomination).—Ordered, That Mr Kevin Barron, Angela Browning, Ben Chapman, Mr Andrew Dismore, Nick Harvey, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Andrew Mackay, Dr Alan Whitehead and Sir George Young be members of the Committee on Standards and Privileges.—(Tony Cunningham.)

51 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the Exmouth Citizen Forum and its supporters against building on the Exmouth waterfront and along the Exmouth estuary was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

53 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.09 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Pensions.—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1903), dated 8th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Road Traffic.—Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1904), dated 9th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Water.—Drought Plan Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1905), dated 10th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Other Papers:

5 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 118] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of—
   (1) Hybu Cig Cymru for 2004–05; and
   (2) the Meat and Livestock Commission for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 61-II and -I] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Amendment List 16 to The Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration, Air Publication 1269 (Eighth Edition); and
   (2) Amendment List 28 to The Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness, Air Publication 1269A (Third Edition) [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

8 Broadcasting,—(1) Report; and
   (2) Statement of Accounts of S4C for 2004 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


10 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 13th July 2005, concerning the gifting of equipment to the Palestinian Authority [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Valuation Office Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 306] [Dawn Primarolo]; and
   (2) Review and Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 158] [John Healey].

12 Health,—Government Response to the First Report of the Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Health Bill, Session 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6624] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

13 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2003–04 [by Command] [Cm. 6578] [John Healey].

14 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
   (1) South East Sheffield Education Action Zone; and
   (2) Westminster Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 16th April 2005, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 338 and 339] [Clerk of the House].

15 Science and Technology,—Report and Accounts of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 119] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

16 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Certification Officer for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) (No. 2) Order 2005:
   (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: Andy Burnham, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr James Clappison, James Duddridge, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Mark Prisk, Joan Ryan, Geraldine Smith, Mr John Spellar, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Gary Streeter.
Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers and the draft Code of Practice on Access and Unfair Practices during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots:

1. The Speaker has allocated the 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 Peter Bone, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Michael Fabricant, Mr Roger Godsiff, Charles Hendry, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Norman Lamb, Peter Luff, Steve McCabe, Mr Andrew Pelling, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Alan Reid, Helen Southworth, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

Draft Code of Practice on Access and Unfair Practices during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots:

3. The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
4. the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Vincent Cable, Michael Fabricant, Mark Fisher, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Robert Key, Susan Kramer, Tony Lloyd, John Mann, Albert Owen, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Lee Scott, John Smith, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr Tom Watson.


5. The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
6. the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Stuart Bell, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Brian Binley, Kevin Brennan, Chris Bryant, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr John Grogan, Mr David Heath, Rob Marris, Bridget Prentice, Mr Dennis Skinner, Bob Spink, Andrew Stunell, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Jeremy Wright.

Draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund (Amendment) Order 2005:

7. The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
8. the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Colin Challen, Jim Dobbin, Mr Frank Doran, Mr Philip Dunne, Paul Farrelly, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Greg Hands, David Heyes, Jane Kennedy, Gillian Merron, Anne Milton, Chris Mole, Dr Andrew Marrison, Mr John Randall, Steve Webb and Mr Iain Wright.

Draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mark Tami.

Draft Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005, and the draft Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Howard Stoate from the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Sandra Osborne.

Draft Pension Protection Fund (Investigation by PPF Ombudsman of Complaints of Maladministration) Regulations 2005, the draft Pension Protection Fund (Reference of Reviewable Matters to the PPF Ombudsman) Regulations 2005, and the draft Pension Protection Fund (PPF Ombudsman) (Amendment) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer and Mr Denis MacShane from the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order) and nominated in substitution Harry Cohen and Sir Peter Soulsby.

Draft Water Supply Licence (Modification of Standard Conditions) Order 2005 and the draft Water Act 2003 (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Kidney and Rob Marris from the Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David Chaytor, Andrew Gwynne and Mr Mark Hendrick.
10 Draft Railways Act 1993 (Determination of Turnover) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Nick Raynsford and John Robertson from the Sixteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Eric Joyce, Mr Denis MacShane and Sandra Osborne.

11 Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Helen Southworth, Mrs Betty Williams and Mike Wood from the Seventeenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Kevan Jones, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Iain Wright.

12 Draft Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Miller, Mr Denis Murphy and Mr Alan Williams from the Eighteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin, Mr Robert Flello and Paul Flynn.

European Standing Committees

13 European Union Document No. 7455/05 relating to EU Contribution to the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Tony Baldry, Ben Chapman, Andrew George, Mr Neil Gerrard, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Tom Levitt, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr John Randall, Mark Simmonds and Richard Younger-Ross.

14 European Union Document No. 6364/05 relating to working conditions on interoperable cross-border rail services,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Greg Knight from the European Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr John Hayes.

15 European Union Document No. 9758/05, relating to a European Information Society for growth and employment, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

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. 34-ii];

(2) Third Report from the Committee [The European Commission’s Annual Policy Strategy for 2006]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-iii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

[No. 33; WH, No. 18]

Wednesday 13th July 2005

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]
Thursday 14th July 2005.

PRAYERS.

1 Sixteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Sixteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Railways Act 1993 (Determination of Turnover) Order 2005.

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

2 Seventeenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Seventeenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2005.

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

3 Eighteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Eighteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005.

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

4 Nineteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Nineteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Companies Act 1989 (Delegation) Order 2005.

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

5 Twentieth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Forth reported from the Twentieth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Civil Partnership (Contracted-out Occupational and Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) (Surviving Civil Partners) Order 2005 and the draft Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005.

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

6 Twenty-first Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Twenty-first Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2005.

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

7 European Standing Committee.—Frank Cook reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6364/05, draft Directive on the agreement between the Community of European Railways (CER) and the European Transport Workers’ Federation (ETF) on certain aspects of the working conditions of mobile workers assigned to interoperable cross-border services; recognises the importance of the social dialogue process; acknowledges the Government’s efforts to secure the application of Better Regulation principles to this proposal; and welcomes the European Commission’s declarations on Article 3 of the Directive and on monitoring of the development of the rail sector.

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

8 House observes a period of silence.—At Twelve o’clock the House observed two minutes’ silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the London bombings on 7th July.

9 London Olympics Bill.—Secretary Tessa Jowell, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson and Mr Richard Caborn, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games that are to take place in London in the year 2012; to amend the Olympic Symbol etc. (Protection) Act 1995; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 18th July and to be printed [Bill 45].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the London Olympics Bill be printed [Bill 45–EN].
10 Consumer Credit Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Consumer Credit Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Data sharing)—(Norman Lamb)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Bob Russell: 106.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Frank Roy: 234.

Another Clause (NC2) (Access to information)—(Charles Hendry)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC3) (OFT’s general duties)—(Charles Hendry)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) In making a determination under this section, a court shall have regard to guidance published periodically by the OFT.

(2B) Guidance produced by the OFT under subsection (2A) shall be approved by the Secretary of State before publication.’—(Charles Hendry.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 41, line 19, to leave out the words ‘includes a reference to’ and insert the word ‘means’, instead thereof.—(Mr Alan Reid.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

11 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.

12 Criminal Law (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 Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, dated 28th June 2005, which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.

13 Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Railways (Convention on International Carriage by Rail) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.

14 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.

15 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.

16 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Assistance Scheme Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.
17 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Internal Review) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

18 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 Age-Related Payments Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

19 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 2005, which was laid before this House on 18th May, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

20 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 18th July, the Speaker shall put forthwith the Questions on any Motion relating to committal of the Crossrail Bill and on any instruction to the Committee on the Bill.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

21 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 20th July, 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 the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Prescott relating to the Council Tax not later than three hours after their commencement; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

22 Sittings in Westminster Hall.—Ordered, That, on Thursday 21st July, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

23 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That Mr Crispin Blunt be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Chris Grayling be added.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

24 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 18th July.

[Adjourned at 4.52 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1916), dated 7th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Road Traffic.—Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1902), dated 6th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

3 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for 2003-04 [by Act][Secretary Alan Johnson].


5 Development of Tourism.—Report and Accounts of VisitBritain for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 312][Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Exchequer and Audit Departments.—Report and Accounts of ADAS for 1996-97, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 192][Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Gaming.—Report and Accounts of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 227][Secretary Tessa Jowell].
8 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Hearing Aid Council; and 
   (ii) Oil and Pipelines Agency

   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [Nos. 349 and 350] [Clerk of the House]; and

   (2) Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency, with the Report of the
       Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 223]
       [Secretary John Reid];
   (ii) Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science Agency, with the
       Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
       [No. 47] [Secretary Margaret Beckett];
   (iii) Defence Estates Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
       General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 255] [Secretary John Reid];
   (iv) Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency, with the Report of the
       Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 271]
       [Secretary John Reid];
   (v) Planning Inspectorate, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
       General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 102] [Mr Secretary Prescott];
   (vi) Valuation Tribunal Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
       General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 246] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (vii) Veterinary Medicines Directorate, with the Report of the Comptroller and
       Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 196] [Secretary Margaret
       Beckett].

9 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Defence Aviation Repair Agency
   for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [No. 304] [Clerk of the House].

10 Immigration and Asylum.—Report and Accounts of the Office of the Immigration Services
    Commissioner for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General
    thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 219] [Clerk of the House].

11 Life Sentences (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Life Sentence Review Commissioners for
    2004–05 [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [No. 113] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 National Heritage.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for 2004–05,
    with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
    [No. 62] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Statistics.—(1) Report of National Statistics for 2004–05; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Statistics Commission for 2004–05, with the Report
       of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cms. 6632 and
       6570] [John Healey].

14 Northern Ireland.—(1) Reports and Accounts of—
   (i) Business Development Service for 2004–05;
   (ii) Driver and Vehicle Testing Agency for 2004–05;
   (iii) General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland for 2004–05;
   (iv) Forest Service for 2004–05;
   (v) Invest Northern Ireland for 2003–04;
   (vi) Land Registers of Northern Ireland for 2004–05;
   (vii) Northern Ireland Child Support Agency for 2004–05;
   (viii) Northern Ireland Housing Executive for 2004–05;
   (ix) Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland for 2004–05;
   (x) Public Record Office for Northern Ireland for 2004–05;
   (xi) Rivers Agency for 2004–05;
   (xii) The Planning Service for 2004–05; and
   (xiii) Water Service for 2004–05; and

   (2) Report and Financial Statements of Rate Collection Agency for 2004–05,
       with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon
       [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [Nos. 259, 233, 252, 280, 282, 204, 281, 222,
       162, 266, 328, 260, 120 and 116] [Mr Secretary Hain].
15 Northern Ireland (Sentences).—Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 112] [Mr Secretary Hain].

16 Pensions.—Report and Accounts of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 182] [Clerk of the House].


18 Postal Services.—Report of the Postal Services Commission for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

19 Science and Technology.—Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (1) Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 128] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Economic and Social Research Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 92] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

20 Social Security Administration.—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 reviewing the prescription of the asbestos-related diseases [by Command] [Cm. 6553] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) (No. 2) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2 Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers and draft Code of Practice on Access and Unfair Practises during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Codes of Practice.

3 Value Added Tax (Disclosure of Avoidance Schemes) (Designations) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1724).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order 2005.


5 Draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Companies Act 1989 (Delegation) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Battle, Mr Ronnie Campbell and Ian Stewart from the Nineteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Ann Cryer, Chris Mole and Mr Siôn Simon.

7 Draft Civil Partnership (Contracted-out Occupational and Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) (Surviving Civil Partners) Order 2005 and the draft Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor and Mr John Heppell from the Twentieth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Cawsey and Helen Southworth.

8 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts, Mr Vernon Coaker, Clive Efford and Mr Eric Forth from the Twenty-first Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Gillian Merron and Mr Anthony Wright.

European Standing Committees

9 The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 7453/05 relating to EU Contribution to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
10 European Union Document No. 6364/05 relating to Working Conditions on Interoperable Cross-Border Rail Services.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Jabez Foster and Fabian Hamilton from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Hendrick and Dr Desmond Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—First Special Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Maritime Heritage and Historic Ships: replies to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2004–05], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 358] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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3 Treasury.—(1) First Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05 on Cash Machine Charges]; to be printed [No. 359]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05 on Excise Duty Fraud]; to be printed [No. 360] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 34, WH, No. 19]

Thursday 14th July 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Elite sports).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

Adjournment (Tributes on the death of the Right Honourable Sir Edward Richard George Heath, K.G., M.B.E.),—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 15th July 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister,—Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2004–05, on Ward Boundaries [Cm. 6634] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 15th July 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (Fees) Rules Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1872), dated 29th June 2005 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 18th July 2005:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1919), dated 13th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Chemical Weapons,—Report for 2004 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Education and Skills,—Paper, entitled Youth Matters [by Command] [Cm. 6629] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

6 Environmental Protection,—Report and Accounts of English Nature for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 251] [Clerk of the House].

7 Further and Higher Education,—Account of the Higher Education Funding Council for England for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 385] [Clerk of the House].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Accounts for 2004–05 of the—

(i) Royal Naval Museum; and

(ii) Royal Marines Museum,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 378 and 377] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—

(i) Service Children’s Education Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 275] [Secretary John Reid];

(ii) United Kingdom Debt Management Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 322] [John Healey];

(iii) United Kingdom Passport Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 308] [Mr Secretary Clarke]; and

(iv) Veterans Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 99] [Secretary John Reid]; and
(3) Report and Resource Accounts for 2004–05 of the National Archives, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, together with the second Report of the Advisory Council on National Records and Archives, [by Act]; to be printed [No. 317] [John Healey].

9 Government Trading Funds.—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (i) Central Office of Information;
   (ii) Driving Standards Agency;
   (iii) Fire Service College;
   (iv) Patent Office; and
   (v) Royal Mint
for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 329, 134, 156, 294 and 242] [Clerk of the House].

10 Health.—Report of the Kerr/Haslam Inquiry [by Command] [Cm. 6640-I and -II] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Health and Social Care.—(1) Account of the Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 373] [Clerk of the House];
   (2) Reports for 2004–05 of—
      (i) The Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection (the Healthcare Commission) [by Act] [Clerk of the House], and
      (ii) Monitor: Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 195] [Clerk of the House];
   (3) Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of—
      (i) Barnsley;
      (ii) Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals;
      (iii) Cambridge University Hospitals;
      (iv) City Hospital Sunderland;
      (v) Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals;
      (vi) Gloucestershire;
      (vi) Guy’s and St Thomas’;
      (vii) Harrogate and District;
      (ix) Moorfields Eye Hospital;
      (xi) Peterborough and Stamford;
      (x) Royal Devon and Exeter;
      (xii) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals;
      (xii) Stockport;
      (xiv) South Tyneside;
      (xv) University College London; and
      (xvi) University Hospital Birmingham
NHS Foundation Trusts [by Act] [Clerk of the House];
   (4) Report, Accounts and Financial Returns of the Countess of Chester Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust for 2004–05 [by Act] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (5) Report and Accounts of the Chesterfield Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

12 Home Office.—Home Office Minute, dated 18th July 2005, concerning a gift to support the victims of the London bombings and their families [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

13 Housing.—Report and Accounts of Stonebridge Housing Action Trust for 2004–05 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

14 Local Government Finance.—Account of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 375] [Clerk of the House].

15 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Progress on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link; and
   (2) Maintaining and improving Britain’s railway stations
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 77 and 132] [Clerk of the House].
16 National Heritage.—Report and Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 279] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

17 National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of the Heritage Lottery Fund and National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 278] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

18 Northern Ireland.—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Environment and Heritage Service; and

(2) Roads Service

for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 197 and 295] [Mr Secretary Hain].

19 Pensions.—Report and Accounts of the Pensions Compensation Board for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 262] [Clerk of the House].

20 Prisons.—Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6612] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

21 Public Administration.—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 2004–05, on Choice, Voice and Public Services [by Command] [Cm. 6630] [Mr John Hutton].

22 Public Lending Right.—Report and Account on the Public Lending Right Scheme for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 199] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

23 Science and Technology.—Account of the Research Councils’ Pension Scheme for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 376] [Clerk of the House].


25 Wildlife and Countryside.—Report and Account of the Countryside Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 374] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) (No. 2) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Sadiq Khan and Dr Howard Stoate from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey and Siobhain McDonagh.

2 Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers and the draft Code of Practice on Access and Unfair Practices during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Roger Godsiff, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Steve McCabe and Gwyn Prosser from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Codes) and nominated in substitution Ms Celia Barlow, Erac Joyce, Kerry McCarthy, Andrew Miller and Chris Mole.

3 Value Added Tax (Disclosure of Avoidance Schemes) (Designations) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1724).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Albert Owen and John Smith from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Madeleine Moon and Lynda Waltho.

4 Draft Civil Procedure (Modification of Crown Proceedings Act 1947) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Stuart Bell and Mr Robert N. Werring from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle and Barbara Keeley.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—First Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government’s responses to the Committee’s Second Report, Education Outside the Classroom, Sixth Report, Teaching Children to Read, and Eighth Report, National Skills Strategy: 14–19 Education, of Session 2004–05], to be printed [No. 406] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Select Committee (Choice of Chairmen).—Mr Barry Sheerman reported from the Education and Skills Committee, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) the Speaker has:

(1) nominated Mr Martyn Jones and Mr Eric Martlew to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel for the current Parliament; and

(2) reappointed all the members of the Chairmen’s Panel nominated for the current Session to be members for the current Parliament.

[No. 36.]

Tuesday 19th July 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred after the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with:

HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill.

Bill committed.

2 Crossrail Bill.—Ordered, That S.O. 209(1) of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business (time for delivering notices, etc.) shall have effect in relation to the deposit of Petitions in connection with the Crossrail Bill on or before 16th September 2005 as if on a day on which the House does not sit deposit were required to be made between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) (No. 2) Order 2005. 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 Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers and the draft Code of Practice on Access and Unfair Practices during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Forth reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Value Added Tax (Disclosure of Avoidance Schemes) (Designations) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1724). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Civil Procedure (Modification of Crown Proceedings Act 1947) Order 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund (Amendment) Order 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
8 European Standing Committee,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 7455/05, Commission Staff Working Document on Principles for an European Union Contribution to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) with a view to the 2006/2007 Replenishment Process; welcomes the European Union update; considers this an important area for reducing poverty, and encourages the European Union and Commission to do more to maintain their strong support for tackling the three diseases, in particular through the current high level of funding for the Global Fund.

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords communicate that they concur with this House in its message of 13th July concerning a Joint Committee on Human Rights and have ordered that a Select Committee of six Lords be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by this House 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 the Committee appointed by the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman;

That the quorum of the Committee shall be two;

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

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

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the minutes of evidence taken before the Human Rights Committee in the last Parliament be referred to the Committee;

That the minutes of evidence taken before the Committee from time to time shall, if the Committee think fit, be printed; and

That the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons at Four o’clock this day in Committee Room 5.

10 New Member sworn,—Mark James Hunter, Member for Cheadle, was sworn.
11 Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill,—Mr William Cash, supported by Mr Austin Mitchell, Nick Harvey, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Edward Leigh, Michael Gove and Philip Davies, presented a Bill to provide that a specified Community instrument relating to food supplements shall not have effect in the United Kingdom notwithstanding the provisions of the European Communities Act 1972; to revoke secondary legislation giving effect in the United Kingdom to that instrument; to amend the Food Safety Act 1990 in relation to food supplements; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th October and to be printed [Bill 46].

12 Local Government and Planning (Parkland and Windfall Development).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose conditions on the sale of parkland by local authorities; to make provision about the circumstances in which a planning application may be rejected by a local authority and about rights of appeal in such circumstances; to prohibit repeated planning applications in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And that Lorely Burt, John Barrett, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Nick Clegg, Tim Farron, Sandra Gidley, Mark Hunter, Mark Williams and Stephen Williams do prepare and bring it in.

13 Local Government and Planning (Parkland and Windfall Development) Bill,—Lorely Burt accordingly presented a Bill to impose conditions on the sale of parkland by local authorities; to make provision about the circumstances in which a planning application may be rejected by a local authority and about rights of appeal in such circumstances; to prohibit repeated planning applications in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 47].

14 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put forthwith the Questions on any Motion relating to committal of the Crossrail Bill and on any instruction to the Committee on the Bill, and the Questions may be decided after the moment of interruption.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

15 Crossrail Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crossrail 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 Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 394.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Mark Lancaster: 24.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

16 Crossrail Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Crossrail 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 Crossrail 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, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)—It was agreed to.

17 Crossrail Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Crossrail Bill, it is expedient to authorise the making of provision about income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, stamp duty, stamp duty land tax and stamp duty reserve tax—(Mr Vernon Coaker):—It was agreed to.

18 Crossrail Bill [Select Committee].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of ten Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

That there shall stand referred to the Select Committee—

(a) any Petition against the Bill presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than 16th September 2005, and
(b) any Petition which has been presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the Select Committee, being a Petition in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents.

That, notwithstanding the practice of the House that appearances on Petitions against an opposed Private Bill be required to be entered at the first meeting of the Select Committee on the Bill, in the case of any such Petitions as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above on which appearances are not entered at that meeting, the Select Committee shall appoint a later day on which it will require appearances on those Petitions to be entered.

That any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Select Committee shall, subject to the Rules and Orders of the House and to the Prayer of his Petition, be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents upon his Petition provided that it is prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents in favour of the Bill against that Petition.

That the Select Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place and to report from day to day the Minutes of Evidence taken before it.

That three be the Quorum of the Select Committee—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

19 Crossrail Bill [Instruction].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee to which the Crossrail Bill is committed—

(a) that the Select Committee, without comment, report to the House for its consideration any issue relating to the environmental impact of the railway transport system for which the Bill provides that is raised in a Petition against the Bill, but which the Select Committee is prevented from considering by the practice of the House, and

(b) that, in applying the practice of the House, the Select Committee treat the principle of the Bill as including—

(i) the termini of the railway transport system for which the Bill provides, and

(ii) the provision of intermediate stations at Paddington, Bond Street, Tottenham Court Road, Farringdon, Liverpool Street, Whitechapel, the Isle of Dogs and Custom House—(Mr Vernon Coaker).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Ian Cawsey: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Selous, Mr Henry Bellingham: 114.

So the Question was agreed to.

20 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 20th July, proceedings on the Motion for the adjournment of the House relating to matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment may continue for two hours, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of, and proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

21 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

22 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Companies Act 1989 (Delegation) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

23 Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Railways Act 1993 (Determination of Turnover) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

24 Civil Contingencies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 14th June 2005, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.
25 Civil Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Partnership (Contracted-out Occupational and Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) (Surviving Civil Partners) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

26 Civil Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

27 Civil Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

28 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 Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

29 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 Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

30 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 Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

31 Income Tax.—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 (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

32 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pension Protection Fund (Reference of Reviewable Matters to the PPF Ombudsman) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

33 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pension Protection Fund (PPF Ombudsman) Amendment Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

34 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pension Protection Fund (Investigation by PPF Ombudsman of Complaints of Maladministration) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 8th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

35 Water Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Water Act 2003 (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 8th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

36 Water Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Water Act 2003 (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 8th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

37 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.
38 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

39 Access to Justice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

40 Working Conditions on Interoperable Cross-Border Rail Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 6364/05, draft Directive on the agreement between the Community of European Railways (CER) and the European Transport Workers’ Federation (ETF) on certain aspects of the working conditions of mobile workers assigned to interoperable cross-border services; recognises the importance of the social dialogue process; acknowledges the Government’s efforts to secure the application of Better Regulation principles to this proposal; and welcomes the European Commission’s declarations on Article 3 of the Directive and on monitoring of the development of the rail sector—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

41 Finance and Services.—Ordered, That Charlotte Atkins, Sir Stuart Bell, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Frank Doran, Mr Thomas Mcavoy, Mr John Randall, Andrew Stunell and Mr Dave Watts be members of the Finance and Services Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

42 Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Stephen Crabb, David T. C. Davies, Dr Hywel Francis, Nia Griffith, Mrs Suän C. James, Mr David Jones, Mr Martyn Jones, Mrs Madelene Moon, Mrs Betty Williams and Mark Williams be members of the Welsh Affairs Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

43 Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Adam Afriyie, Mr Robert Fliblo, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Brian Iddon, Margaret Moran, Mr Brooks Newmark, Anne Snelgrove, Bob Spink, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Phil Willis be members of the Science and Technology Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

44 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Castle Point Triangle Club for blind and partially sighted people and others for the continued availability of Swans Green Hall and other community halls in Castle Point; and

(2) people of Prestatyn and Meliden and others for the reopening of Ffrith Festival Gardens

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

45 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

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 Negative Resolution:


3 Police,—Police Service of Northern Ireland (Complaints etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 341), dated 18th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


5 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1975), dated 15th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

6 Administration of Justice,—Accounts of the Funds in Court England and Wales for—
   (1) 1st March 1998–28th February 1999;
   (2) 1st March 1999–29th February 2000;
   (3) 1st March 2000–28th February 2001;
   (4) 1st March 2001–28th February 2002;
   (5) 1st March 2002–28th February 2003; and
   (6) 1st March 2003–29th February 2004,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 379, 380, 381, 382, 383 and 384] [Clerk of the House].

7 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Departmental Responses to Recommendations in NIAO Reports [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 206] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Coal Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; with the Environmental Review and Health and Safety Report, for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

9 Communications,—(1) Account of the Office of Communications Licence Fees and Penalties for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 387] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Office of Communications for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 188] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

10 Constitutional Affairs,—Paper, entitled Disclosure of Information in Family Proceedings Cases Involving Children: Response to the public consultation [by Command] [Cm. 6623] [Ms Harriet Harman].

11 Criminal Justice,—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 5th April 2004 to 4th April 2005 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 287] [The Solicitor General].

12 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Government Responses to the—
   (i) Fifth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2004–05, on Theatre; and
   (ii) Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on the Market for Art
       [by Command] [Cms. 6644 and 6643] [Secretary Tessa Jowell]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

13 Disability Rights Commission,—Report and Accounts of the Disability Rights Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 253] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

14 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Report and Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for 2004–05 [by Act] [Mr John Healey].

15 Education,—Report and Accounts of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

16 Employment Relations,—Report of the Central Arbitration Committee for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

17 Enterprise,—Report and Accounts of the Competition Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 320] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
18 Environmental Protection.—Report and Accounts of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

19 European Communities.—Report by the Department of Trade and Industry on Miscellaneous Duty Reliefs for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 331] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


21 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Defence Medical Education and Training Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 122] [Secretary John Reid];
   (ii) Defence Storage and Distribution Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 106] [Secretary John Reid];
   (iii) Defence Vetting Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 127] [Secretary John Reid];
   (iv) Government Car and Despatch Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 292] [Mr John Hutton];
   (v) Highways Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 307] [Mr Secretary Darling];
   (vi) HM Prison Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 193] [Mr Secretary Clarke];
   (vii) Meat Hygiene Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 191] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
   (viii) Medical Supplies Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 216] [Secretary John Reid];
   (ix) Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 157] [Secretary John Reid];
   (x) National Weights and Measures Laboratory, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 254] [Secretary Alan Johnson];
   (xi) Pesticides Safety Directorate, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 114] [Secretary Margaret Beckett]; and
   (xii) Rural Payments Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 353, 173, 313 and 183] [John Healey].

   (2) Resource Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation;
   (ii) Crown Prosecution Service;
   (iii) Office of Water Services; and
   (iv) Serious Fraud Office,

   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 353, 173, 313 and 183] [John Healey].

22 Government Trading Funds.—Reports and Accounts of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 239] [Clerk of the House].

23 Health and Social Care.—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of—
   (i) Bradford Teaching Hospitals;
   (ii) Gateshead Health;
   (iii) Homerton; and
   (iv) The Royal Marsden

   NHS Foundation Trusts [by Act] [Clerk of the House]; and

   (i) Derby Hospitals;
   (ii) Papworth; and
   (iii) Queen Victoria Hospital

   NHS Foundation Trusts [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

24 Hong Kong.—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong: January–June 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6642] [Mr Secretary Straw].
25 Housing,—Report of Liverpool Housing Action Trust for 2004–05 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

26 Ireland (No. 1, 2005),—Convention on Social Security, done at Dublin on 14th December 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6633] [Mr Secretary Straw].

27 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 2004 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

28 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts of the Natural History Museum for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 340] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

29 National Health Service,—(1) Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
     (i) Dental Practice Board;
     (ii) Health Development Agency;
     (iii) Mental Health Act Commission;
     (iv) National Blood Authority;
     (v) National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Special Health Authority);
     (vi) NHS Counter Fraud and Security Management Service;
     (vii) NHS Logistics Authority;
     (viii) NHSUS Special Health Authority; and
     (ix) UK Transplant Special Health Authority,
     with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 136, 139, 141, 142, 144, 135, 150, 153 and 155] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and
     (2) Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
     (i) Dental Vocational Training Authority;
     (ii) Family Health Services Appeal Authority (Special Health Authority);
     (iii) Health Protection Agency;
     (iv) National Clinical Assessment Authority;
     (v) National Patient Safety Agency;
     (vi) NHS Information Authority; and
     (vii) Prescription Pricing Authority,
     with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 137, 138, 140, 143, 145, 148 and 154] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

30 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
     (1) United Kingdom Sports Council Lottery Distribution Fund; and
     (2) National Lottery Commission,
     with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 330 and 198] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

31 Police,—(1) Code of Practice on the Management of Police Information [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke]; and
     (2) Report and Accounts of the Police Information Technology Organisation for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 261] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

32 Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 240] [Mr Secretary Hain].

33 Radiological Protection,—Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 386] [Clerk of the House].

34 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Forestry) Order 2006, with a Statement by the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

35 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
     (1) Bristol Education Action Zone, for 1st April 2004 to 16th April 2005;
     (2) Great Yarmouth Education Action Zone, for 1st April 2004 to 16th April 2005;
     (3) Plymouth Education Action Zone, for 1st April to 31st December 2003;
(4) Slough Education Action Zone, for 1st April to 30th November 2004; and
(5) South East England Virtual Education Action Zone, for 1st April 2004 to 2nd
April 2005,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[Nos. 402, 400, 404, 403 and 401] [Clerk of the House].

36 Science and Technology.—Report and Accounts for 2004-05 of the—
(1) Medical Research Council; and
(2) Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[Nos. 316 and 179] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

37 Teaching and Higher Education.—Report and Financial Statements of the General Teaching
General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 289] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

38 United States (No. 1, 2005),—Agreement, done at Washington on 3rd April 2002, between
the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
including the Government of the British Virgin Islands, and the Government of the
United States of America, for the Exchange of Information relating to Taxes, with an
Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6627] [Mr Secretary Straw].

39 United States (No. 2, 2005),—Agreement, done at Washington on 27th November 2001,
between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
including the Government of the Cayman Islands, and the Government of the United
States of America, for the Exchange of Information relating to Taxes, with an
Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6628] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund (Amendment)
Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Farrelley, David Hayes
and Chris Mole from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation
(nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ronnie
Campbell, Steve McCabe and Albert Owen.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 7455/05 relating to EU Contribution to the Global Fund to
Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,—The Committee of Selection has
discharged Dr Nick Palmer from the European Standing Committee (nominated in
respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Jonathan Shaw.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 European Scrutiny.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee
[Priorities for the UK’s European Union Presidency]; to be printed [No. 426-i] [Mr
Jimmy Hood].

2 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International
Development Committee, together with Appendices [Making poverty history? The
promises of Gleneagles]; to be printed [No. 418-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

3 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Mr Andrew Dismore reported from the Joint
Committee on Human Rights, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs
Committee [Government’s Response to the Fourth Report of the Committee, Session
2004-05, on The Work of the Committee in 2004]; to be printed [No. 393];
(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government and the Office of the
Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland Responses to the Fifth Report of the Committee,
Session 2004-05, on The Functions of the Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern
Ireland]; to be printed [No. 394];
(3) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Response to the Second
Report of the Committee, Session 2004-05, on The Parades Commission and Public
Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998]; to be printed [No. 393]; and
(4) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Response to the Ninth
Report of the Committee, Session 2004-05, on The Challenge of Diversity: Hate Crime
in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 396]
[Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts.—(1) First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Managing National Lottery Distribution Fund balances]; to be printed [No. 408].
(2) Second Report from the Committee [Sale of the Millennium Dome]; to be printed [No. 409].
(3) Third Report from the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2004]; to be printed [No. 410].
(4) Fourth Report from the Committee [Fraud and error in benefits expenditure]; to be printed [No. 411].
(5) Fifth Report from the Committee [Inland Revenue: Tax Credits and deleted tax cases]; to be printed [No. 412].
(6) Sixth Report from the Committee [Renewable Energy]; to be printed [No. 413].
(7) Seventh Report from the Committee [The use of operating theatres]; to be printed [No. 414].
(8) Eighth Report from the Committee [The Navan centre]; to be printed [No. 415] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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8 Standards and Privileges.—(1) First Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Conduct of Mr Jonathan Sayeed], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 419].
(2) Second Report from the Committee [Conduct of Mr John Horam], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 420] [Sir George Young].

9 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-iii]; and
(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Departmental Returns]; to be printed [No. 425] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) First Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Debt and Disconnection]; to be printed [No. 362].
(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Responses to the Twelfth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Fuel Prices]; to be printed [No. 363].
(3) Third Special Report from the Committee [Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Progress towards the Knowledge Driven Economy]; to be printed [No. 364].
(4) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on UK Employment Regulation]; to be printed [No. 365].
(5) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on the Implementation of ECGD’s Business Principles]; to be printed [No. 366].
(6) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Response to the Sixteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Jobs for the girls]; to be printed [No. 367]; and
(7) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [Response to the Fifteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on the UK Aerospace Industry]; to be printed [No. 368] [Peter Luff].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [GS8 and other international issues], to be printed [No. 399-i] [Mr John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions.—First Special Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Government Responses to the Third and Fourth Reports from the Committee Session 2004–05, on Pension Credit and Delivery of Services to Ethnic Minority Clients]; to be printed [No. 397] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 36; WH, No. 20]

Tuesday 19th July 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 37.]

Wednesday 20th July 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Vehicle Registration Marks,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision about the retention of vehicle registration marks pending transfer: And that Mr Mark Hendrick, Tony Lloyd, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr David Drew, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Mike Hall, Steve McCabe, Paul Farrelly and Derek Wyatt do prepare and bring it in.

2 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill,—Mr Mark Hendrick accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision about the retention of vehicle registration marks pending transfer: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 48].

3 Council Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas);

4 Deferred Divisions,—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Access to Justice,—That the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved.

Ayes: 224.

Noes: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Council Tax,—The Question being again proposed, That the draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tom Watson: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Peter Atkinson: 226.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.

6 European Union Contribution to the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,—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. 7455/05, Commission Staff Working Document on
‘Principles for a European Union Contribution to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) with a view to the 2006/07 Replenishment Process’, welcomes the European Union update; considers this an important area for reducing poverty; and encourages the European Union and Commission to do more to maintain their strong support for tackling the three diseases, in particular through the current high level of funding for the Global Fund—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

7 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 (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

8 Extradition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) (No. 2) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 26th May, be approved—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

9 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 (Disclosure of Avoidance Schemes) (Designations) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1724), dated 29th June 2005, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

10 Crown Proceedings,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Procedure (Modification of Crown Proceedings Act 1947) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

11 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Code of Practice on Access and Unfair Practices during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

12 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

13 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Programme Order of 23rd June 2005 relating to the Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill be varied as follows:
1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.
2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after commencement of proceedings on consideration at this day’s sitting.—(Claire Ward.)

14 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee. The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

15 Royal Assent,—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses: Appropriation (No. 3) Act 2005 Finance (No. 2) Act 2005.

16 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 Tom Watson);
And it being two hours after commencement of proceedings on the Motion, it lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Order [19th July].

17 Finance and Services,—Ordered, That Mr John Randall be discharged from the Finance and Services Committee and Mr Eric Forth and Robert Key be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Hywel Williams be added to the Welsh Affairs Committee.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

19 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That John Healey be added to the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
20 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Mr Elliot Morley be added to the Environmental Audit Committee.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

21 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) people of Bicester and the surrounding area against the proposed reduction in the Oxford-Bicester rail service;
   (2) residents of Chalkwell Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea and others against the erection of a T-Mobile telecommunication mast at the junction of the Ridgeway and 93 Chalkwell Avenue; and
   (3) tenants and residents of Langley Estate, Middleton, Manchester for funding to complete the boundary wall and environmental schemes for all properties in the area; were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

22 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bob Ainsworth);

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

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Banks and Banking,—Bank Accounts Directive (Miscellaneous Banks) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1984), dated 13th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Civil Partnership,—Registration of Civil Partnerships (Fees) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1996), dated 19th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

3 Companies,—Partnerships and Unlimited Companies (Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1987), dated 13th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Excise,—(1) Excise Duties (Road Fuel Gas) (Reliefs) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1979), dated 19th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis]; and

5 Housing,—Housing (Right of First Refusal) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1917), dated 12th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Insolvency,—Insurers (Reorganisation and Winding Up) (Lloyd’s) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1998), dated 19th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].


8 Land Registration,—Land Registration (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1982), dated 18th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].


10 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Equal Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1923), dated 14th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

12 Transport.—Railways (Accident Investigation and Reporting) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1992), dated 19th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

14 Access to Justice,—(1) Corporate Plan of the Legal Services Commission for 2005–06 to 2007–08 [by Act]; and
(2) Report and Financial Statements of the Legal Services Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 167] [Bridget Prentice].

15 Animals,—Review of Controls on Imports of Animal Products for 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6636] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

16 Atomic Energy Authority,—Account of the Atomic Energy Authority Act 1954 for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 389] [Clerk of the House].

17 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and Horserace Totalisator Board for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

18 Biological Standards,—Account of the National Biological Standards Board for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 430] [Clerk of the House].

19 Care Standards,—Account of the General Social Care Council for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 423] [Clerk of the House].

20 Charities,—Report and Accounts of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 186-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

21 Communications,—First Report on the Secretary of State’s functions by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act], to be printed [No. 325] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

22 Criminal Appeal,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 115] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

23 Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Report and Accounts of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 109] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

24 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2004–05, on Public Libraries [by Command] [Cm. 6648] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

25 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—Government Response to the First Joint Report from the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees, Session 2004–05, on Strategic Export Controls [by Command] [Cm. 6638] [Mr Secretary Straw].

26 Education,—Report and Financial Statements for the Teacher Training Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 290] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

27 Environment,—Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 201] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

28 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Financial Statements of the Design Council for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 332] [Secretary Alan Johnson];
(2) Plan and Accounts for 2004–05 of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 245] [Mr Secretary Darling];
(3) Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
(i) Appeals Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 235] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];
(ii) British Forces Post Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 298] [Secretary John Reid];

(iii) Central Science Laboratory, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 276] [Secretary Margaret Beckett];

(iv) Child Support Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 256] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];

(v) Compensation Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 224] [Mr Secretary Hain];

(vi) Criminal Records Bureau, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 369] [Mr Secretary Clarke];

(vii) Defence Communication Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 269] [Secretary John Reid];

(viii) Disability and Carers Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 181] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];

(ix) Disposal Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 341] [Secretary John Reid];

(x) Forensic Science (Northern Ireland), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 183] [Mr Secretary Hain];

(xi) Insolvency Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 221] [Secretary Alan Johnson];

(xii) Milk Development Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 309] [Secretary Margaret Beckett];

(xiii) Naval Recruiting and Training Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 293] [Secretary John Reid];

(xiv) NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 297] [Mr Secretary Hewitt];

(xv) The Queen Victoria School, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 168] [Secretary John Reid];

(xvi) Pension Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 342] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];

(xvii) Public Guardianship Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 177] [Bridget Prentice];

(xviii) Royal Air Force Training Group Defence Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 228] [Secretary John Reid];

(xix) The Royal Parks, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 237] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];

(xx) Sea Fish Industry Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 121] [Secretary Margaret Beckett];

(xxi) Warship Support Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 398] [Secretary John Reid];

(xxii) Wilton Park Executive Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 234] [Mr Secretary Straw]; and

(xxiii) Youth Justice Agency (Northern Ireland), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 184] [Mr Secretary Hain].

(4) Report and Financial Statements of the Rent Service for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 290] [Mr Secretary Blankett];

(5) Report and Resource Accounts of the Cabinet Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 372] [John Healey]; and

(6) Resource Accounts for 2004–05 of the—

(i) Armed Forces Pension Scheme;

(ii) Asset Recovery Agency;

(iii) Central Office of Information;

(iv) Crown Estate;

(v) HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor;

(vi) Judicial Pensions Scheme;

(vii) Northern Ireland Court Service;

(viii) Office of HM Chief Inspector of Schools in England;

(ix) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister; and
(x) Postal Services Commission,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[Nos. 286, 190, 424, 345, 283, 285, 361, 267, 301 and 337] [John Healey].

29 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of—
(1) Army Base Repair Organisation Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 71] [Secretary John Reid];
(2) Companies House, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 189] [Secretary Alan Johnson];
(3) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 187-I and -II] [Clerk of the House];
(4) Meteorological Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 126] [Clerk of the House];
(5) NHS Estates, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 230] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and
(6) Vehicle and Operator Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 244] [Clerk of the House].

30 Greenwich Hospital,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for
2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 318] [Secretary John Reid].

31 Health,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Health Committee, Session
2004–05, on New Developments in Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS policy [by Command]
[Cm. 6649] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

32 Health and Social Care,—Report and Accounts of the Commission for Social Care
Inspection for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 105] [Clerk of the House].

33 Higher Education,—Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the Office for Fair Access, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 226]
[Clerk of the House].

34 House of Commons Members Fund,—Account of the House of Commons Members’ Fund
for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [No. 429] [Clerk of the House].

35 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural
Development Council for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 248] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

36 Justices of the Peace,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of the Magistrates’ Courts
Service for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 217] [Ms Harriet Harman].

37 Licensing (Alcohol Education and Research),—Report and Accounts of the Alcohol
Education and Research Council for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 321] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

38 Local Government,—Financial Statements of the South Bank Centre for 2004–05, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa
Jowell].

39 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
(1) British Museum;
(2) Imperial War Museum;
(3) National Gallery;
(4) National Portrait Gallery;
(5) Tate Gallery; and
(6) Victoria and Albert Museum,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[Nos. 272, 335, 325, 323, 344 and 333] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

40 National Health Service Reform and Healthcare Professions,—Report and Accounts of the
Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health for 2004–05, with the Report of
the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194] [Clerk
of the House].

41 National Loans,—Report and Accounts of the Debt Management Account for 2004–05, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 355] [Mr Ivan Lewis].
42 National Lottery.—(1) Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution; and
   (ii) Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[Nos. 422 and 388] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Millennium Commission, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 310] [Secretary Tessa Jowell]; and
   (ii) Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 392] [Clerk of the House].

43 Northern Ireland.—(1) Paper, entitled Improving the Provision of Care for Victims and Witnesses within the Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland; and
(2) Report by the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland for 2004–05
[by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

44 Overseas Territories.—Democratic Republic of the Congo (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1988), dated 19th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

45 Parliamentary Commissioner.—(1) Report of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 348]; and
(2) Resource Accounts of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 347] [Clerk of the House].

46 Police.—(1) Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the National Crime Squad, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and Report of the Service Authority for the National Crime Squad; and
(2) Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the National Criminal Intelligence Service with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and Report of the Service Authority for the National Criminal Intelligence Service [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 211 and 212] [Clerk of the House].

47 Postal Services.—(1) Account of the Consumer Council for Postal Services for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 390] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Report and Accounts of Postwatch for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

48 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Tenth, Eleventh and Thirteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6609] [John Healy].

49 Public Expenditure.—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure 2004–05: Provisional Outturn [by Command] [Cm. 6639] [Mr Des Browne].

50 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for International Development on the Petition [6th July] from staff, pupils and parents of Dr Triplet’s CE Primary School, Hayes, and others for action by G8 members to remove trade injustice, cancel all the debt of the poorest countries and increase aid [by Standing Order] [Clerk of the House].

51 Public Works Loans.—Report of the Public Works Loan Board for 2004–05 [by Act] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

52 Science and Technology.—Report and Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Councils, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 241] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

53 Social Security.—Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Social Fund for 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6595] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

54 Standards and Privileges.—Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for 2004–05 [by Standing Order]; to be printed [No. 264] [Clerk of the House].

55 Strategic Export Controls.—Report on United Kingdom Strategic Export Controls for 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6646] [Mr Secretary Straw].

56 Terrorism.—Report of the Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in Northern Ireland for 2004 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].
57 Transport,—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2004–05, on Road Pricing: The Next Steps [by Command] [Cm. 6560] [Mr Secretary Darling].

58 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 20th July 2005, concerning the Morris Review of Actuaries—Funding Guarantee to the Financial Reporting Council [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

59 Utilities,—(1) Account of the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council (Energywatch) for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 391] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 169] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Violent Crime Reduction 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: Ms Diane Abbott, Hazel Blears, Kevin Brennan, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr James Clappison, Rosie Cooper, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Lynne Featherstone, Stewart Hosie, Mr Kevin Jones, Ms Sally Keeble, Steve McCabe, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Mark Oaten, Stephen Pound, Mr Mark Prisk, Mark Pritchard, Chris Ruane, Jim Sheridan, Lynda Waltho and Jeremy Wright.

2 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Lyn Brown, Andy Burnham, Mr Alastair Carmichael, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr John Leech, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Humfrey Malins, Edward Miliband, Gwyn Prosser, Joan Ryan and Mr Lee Scott.

3 Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 314):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Rules to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Kevin Brennan, Chris Bryant, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mrs Natasha Engel, Mr Roger Goddard, Lady Hermon, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Eddie McGrady, Anne Main, Mr Alan Meale, Lembit Opik, Bridget Prentice, John Robertson, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Kitty Ussher.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the 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 Alastair Carmichael, Harry Cohen, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Edward Garnier, Paul Goggins, Mr David Heath, Mr Nick Herbert, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr David Jones, Mr Denis MacShane, Stephen Pound, Mr Mark Prisk, Gwyn Prosser, Joan Ryan, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 10514/05, relating to the Common Agricultural Policy—reform of the sugar sector, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

6 European Union Document No. 10785/05, relating to the marketing of maize genetically modified for resistance to certain pests and herbicides, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

7 European Union Document Nos. 13686/04; 13687/04; 13688/04; 13689/04 and 13690/04, relating to EC External Action—new instruments for co-operation, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

8 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th July 2005, submitted by the Food Standards Agency, relating to the marketing of foods derived from genetically modified maize, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—First Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05: on Iraq: An Initial Assessment of Post Conflict Operations]; to be printed [No. 436] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) First Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05: on Food information]; to be printed [No. 437]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Defra follow-up to previous Committee inquiries]

[Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit.—First Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government’s Reply to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05: on Corporate Environmental Crime]; to be printed [No. 434] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-iv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Science and Technology.—(1) First Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Forensic Science on Trial: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report, Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 427]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Strategic Science Provision in English Universities: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report, Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 428]

[Mr Phil Willis].

6 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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7 Standards and Privileges.—Third Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Conduct of Mr Tony Baldry], together with an Appendix and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 19th July; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 421] [Sir George Young].

8 Transport.—(1) First Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on The Performance of the London Underground]; to be printed [No. 431]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on The Departmental Annual Report 2004]; to be printed [No. 432]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Welsh Affairs.—First Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government Responses to the Second and Third Reports from the Committee, Session 2004–05: Manufacturing and Trade in Wales and The Public Services Ombudsman in Wales Bill [Lords]]; to be printed [No. 433] [Dr Hywel Francis].
Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th October, pursuant to Order [14th July].

[Adjourned at 5.07 p.m.]

[No. 37; WH, No. 21]

Wednesday 20th July 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

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

SCHEDULE

Standing Order 188B is hereby repealed.

New Standing Order 188B

Revival of bills

188B.—(1) Paragraphs (2) and (3) apply where—

(a) this House resolves that the promoters of a bill which—

(i) originated in this House in an earlier session of this Parliament or in the last Parliament; and

(ii) had not received the Royal Assent,

should have leave to proceed with the bill in the current session; and

(b) the House of Lords concur with the resolution, or have previously passed a resolution to the like effect as the resolution of this House.

(2) The petition for the bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable to it shall be deemed to have been complied with.

(3) The bill shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than the fifth day on which the House sits after the passing of the resolution of this House, or (as applicable) the concurrence of the House of Lords, and 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 the proceedings on it in this House in the last session or the last Parliament or, as the case may be, the bill passed by this House.

(4) Paragraph (5) applies where

(a) this House resolves that the promoters of a bill which—

(i) originated in the House of Lords in an earlier session of this Parliament or in the last Parliament; and

(ii) had not received the Royal Assent,

should have leave to proceed with the bill in the current session; and

(b) the House of Lords subsequently pass a resolution to the like effect as the resolution of this House.

(5) If the bill is brought from the House of Lords in the current session, the agent for the bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the bill is the same in every respect as the bill which was brought from the Lords in the last session or the last Parliament.

(6) The following provisions of this Order apply in either case.

(7) The bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the last session or the last Parliament, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages, and no new fees shall be charged to those stages.
(8) If there is any petition outstanding—
   (a) any such petition which has been presented (if not withdrawn) shall stand referred to any committee on the bill in the current session;
   (b) any minutes of evidence taken before a committee on the bill in the last session or the last Parliament shall stand referred to any committee on the bill in the current session;
   (c) no petitioners shall be heard before any committee on the bill in the current session unless their petition has been presented within the time stipulated for the deposit of petitions in the last session or the last Parliament or deposited pursuant to Standing Order 126(b);
   (d) Standing Order 127 shall have effect as if the words “under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)” were omitted.

(9) In this Order “current session” means the session of Parliament in which the resolution of this House is passed and “this Parliament” means the Parliament in which the resolution of this House is passed; “the last Parliament” and “the last session” shall be construed accordingly. —(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Standing Orders (Private Business).—The Order of 7th April, in the last Session of Parliament, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business be printed, was read and discharged.

3 Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business be printed [No. 441].

4 Identity Cards Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Identity Cards Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 10th October; and to be printed [Bill 49].

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

5 London Olympics Bill,—The London Olympics Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 London Olympics Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the London Olympics 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 20th October 2005.
   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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

7 London Olympics Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to London Olympics 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 London Olympics Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (1) expenditure of a Minister of the Crown in connection with the Act, and
any increase attributable to the Act in sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under another enactment—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

8 Education,—Ordered, That the Education (School Organisation Proposals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1801), dated 2nd July 2005, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Tony Cunningham.)

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Hullbridge in the County of Essex and others for more frequent police patrols and a regular team of officers to protect the area, and

(2) readers of the Faversham Times for lower speed limits on the A251 Ashford Road, including the villages of North Street, Sheldwich and Badlesmere were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) people of Sittingbourne and Sheppey for fairer trade, debt relief and more aid for Africa;

(2) people of Sholing, Southampton against re-organisation of sub-post offices in Southampton; and

(3) the Save Stamford Hospital Now Campaign for the retention and development of services at Stamford Hospital were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th October, pursuant to Resolution [4th July].

[Adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Weights and Measures,—Draft Weights and Measures (Miscellaneous Foods) (Amendment) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Environmental Stewardship (England) and Organic Products (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2003), dated 18th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary Margaret Beckett].


5 Corporation Tax,—(1) Friendly Societies (Modification of the Corporation Tax Acts) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2005), dated 20th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Mr Ivan Lewis]; and


7 Income Tax,—(1) Exchange Gains and Losses (Bringing into Account Gains or Losses) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2013); and

8 Road Traffic.—M275 and M27 Motorway (Speed Limit) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1999), dated 20th July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

10 Animal Health.—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Exotic Animal Disease Generic Contingency Plan (Covering Foot and Mouth Disease, Avian Influenza, Newcastle Disease and Classical Swine Fever) [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 Constitutional Affairs and Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.—Government Response to the First Joint Report from the Constitutional Affairs and Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committees, Session 2004–05, on Electoral Registration [by Command] [Cm. 6647] [Ms Harriet Harman].

12 Criminal Justice and Police.—Report and Accounts of the Central Police Training and Development Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 218] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

13 Education.—Account of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 440] [Clerk of the House].

14 Energy.—(1) Report and Accounts of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 440] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

15 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Report on Human Rights for 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6606] [Mr Secretary Straw].

16 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Defence Intelligence and Security Centre, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 319] [Secretary John Reid];
   (ii) Defence Transport and Movements Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 243] [Secretary John Reid];
   (iii) Equal Opportunities Commission, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 249] [Secretary Alan Johnson];
   (iv) Football Licensing Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 273] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];
   (v) National Savings and Investments, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 250] [Mr Ivan Lewis];
   (vi) Office for National Statistics, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 417] [John Healey];
   (vii) Treasury Solicitor’s Department Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 274] [The Solicitor General]; and
   (viii) Vehicle Certification Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 334] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and

(2) Report and Resource Accounts of the Small Business Service for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 371] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

17 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Forensic Science Service for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 356] [Clerk of the House].

18 Health.—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2004–05, on NHS Continuuing Care [by Command] [Cm. 6650] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

19 Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Account of Funds in Court of the Supreme Court of Judicature and the County Courts in Northern Ireland for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 438] [Clerk of the House].
20 Local Government, Planning and Land.—Reports and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
(1) London Thames Gateway Development Corporation; and
(2) Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

21 Marshall Aid Commemoration.—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 439] [Clerk of the House].

22 Merchant Shipping.—Report and Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 311] [Mr Secretary Darling].

23 National Health Service.—(1) Accounts of the NHS Appointments Commission for 2004–05; and
(2) Report and Accounts of the National Health Service Litigation Authority for 2004–05,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 147 and 149] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

24 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions.—Report and Accounts of the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 200] [Clerk of the House].

25 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum.—Report of the Certification Monitor for 2004 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

26 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.—Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2004–05, on Empty Homes and Low-demand Pathfinders [by Command] [Cm. 6651] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

27 Overseas Pensions.—Overseas Service Pensions (Defunding) Amendment Scheme, dated 20th July 2005 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

28 Police.—Report and Accounts of the Police Complaints Authority for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 370] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

29 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—Second Report from the Speaker’s Committee, 2005 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 435] [The Speaker].

30 Race Relations.—Reports of the—
(1) Commission for Racial Equality for 2004; and
(2) Independent Race Monitor for 2004–05
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

31 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:

Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1097)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

32 Transport.—Report and Accounts of the Strategic Rail Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 175] [Mr Secretary Darling].

33 Utilities.—Report and Accounts of energywatch for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 405] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Violent Crime Reduction Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Hazel Blears, Kevin Brennan, Lynne Featherstone, Steve McCabe, Mr Humfrey Malins, Stephen Pound and Mr Mark Prisk members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Violent Crime Reduction Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton and Mr Eric Forth Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

3 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Mr Eric Illsley Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

4 Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 314).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Rules.

5 Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Area) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1537).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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Monday 10th October 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member,—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the death of the Right Honourable Robin Cook, Member for Livingston. 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 Writ issued during the Adjournment,—The Speaker acquainted the House that, during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Recess Elections Act 1975, the Speaker had issued his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Livingston, in the room of the Right Honourable Robin Cook, deceased.

3 Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 416].

4 New Member sworn,—James Devine, Member for Livingston, was sworn.

5 Civil Aviation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Civil Aviation Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC4) (Commercial flights officer)—(Mr Alan Duncan)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr John Randall: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Dave Watts: 297.

Another Clause (NC5) (Reporting of banned airlines)—(Tom Brake)—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, Andrew Stunell: 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Watson, Mr John Heppell: 290.

It being Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [25th June], put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 41, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Alan Duncan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Mark Prisk: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Dave Watts: 278.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Finance and Services,—Ordered, That Mr Dave Watts be discharged from the Finance and Services Committee and Mr Eric Martlew be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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—(Joan Ryan);

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 dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Monday 25th July 2005

1 Transport,—Department for Transport Minute in respect of certain changes to the contingent liabilities arising from Government support for Network Rail borrowing [Mr Secretary Darling].

Tuesday 26th July 2005

2 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on The Forfeiture Rule and the Law of Succession [Cm. 6625] [Bridget Prentice].

Wednesday 10th August 2005

3 Treaty Series (No. 31, 2005).—Treaty, done at Mexico City on 5th November 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Mexican States on the Enforcement of Criminal Sentences [Cm. 6653] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 16th August 2005

4 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2004–05, on Human Reproductive Technologies and the Law [Cm. 6641] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Wednesday 24th August 2005

5 Netherlands (No. 1, 2005).—Exchange of Notes, done at The Hague on 28th January and 7th June 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf under the North Sea between the two Countries, done at London on 6th October 1965, as amended by the Protocol done at London on 25th November 1971, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6638] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 26th August 2005

6 European Communities (No. 2, 2005).—Treaty, done at Luxembourg on 25th April 2005, between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak 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 Republic of Bulgaria and Romania concerning the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6657] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 30th August 2005

7 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Company Security Interests [Cm. 6654] [Bridget Prentice].

Thursday 1st September 2005

8 Health,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2004–05, on the Influence of the Pharmaceutical Industry [Cm. 6655] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
Wednesday 7th September 2005

9 Treaty Series (No. 32, 2005).—First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2005 [Cm. 6652] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Treaty Series (No. 33, 2005).—Agreement, done at Wellington on 26th July 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of New Zealand concerning Air Services [Cm. 6659] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Treaty Series (No. 34, 2005).—Agreement, done at London on 2nd November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on International Road Transport [Cm. 6661] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Treaty Series (No. 35, 2005).—Agreement, done at Skopje on 18th June 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Macedonian Government on International Road Transport [Cm. 6662] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Thursday 8th September 2005

13 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of—
(1) Eastern Health and Social Services Board;
(2) Northern Health and Social Services Board;
(3) South & East Belfast Health and Social Services Trust;
(4) Southern Health and Social Services Board;
(5) Sperrin Lakeland Health and Social Services Trust; and
(6) Western Health and Social Services Board
for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].

Monday 12th September 2005

14 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of—
(1) Armagh and Dungannon Health and Social Services Trust;
(2) Belfast City Hospital Health and Social Services Trust;
(3) Newry & Mourne Health and Social Services Trust;
(4) North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust;
(5) Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Services Trust; and
(6) United Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust
for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].

Tuesday 13th September 2005

15 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of Craigavon and Banbridge Community Health and Social Services Trust for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].

Thursday 15th September 2005

16 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of—
(1) Altnagelvin Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust;
(2) Craigavon Area Hospital Group Health and Social Services Trust; and
(3) Ulster Community and Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust
for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].

Monday 19th September 2005

17 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of—
(1) Down Lisburn Health and Social Services Trust;
(2) Homefirst Community Trust; and
(3) Royal Group of Hospitals and Dental Hospital Health and Social Services Trust
for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].
Wednesday 21st September 2005

18 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of—
   (1) Causeway Health and Social Services Trust;
   (2) Foyle Health and Social Services Trust;
   (3) Green Park Healthcare Health and Social Services Trust; and
   (4) Mater Hospital Health and Social Services Trust
   for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern
   Ireland thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].

Thursday 22nd September 2005

19 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Sixth Report of the Independent
   Monitoring Commission [Mr Secretary Hain].

Friday 30th September 2005

20 Treaty Series (No. 36, 2005).—Protocol Additional to the Agreement, done at Vienna on
   22nd September 1998, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
   Ireland, the European Atomic Energy Community and the International Atomic Energy
   Agency for the application of Safeguards in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
   Northern Ireland in connection with the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear
   Weapons [Cm. 6664] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 4th October 2005

21 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Fifteenth, Twentieth to Twenty-second and
   Twenty-fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2004–05
   [Cm. 6667] [John Healey].

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):

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

Wednesday 14th September 2005

22 Prisons.—Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2005
   [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Friday 22nd July 2005

23 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Disclosure of Avoidance Schemes) (Amendment)
   Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2009), dated 22nd July 2005, with an Explanatory
   Memorandum [Mr Ivan Lewis].

Monday 25th July 2005

24 Countryside.—Access to the Countryside (Correction of Provisional and Conclusive Maps)
   with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

25 Housing.—Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Regions)
   Memorandum [Mr Secretary Prescott].

26 Income Tax.—Income Tax (Construction Industry Scheme) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005,

27 Veterinary Surgeons.—Veterinary Surgery (Testing for Tuberculosis in Bovines) Order 2005
   (S.I., 2005, No. 2015), dated 20th July 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum
   [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Tuesday 26th July 2005

   2005;
   (2) Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005,
   No. 2020), dated 8th July 2005;
   (3) Legal Officers (Annual Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2018), dated
   8th July 2005; and


**Wednesday 27th July 2005**


37 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1971), dated 19th July 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Straw].


40 Social Security,—Discretionary Housing Payments (Grants) Amendment Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2052), dated 21st July 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

**Monday 1st August 2005**


**Tuesday 2nd August 2005**


46 Food.—Food Labelling (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2057), dated 14th July 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Wednesday 3rd August 2005


Thursday 4th August 2005


Friday 5th August 2005

52 Local Government.—Transport for London (Rickmansworth Station) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2156), dated 2nd August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

53 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Buckinghamshire) (District of Chiltern) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2151), dated 2nd August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Monday 8th August 2005

54 Education.—Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2119), dated 27th July 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


56 Health Care and Associated Professions.—General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Amendment Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2120), dated 26th July 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


59 Road Traffic. — Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Stockton-on-Tees) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2155), dated 2nd August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

60 Tax Credits. — Tax Credit (Payment by Employers, etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2200), dated 4th August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Dawn Primarolo].

Tuesday 9th August 2005


Wednesday 10th August 2005


   (2) Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 3) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2212), dated 8th August 2005; and

   (3) Teachers’ Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2198), dated 29th July 2005,

   with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Thursday 11th August 2005

67 Companies. — Company Auditors (Recognition Orders) (Application Fees) and the Companies Act 1989 (Recognised Supervisory Bodies) (Periodical Fees) (Revocation) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2243), dated 3rd August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


70 Pensions. — (1) Financial Assistance Scheme (Provision of Information and Administration of Payments) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2189);

   (2) Occupational Pension Schemes (Fraud Compensation Payments and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2184); and

   (3) Pensions Regulator (Financial Support Directions etc.) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2188),

   dated 4th August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

71 Police. — (1) Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2240); and


   dated 8th August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Friday 12th August 2005

72 Pensions. — Occupational Pension Schemes (Employer Debt etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2224), dated 9th August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
Monday 15th August 2005

74 Nurses and Midwives.—Nursing and Midwifery Council (Election Scheme) Rules Order of Council 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2250), dated 27th July 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Tuesday 16th August 2005
75 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Bridge Visibility) (Small Passenger Ships) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2286), dated 15th August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


Thursday 18th August 2005

78 Social Security.—Social Security (Tax Credits) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2294), dated 16th August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Friday 19th August 2005


Monday 22nd August 2005

Tuesday 23rd August 2005
84 Competition.—Enterprise Act 2002 (Bodies Designated to make Super-complaints) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2340), dated 3rd August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Wednesday 24th August 2005
86 Animals.—Animal By-Products Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2347), dated 19th August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
87 Insolvency,—(1) Bankruptcy (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 398); and
   (2) Insurers (Winding-Up) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 399),
dated 18th August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Bridget Prentice].

Thursday 25th August 2005

88 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Day Care and Child Minding (Disqualification) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2296); and
   (2) Day Care and Minding (Suitability) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2297),
dated 16th August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

90 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Day Care and Child Minding (Functions of Local Authorities: Information, Advice and Training) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2302);
   (2) Day Care and Child Minding (Inspection) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2300);
   (3) Day Care and Child Minding (National Standards) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2303); and
   (4) Day Care and Child Minding (Registration Fees) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2301),
dated 16th August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


92 Education,—(1) Education (School Performance Information) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2338), dated 22nd August 2005; and
with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

93 Food,—Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2359), dated 24th August 2005 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


95 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Compromise Agreements (Description of Person) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2364), dated 21st August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Tuesday 30th August 2005

96 Public Passenger Transport,—(1) Community Bus (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2353);
   (2) Minibus and Other Section 19 Permit Buses (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2354);
   (3) Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2342);
   (4) Public Service Vehicles (Operators’ Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2346); and
   (5) Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2355),
dated 20th August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].

97 Road Traffic,—(1) Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2345);
   (2) Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2343);
(3) Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2341); and
(4) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2344),
dated 20th August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 31st August 2005


Thursday 1st September 2005
102 Immigration,—(1) Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2400), dated 24th August 2005; and
(2) Immigration (Eligibility for Assistance) (Scotland and Northern Ireland) (Revocation) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2412), dated 26th August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Clarke].

103 Income Tax,—(1) Capital Allowances (Energy-Saving Plant and Machinery) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2424); and
(2) Capital Allowances (Environmentally Beneficial Plant and Machinery) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2423),

104 Pensions,—(1) Occupational Pension Schemes (Administration and Audited Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2426), dated 30th August 2005; and
(2) Occupational Pension Schemes (Trust and Retirement Benefits Exemption) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2360), dated 25th August 2005; and
(3) Pension Schemes (Categories) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2401), dated 25th August 2005,
with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Blankett].

105 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Suffolk) (Borough of Ipswich) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2362), dated 24th August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


Friday 2nd September 2005


Monday 5th September 2005


Tuesday 6th September 2005


115 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2454), dated 1st September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 7th September 2005


118 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2416), dated 30th August, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Prescott].


120 Public Health,—Detergents Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2469), dated 4th September, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Thursday 8th September 2005

123 Health and Safety,—Biocidal Products (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2451), dated 31st August 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

124 Housing,—Liverpool Housing Action Trust (Dissolution) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2518), dated 7th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Prescott].


126 Plant Health,—Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2517), dated 6th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
127 Road Traffic,—(1) International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2456);  
(2) International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2457);  
(3) Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Approval of Fitters and Workshops) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2458); and  
(4) Road Vehicles (Payment of Duty by Credit Card) (Prescribed Fee) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2460),  
dated 31st August 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].


Friday 9th September 2005


131 Education,—(1) Education (Local Education Authority Performance Targets) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2450); and  
dated 1st September 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


133 National Health Service,—(1) National Blood Authority and United Kingdom Transplant (Abolition) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2532);  
(2) NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2531); and  
(3) NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2529),  
dated 9th September 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Monday 12th September 2005


137 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2502), dated 7th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Thursday 15th September 2005

138 Income Tax,—(1) Individual Savings Account (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2561); and  
(2) Personal Equity Plan (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2562),  
dated 14th September 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Ivan Lewis].
Tuesday 20th September 2005

139 Road Traffic.—(1) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2560); and
(2) Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2559), dated 13th September 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 21st September 2005


Thursday 22nd September 2005

143 Health and Safety.—Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2571), dated 14th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

144 Sea Fisheries.—Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Control Measures) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2624), dated 19th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Friday 23rd September 2005


147 Transport.—Railways (Provision etc. of Railway Facilities) (Exemptions) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2628), dated 21st September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Monday 26th September 2005


Wednesday 28th September 2005


151 Competition.—Restriction on Conduct (Specialist Advertising Services) (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2670), dated 21st September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

152 Food.—(1) Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2626); and

153 Seeds.—(1) Beet Seed (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2671);
(2) Cereal Seed (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2672);
(3) Fodder Plant Seed (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2673);
(4) Oil and Fibre Plant Seed (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2674);
(5) Seed Registration, Licensing and Enforcement (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2676); and

Thursday 29th September 2005


Friday 30th September 2005

155 Social Security,—Social Security (Care Homes and Independent Hospitals) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2687), dated 24th September 2005 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Monday 3rd October 2005

156 Education,—Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2690), dated 28th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


158 Food,—Charges for Inspections and Controls (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2715), dated 28th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Tuesday 4th October 2005


163 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2713), dated 29th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 5th October 2005


Thursday 6th October 2005

165 Police,—Police (Retention and Disposal of Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2702), dated 26th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Clarke].

166 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2716); and
(2) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2717), dated 29th September 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].
Friday 7th October 2005

167 Children and Young Persons,—Adoption Support Agencies (England) and Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2720), dated 30th September 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

168 Competition,—Supply of Relevant Veterinary Medicinal Products Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2751), dated 4th October 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Paper:

Friday 29th July 2005


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th October 2005:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

173 Constitutional Law,—Draft Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

174 Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

175 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

176 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gaming Act 1968 (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2776); and (2) Gaming Machines (Maximum Prizes) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2775), dated 8th October 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

177 Food,—Bovine Products (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2719), dated 29th September 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Social Security,—Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2727), dated 3rd October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Urban Development,—London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (Planning Functions) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2721), dated 3rd October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:


Constitutional Affairs,—Criminal Defence Service Bill: Supplement to the Framework Document [by Command] [Cm. 6678] [Bridget Prentice].

Covent Garden Market,—Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Development of Tourism,—Report of England Marketing Advisory Board for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Employment and Training,—Report and Financial Statements of Investors in People UK Ltd for 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Housing Corporation for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 68] [Mr Secretary Prescott]; and (2) Resource Accounts of the— (i) Charity Commission; (ii) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; (iii) Department of Inland Revenue; and (iv) HM Customs and Excise, for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 97, 445, 446 and 447] [John Healey].

Health,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2004–05, on the Use of New Medical Technologies within the NHS [by Command] [Cm. 6656] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Home Office,—Departmental Minute, dated 7th October 2005, concerning a proposed contingent liability for an indemnity to Kent Police for liability arising from giving evidence at arbitration [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

International Development,—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the year ended 30th September 2004 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Local Government,—Review of the Standards Board for England for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 443-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on— (1) Department for Work and Pensions: Gaining and retaining a job: the Department for Work and Pensions’ support for disabled people; and (2) Joint Targets [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 455 and 453] [Clerk of the House].
(2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay) (No. 2) Order 2005, dated 19th July 2005
[by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

195 Public Petitions.—Observations by the—
(1) Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [28th June] from residents of South Bedfordshire and others for the continued existence of single-handed and small General Practitioner practices; and
(2) Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition [19th July] from people of Prestatyn and Meldden and others for the reopening of Ffrith Festival Gardens
[by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

196 Reserve Forces.—Amendment 28 to the Territorial Army Regulations [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

197 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 2004 [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

198 Severn Bridges.—Report and Accounts for Severn River Crossing plc for 2004 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

199 Social Security.—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee under section 174(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and the statement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in accordance with Section 174(2) of that Act relating to the Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2727) [by Command] [Cm. 6669] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

200 Statutory Instruments.—Report to the Lord Chancellor and 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 Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has certified under Regulation 6 of the said Regulations, that the printing and sale of copies of the Energy Information (Household Air Conditioners) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1531) in accordance with the requirements of section 2(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 is unnecessary, having regard to the fact that the instrument was revoked and replaced by another instrument before the above instrument came into effect; and That the Committee is satisfied that the certificate is justified and has taken no further action in the matter [The Speaker].

201 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

Papers withdrawn:


203 Transport.—Department for Transport Minute in respect of certain changes to the contingent liabilities arising from Government support for Network Rail borrowing [laid 11th July].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Violent Crime Reduction Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Oaten from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution John Thurso.

2 London Olympics Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood and Mr David Amess Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.
3 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alistair Carmichael from Standing Committee E (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Dr Evan Harris.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Second Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government’s Response to the Committee’s Third Report, UK eUniversity, of Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 489] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 13th September [Counter-Terrorism and Community Relations in the aftermath of the London Bombings]; to be printed [No. 462-i] [ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL
In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) the Speaker has nominated Mr Mike Weir and Hywel Williams to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel for the current Parliament.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.). 2005, No. 314).

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:

Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make new provision relating to admission to borough freedom; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Regulation of Laser Eye Surgery Bill,—The Order for reading the Regulation of Laser Eye Surgery Bill a second time on Friday 21st October was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 2nd December.

4 Electoral Administration Bill,—Ms Harriet Harman, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Clarke, Secretary Alan Johnson and Mr Douglas Alexander, presented a Bill to make provision in relation to the registration of electors and the keeping of electoral registration information; standing for election; the administration and conduct of elections and referendums; and the regulation of political parties. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 50].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Electoral Administration Bill be printed [Bill 50–EN].

5 European Union (Accessions) Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Clarke, Secretary Alan Johnson and Mr Douglas Alexander, presented a Bill to make provision consequential on the treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, signed at Luxembourg on 25th April 2005; and to make provision in relation to the entitlement of nationals of those states to enter and reside in the United Kingdom as workers. And the same 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 European Union (Accessions) Bill be printed [Bill 51–EN].

6 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Blankett, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson, Mr Des Browne, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Mr Ivan Lewis, presented a Bill to make provision about national insurance contributions in cases where there is a retrospective change to the law.
relating to income tax and to enable related provision to be made for the purposes of contributory benefits, statutory payments and other matters; to make provision about the disclosure of information in relation to arrangements for the avoidance of national insurance contributions; 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 53].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the National Insurance Contributions Bill be printed [Bill 53–EN].

7 Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by Mr Secretary Straw, Secretary John Reid, Mr Secretary Clarke and Mr Shaun Woodward, presented a Bill to provide for Part 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 to continue in force for a limited period after 18th February 2006 subject to modifications and to authorise the making of provision in connection with its ceasing to have effect; 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 52].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill be printed [Bill 52–EN].

8 Motor Vehicles (Anti-Social Use),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the anti-social use of motor vehicles; to make provision for the seizure of motor vehicles used in an anti-social manner; and for connected purposes. And that Bob Spink, Charles Hendry, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Kevan Jones, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Heath, Mr David Evennett, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Michael Clapham and Mr Mark Francois do prepare and bring it in.

9 Motor Vehicles (Anti-Social Use) Bill,—Bob Spink accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the anti-social use of motor vehicles; to make provision for the seizure of motor vehicles used in an anti-social manner; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 54].

10 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC11) (Traffic regulation on byways etc. in National Parks in England and Wales)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC12) (Agreement between Secretary of State and designated body)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC13) (Agreement between designated bodies)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC14) (Designated bodies)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC15) (Reserved functions)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC16) (Maximum duration of agreements)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC17) (Particular powers)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC18) (Agreements with local authorities)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC19) (Supplementary provisions with respect to agreements)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC20) (Interpretation)—(Jim Knight)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Enforcement powers in connection with pesticides: entry and search by force without a warrant)—(Mr James Paice)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Henry Bellingham: 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 294.
Another Clause (NC4) (Byways open to all traffic)—(Mr James Paice)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC5) (Import of exotic birds)—(Mr James Paice)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC6) (Control of harmful, non-native species)—(Mr James Paice)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC22) (Review of continued existence of Commission for Rural Communities)—(Mr Colin Breed)—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 Roger Williams, Richard Younger-Ross: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Mr Frank Roy: 278.

It being after Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to Order [6th June].

Amendments (Nos. 17 to 34) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Bob Ainsworth, 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 Bob Ainsworth, 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 read the third time and passed.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dangerous Drugs,—Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Fees and Charges,—Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 National Lottery,—Draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) (No. 2) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 British Nationality,—British Nationality (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2785), dated 10th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

5 Environmental Protection,—Volatile Organic Compounds in Paints, Varnishes and Vehicle Refinishing Products Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2773), dated 9th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Income Tax,—Donations to Charity by Individuals (Appropriate Declarations) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2790), dated 10th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

7 Local Government,—Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2755), dated 28th September 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


9 Road Traffic,—(1) Bus Lane Contraventions (Penalty Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2757), dated 6th October 2005; and

10 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Tribunals and Inquiries (Bus Lane Adjudicators) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2758), dated 6th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

11 Chelsea Hospital,—Account of the Royal Hospital Chelsea for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 488] [Clerk of the House].

12 Food,—Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 486] [Clerk of the House].

13 Government Resources and Accounts.—Resource Accounts of the Department for Transport for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 476] [John Healey].

14 Ireland (No. 2, 2005),—Agreement, done at Gormanstown (Ireland) on 24th September 2004, relating to the Transmission of Natural Gas through a Second Pipeline between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Ireland and through a Connection to the Isle of Man, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6674] [Mr Secretary Straw].
15 Netherlands (No. 2, 2005).—Agreement, done at The Hague on 21st March 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands relating to the Transmission of Natural Gas through a Pipeline between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6675] [Mr Secretary Straw].

16 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2005–06: Redress in the Round: Remedying Maladministration in Central and Local Government [by Act]; to be printed [No. 475] [Clerk of the House].

17 Police (Northern Ireland).—Account of the Office of the Oversight Commissioner for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 487] [Clerk of the House].

18 Railways.—Reports of the—

1. Rail Passengers Committee Scotland and Caledonian MacBrayne Users Committee;
2. Rail Passengers Council; and
3. Rail Passengers Committee for Wales for 2004–05 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Violent Crime Reduction Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Pritchard from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Sammy Wilson.

2 London Olympics Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Don Foster, John Mann, Mr Andy Reed, Hugh Robertson, Andrew Selous and Claire Ward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

3 London Olympics 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: Lyn Brown, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Meg Hillier, Mrs Jacqui Laity, Mr Pat McLoughlin, John Mann, Mrs Maria Miller, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mr Andy Reed, Hugh Robertson, John Robertson, Andrew Selous, Jo Swinson, Mark Tami, Claire Ward and Derek Wyatt.

4 Draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005:

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: Charlotte Atkins, John Battle, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr James Clappison, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Frank Doran, Michael Fabricant, Barbara Follett, Mike Gapes, Michael Gove, David Heyes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Norman Lamb, Meg Munn, Andrew Stunell and Kitty Ussher.

European Standing Committees

5 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th July 2005 relating to Marketing of Foods Derived from Genetically Modified Maize—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Adam Afriyie, Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mary Creagh, Mr James Devine, Caroline Flint, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Dan Rogerson and Mrs Betty Williams.

6 European Union Document No. 8635/05 relating to Marketing of Genetically Modified Maize and European Union Document No. 10785/05 relating to Marketing of Genetically Modified Maize for Resistance to Certain Pests and Herbicides—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Documents: Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Vernon Coaker, Clive Efford, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Frank Field, Margaret Moran, Mr Eliot Morley and Mr James Paice.
7 European Union Common Strategy on Russia (Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 7th June 2005)—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Memorandum: Mr Douglas Alexander, John Austin, Gregory Barker, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Dr Hywel Francis, Kelvin Hopkins, Andrew Selous, Dr Gavin Strang and Richard Younger-Ross.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [The courts: small claims]; to be printed [No. 519]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The courts: small claims] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [BBC Report and Accounts, 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 483] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Draft Terrorism Bill 2005]; to be printed [No. 515] [Mr John Denham].

4 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Civil Service Effectiveness]; to be printed [No. 513] [Tony Wright].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Second Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Police Service, Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Wales: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 514] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 40; WH, No. 22]

Tuesday 11th October 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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 1.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.
1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Area) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1537)
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Terrorism Bill,—Mr Secretary Clarke, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hain and Hazel Blears, presented a Bill to make provision for and about offences relating to conduct carried out, or capable of being carried out, for purposes connected with terrorism; to amend enactments relating to terrorism; to amend the Intelligence Services Act 1994 and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 55].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Terrorism Bill be printed [Bill 55–EN].

3 Local Government Consultation,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide a statutory framework for full public consultation by local authorities in England whenever major developments are proposed by such authorities: And that Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, David Heyes, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Ben Wallace, Stephen Hammond, Mr Geoffrey Cox and David Mundell do prepare and bring it in.

4 Local Government Consultation Bill,—Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger accordingly presented a Bill to provide a statutory framework for full public consultation by local authorities in England whenever major developments are proposed by such authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 56].

5 Opposition Day [6th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.
Regionalisation of Emergency Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House notes the overwhelming rejection of regional government in the referendum held in the North East in November 2004; regrets the ongoing transfer of powers to unelected regional quangos since the result, taking power away from democratically accountable local councils; rejects the proposals for the regionalisation of the fire service and the imposition of distant Regional Fire Control Rooms; expresses concern at the possibility of police forces being structured on a Government Office Region level, making the police less responsive to local people, and voices similar concerns over the restructuring of NHS ambulance trusts; disagrees with the Deputy Prime Minister’s proposals for the regionalisation of emergency services as being a desirable, legitimate or necessary tier of governance; and demands that the Government dismantles the unwanted and unaccountable regional administration of emergency services—(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 ‘supports local, regional and national collaboration to improve public safety and health; welcomes the continuing reduction in fire deaths which Fire and Rescue Authorities have achieved in partnership with the Government and other stakeholders; welcomes the positive role played by local authorities in Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and the fall in crime as a result; welcomes the public consultation underway to ensure police force structures protect the public from terrorism and organised crime, while continuing to provide responsive neighbourhood policing that meets the needs of local communities; welcomes the proposed managerial changes in ambulance trusts which will cut overheads and bureaucracy, while boosting investment in front-line staff and services for patients, and congratulates the Government on increasing expenditure on all the emergency services since its election in 1997, instead thereof.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Peter Atkinson: 241.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr John Heppell: 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)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House supports local, regional and national collaboration to improve public safety and health; welcomes the continuing reduction in fire deaths which Fire and Rescue Authorities have achieved in partnership with the Government and other stakeholders; welcomes the positive role played by local authorities in Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and the fall in crime as a result; welcomes the public consultation underway to ensure police force structures protect the public from terrorism and organised crime, while continuing to provide responsive neighbourhood policing that meets the needs of local communities; welcomes the proposed managerial changes in ambulance trusts which will cut overheads and bureaucracy, while boosting investment in front-line staff and services for patients; and congratulates the Government on increasing expenditure on all the emergency services since its election in 1997.

Tackling Climate Change,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the Prime Minister’s apparent willingness to abandon the effort to achieve a second Kyoto agreement; and calls upon the Government to implement a system of independent monitoring which will assist governments in achieving the Royal Commission’s target reduction in emissions by 2050—(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 ‘congratulates the UK Government on the unparalleled leadership it has shown in raising the issue of climate change up the international agenda; welcomes the outcomes of the G8 Summit in July in Gleneagles and the UK’s achievements in establishing a new momentum in international discussion on climate change; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to work towards agreement on the long-term goals and action needed to stabilise the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and the UK’s commitment to seek further international action through the EU Presidency, the first meeting of the G8 dialogue on 1st November and the Montreal meeting in December; commends the Labour Party for its continuing objective to reduce emissions by 20 per cent. by 2010; and welcomes any support for measures that will actually reduce UK emissions’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Margaret Beckett.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Mark Prisk: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Kevin Brennan: 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)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates the UK Government on the unparalleled leadership it has shown in raising the issue of climate change up the international agenda; welcomes the outcomes of the G8 Summit in July in Gleneagles and the UK’s achievements in establishing a new momentum in international discussion on climate change; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to work towards agreement on the long-term goals and action needed to stabilise the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and the UK’s commitment to seek further international action through the EU Presidency, the first meeting of the G8 dialogue on 1st November and the Montreal meeting in December; commends the Labour Party for its continuing objective to reduce emissions by 20 per cent. by 2010; and welcomes any support for measures that will actually reduce UK emissions.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership,—Draft Civil Partnership (Miscellaneous and Consequential Provisions) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Magistrates’ Courts.—Draft Family Procedure (Modification of Enactments) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

4 Social Security.—Draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) (Amendments relating to Civil Partnership) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Children and Young Persons.—(1) Family Procedure (Adoption) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2795), dated 10th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice]; and


7 Family Proceedings.—(1) Children (Allocation of Proceedings) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2797); and


Other Papers:

9 Crown Agents.—Account of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 516] [Clerk of the House].

10 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 12th October 2005, concerning the gifting of military equipment to the Iraqi Government [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

11 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minute, dated 12th October 2005, concerning indemnities for Members of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Report of the Global Opportunities Fund for 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6665] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 448] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

14 International Labour Conference.—Paper, entitled International Labour Conference: Presentation of the Recommendation adopted at the 92nd Session of the International Labour Conference (2004) and the proposed action by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Recommendation [by Command] [Cm. 6666] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

15 National Savings Bank.—Account of the National Savings Ordinary Deposits for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 517] [Clerk of the House].

16 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-eighth to Thirtieth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6668] [John Healey].

17 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Report by the Independent Reviewer, Lord Carlile of Berriew Q.C., on Proposals by Her Majesty’s Government for Changes to the Laws Against Terrorism [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

18 Tribunals and Inquiries.—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 472] [Bridget Prentice].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Henry Bellingham, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Gwyn Prosser and Joan Ryan members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

2 Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Area) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1537).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer and Mr Denis MacShane from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Chris Mole and Anne Snelgrove.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Document No. 9997/05, relating to tackling organised crime, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

4 European Union Document No. 11413/05, relating to European Union Development Policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

5 European Union Document No. 11439/05, relating to Value Added Tax, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

6 European Union Document No. COM(05)172, relating to the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Commission legislative proposals, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

7 Unnumbered Letter dated 26th August 2005, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Draft Budget 2006, has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 1st June 2005 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2006, already referred to the Committee on 4th July 2005.

8 European Union Document No. 12197/05, relating to the marketing of foods derived from genetically modified maize, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Public Expenditure on Education and Skills], to be printed [No. 479-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit.—Second Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government’s Reply to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Pre-Budget 2004 and Budget 2005: Tax, Appraisal and Environment]; to be printed [No. 528] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) First Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The future for UK fishing: Government Response to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee’s Report]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 532];

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05 on Climate Change: looking forward]; to be printed [No. 533];

(3) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Eighth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05 on progress on the use of pesticides: the Voluntary Initiative]; to be printed [No. 534];

(4) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Rural Payments Agency];

(5) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Avian Influenza]; and

(6) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Dismantling defunct ships in the UK].

[Mr Michael Jack].

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. 34-v];

(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on aspects of the EU’s Constitutional Treaty]; to be printed [No. 527]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Jimmy Hood].
5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 522-i] [Mike Gapes].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Air Transport Services in Northern Ireland: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 529];

(2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Ways of Dealing with Northern Ireland’s Past: Interim Report—Victims and Survivors: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 530]; and

(3) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [The Functions of the Northern Ireland Policing Board: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 531]

[Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Maintaining and improving Britain’s railway stations]; to be printed [No. 535-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-iv] [Eric Forth].

9 Transport,—Third Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Integrated Transport: the Future of Light Rail and Modern Trams in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 526] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Revenue & Customs: Spring Departmental Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 524-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 41; WH, No. 23]

Wednesday 12th October 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Clare Ward.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

[No. 42.]

Thursday 13th October 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax (Earnings Exemption for Persons Living in Poverty) Bill.—The Order for reading the Income Tax (Earnings Exemption for Persons Living in Poverty) Bill a second time on Friday 14th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill be printed [Bill 17–EN].

3 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill.—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dawn Primarolo, Mr David Miliband, Mr Phil Woolas and Jim Fitzpatrick, presented a Bill to make provision about the dates on which new valuation lists for the purposes of council tax must be compiled in relation to billing authorities in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 57].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill be printed [Bill 57–EN].
4 Animal Welfare Bill.—Secretary Margaret Beckett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Secretary Hain and Mr Ben Bradshaw, presented a Bill to make provision about animal welfare; 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 58].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Animal Welfare Bill be printed [Bill 58-EN].

5 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 10th October, be approved.—(Hazel Blears.)

6 Adjournment (Combating Benefit Fraud).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr James Plaskitt).

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

7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership.—Draft Civil Partnership (House of Commons Members’ Fund) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Geoffrey Hoon].

2 European Communities.—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Open Spaces.—Royal Parks (Establishment of Eligibility for Transfer and Termination of Employment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2868), dated 12th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Road Traffic.—Disclosure of Vehicle Insurance Information Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2833), dated 11th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 5) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 449), dated 11th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Other Paper:

6 Police (Northern Ireland).—Fourteenth Report of the Oversight Commissioner [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

2 The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 8635/05 relating to Marketing of Genetically Modified Maize and European Union Document No. 10785/05 relating to Marketing of Maize Genetically Modified for Resistance to Certain Pests and Herbicides.
3 The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 7th June 2005 relating to European Union Common Strategy on Russia.

4 The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th July 2005 relating to Marketing of Foods Derived from Genetically Modified Maize.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Scrutiny.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee [The Work of the European Commission]; to be printed [No. 538-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Home Affairs and Work and Pensions.—Memoranda laid before the draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill Sub-Committees of the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees [Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill]; to be printed [No. 540-H] [Mr John Denham].

3 Treasury.—First Report from the Treasury Committee [The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: appointment hearings]; 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. 525-I and -II] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 42; WH, No. 24]

Thursday 13th October 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (e-Government),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 18th October.

[Adjourned at 5.07 p.m.]

[No. 43.]

Friday 14th October 2005.

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.—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Employment Tribunals (Representation and Assistance in Discrimination Proceedings) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Tribunals (Representation and Assistance in Discrimination Proceedings) Bill;

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

Mr Marsha Singh rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Bill be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now put:—It was negatived.

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 28th October.

5 Occasional Sales Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occasional Sales Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th March.
6 European Communities Act 1972 (Disapplication) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Communities Act 1972 (Disapplication) Bill;

Dawn Primarolo 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, has consented to place Her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th October.

7 International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th October.

8 Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th October.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 17th October.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Housing,—Social Landlords (Additional Purposes or Objects) (Amendment) (England) Order 2005(S.I. 2005, No. 2863), dated 12th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Landlord and Tenant,—Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (England) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005, No. 2867), dated 12th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Paper:

3 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 14th October 2005, concerning the gifting of equipment to the Kosovo Municipalities [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Report from a Select Committee

Health,—Memoranda laid before the Health Committee [Smoking in Public Places]; to be printed [No. 485-II] [Mr Kevin Barron].
PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee.—Frank Cook reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th July 2005, submitted by the Food Standards Agency, relating to the Draft Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of foods and food ingredients derived from genetically modified Roundup Ready maize line GA21, and supports the Government’s view that products derived from this maize meet the necessary requirements for authorisation under Regulation (EC) No. 258/97.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

2 Transport (Wales) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Transport (Wales) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Cross-border provision)—(Bill Wiggin)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Supreme Court (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 Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 314), dated 26th June 2005, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

4 Civil Contingencies,—Ordered, That the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) Regulations 2005, (S.I., 2005, No. 2042), dated 22nd July 2005, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.48 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership,—Draft Civil Partnership (Judicial Pensions and Church Pensions, etc.) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Health and Safety,—Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2898), dated 17th October 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Police,—Police (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2834), dated 11th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

4 Constitutional Affairs,—Paper, entitled The Future of Legal Services: Putting Consumers First [by Command] [Cm. 6679] [Bridget Prentice].

5 National Lottery,—Report and Financial Statements of the UK Film Council Group and Lottery for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 470] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Northern Ireland,—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 2003-04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 545] [Clerk of the House].

7 Work and Pensions,—Report by the Department for Work and Pensions for 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6673] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Clappison from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Philip Dunne.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 8635/05 relating to Marketing of Genetically Modified Maize and European Union Document No. 10785/05 relating to Marketing of Genetically Modified Maize for Resistance to Certain Pests and Herbicides.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Paice from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Owen Paterson.

3 European Union Common Strategy on Russia (Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 7th June 2005).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gregory Barker from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Mr William Cash.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—First Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: First Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 560] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

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 [ODPM Annual Report and Accounts 2005]; to be printed [No. 559-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Ninth Report from the of Public Accounts Committee [Foot and Mouth Disease: Applying the Lessons]; to be printed [No. 563];

(2) Tenth Report from the Committee [Jobskills]; to be printed [No. 564];

(3) Eleventh Report from the Committee [Local Management of Schools]; to be printed [No. 563]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [NHS Local Improvement Finance Trusts]; to be printed [No. 562-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 45.]

Tuesday 18th October 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Olympics Bill,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the London Olympics Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 62]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Work and Families Bill,—Secretary Alan Johnson, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Darling, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Mr Secretary Hain and Secretary Ruth Kelly, presented a Bill to make provision about statutory rights to leave and pay in connection with the birth or adoption of children; to amend section 80F of the Employment Rights Act 1996; to make provision about workers’ entitlement to annual leave; to provide for the increase in the sums specified in section 186(1) and 227(1) of that Act, 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 60].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Work and Families Bill be printed [Bill 60–EN].
3 Age of Sale of Tobacco,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to raise the minimum age of sale of tobacco and tobacco products from 16 years to 18 years: And that Jeff Ennis, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Drew, Mrs Betty Williams, Harry Cohen, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr David Crausby, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson and Mr Mike Hancock do prepare and bring it in.

4 Age of Sale of Tobacco Bill.—Jeff Ennis accordingly presented a Bill to raise the minimum age of sale of tobacco and tobacco products from 16 years to 18 years: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 59].

5 Identity Cards Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 28th June 2005 (Identity Cards Bill (Programme)) be further varied as follows:

For paragraph 4 substitute—

'4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at this day’s sitting at the time specified in the second column of the following Table.

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| Remaining proceedings on consideration           | One hour before the moment of interruption.'—(Mr Tony McNulty).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Frank Roy: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Identity Cards Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Identity Cards Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Select Committee—(Mr David Heath);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 74 (Re-committal of bill).

The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Frank Roy: 326.

So the Question was negatived.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, after the word 'others', to insert the words 'who reasonably require proof', instead thereof.—(Patrick Mercer.)

And it being a quarter to Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [28th June and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Vernon Coaker: 321.

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.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 42, to leave out the word ‘must’ and insert the words ‘may, if the applicant so chooses’, instead thereof.—(Mr Neil Gerrard.)
And it being a quarter past Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, David Taylor: 278.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Vernon Coaker: 310.

Another Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 20, after the word ‘individual’, to insert the words—
‘(aa) must be free of charge.’—(Patrick Mercer.)

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 David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 277.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Vernon Coaker: 310.

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. 3 and 4) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Secretary Clarke, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s prerogative is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Vernon Coaker: 309.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 284.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

7 Marketing of Foods Derived from Genetically Modified Maize.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th July 2005, submitted by the Food Standards Agency, relating to the Draft Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of foods and food ingredients derived from genetically modified Roundup Ready maize line GA21; and supports the Government’s view that products derived from this maize meet the necessary requirements for authorisation under Regulation No. 258/97—(Mr Alan Campbell),

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

8 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [two Petitions] were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell),

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 to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Clean Air,—Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2895), dated 14th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1. Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Department for Constitutional Affairs: key policies and priorities]; to be printed [No. 566-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

2. Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [London 2012 Olympics: First Steps]; to be printed [No. 552-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3. Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Future Carrier and Joint Combat Aircraft Programmes]; to be printed [No. 554-i] [James Arbuthnot].

4. International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [The Autumn Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank; and the UN World Summit 2005]; to be printed [No. 569-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

5. Standards and Privileges,—Fourth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Pay for Standing Committee Chairmen], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 568] [Sir George Young].

6. Trade and Industry,—(1) Eighth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2004-05, on Trade with South-East Asia]; to be printed [No. 521]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Royal Mail after liberalisation]; to be printed [570-i] [Peter Lilley].

7. Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government White Paper: Better Governance for Wales]; to be printed [No. 531-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 45; WH, No. 25]

Tuesday 18th October 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]
1 European Standing Committee.—Hugh Bayley reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 8635/05, draft Council Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC, of a maize product (Zea mays L. line MON 863) genetically modified for resistance to corn rootworm and No. 10785/05, draft Council Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC, of a maize product (Zea mays L. line 1507) genetically modified for resistance to certain lepidopteran pests and for tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate-ammonium; and supports the Government’s view that all the requirements of the Directive have been met in relation to these products and their proposed use should be authorised.

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

2 Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill a second time on Friday 28th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

3 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require an audit of existing or planned infrastructure in areas of significant housing development: And that Mr Francis Maude, Mr Tim Boswell, Greg Clark, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Nick Gibb, Charles Hendry, Mr Nick Herbert, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Hon Nicholas Soames do prepare and bring it in.

4 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill.—Mr Francis Maude accordingly presented a Bill to require an audit of existing or planned infrastructure in areas of significant housing development: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 61].

5 Privilege.—Ordered, That the matter of the evidence given by the Rt Hon Member for North Tyneside to the Transport Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on Transport, Local Government and the Regions on 14th November 2001 be referred to the Committee on Standards and Privileges.—(Chris Grayling.)

6 Opposition Day [7th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Council Tax Revaluation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the decision of the Government to delay, but not to cancel, the council tax revaluation in England, calls for Ministers to be held to account for the flawed Welsh revaluation introduced by the Local Government Act 2003; believes that urgent measures are necessary to stop further rises in Welsh council tax bills next April as transitional relief is phased out; observes that the business rates revaluation in England has not been revenue-neutral; notes that Northern Ireland is being used as a testing ground for controversial reform in England; expresses concern that the Lyons Inquiry will be used to advocate expensive and time-consuming restructuring of local government, and instead calls for regional government to be curtailed; and fears that revaluation and re-banding will be used to increase further the burden of local taxation on hard-working families and pensioners in England—(Mr Eric Pickles);

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 decision to postpone the revaluation of council tax in England in order that it may take full account of Sir Michael Lyons’s further work on the functions of local government as well as its financing; supports the Government’s extension of Sir Michael’s terms of reference, which will enable him to review the strategic role of local government and therefore set any proposals for the reform of the funding system within the context of that role and of councils’ accountability; recognises that the devolution settlement for Wales gives responsibility for council tax matters to the National Assembly for Wales, and that the context for rating reform in Northern Ireland is very different from that in Great Britain; refutes any suggestion that Northern Ireland is being used as a testing ground for reform in England; and looks forward to the final report of Sir Michael Lyons’s inquiry which it is confident will provide a real opportunity for fundamental and lasting reform’, instead thereof.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;  
The House divided.  
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Crispin Blunt. 247.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Dave Watts. 300.  
So the Question was negatived.  

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

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s decision to postpone the  
revision of council tax in England in order that it may take full account of Sir Michael  
Lyons’s further work on the functions of local government as well as its financing;  
supports the Government’s extension of Sir Michael’s terms of reference, which will  
equip him to review the strategic role of local government and therefore set any  
proposals for the reform of the funding system within the context of that role and of  
councils’ accountability; recognises that the devolution settlement for Wales gives  
responsibility for council tax matters to the National Assembly for Wales, and that the  
context for rating reform in Northern Ireland is very different from that in Great Britain;  
refutes any suggestion that Northern Ireland is being used as a testing ground for reform  
in England; and looks forward to the final report of Sir Michael Lyon’s inquiry which  
it is confident will provide a real opportunity for fundamental and lasting reform.  

Deferred Division.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had  
been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):  

Marketing of Foods Derived from Genetically Modified Maize.—That this House  
takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th July 2005,  
submitted by the Food Standards Agency, relating to the Draft Council Decision  
authorising the placing on the market of foods and food ingredients derived from  
genetically modified Roundup Ready maize line GA21; and supports the Government’s  
view that products derived from this maize meet the necessary requirements for  
authorisation under Regulation No. 258/97.  

Ayes: 215.  
Noes: 75.  
So the Question was agreed to.  

Opposition Day.—The House again proceeded to consider Opposition business.  

Emergency Preparedness.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,  
That this House expresses its deep appreciation of the response of the emergency services  
and Transport for London to the terrorist outrages of 7th and 21st July 2005; urges  
heightened efforts to ensure that preparedness for emergencies is comprehensively  
pursued; believes that the appointment of a Minister for Homeland Security would  
contribute to effective co-ordination within government; calls for increased efforts in  
communicating with the public in respect of major threats, including both terrorist  
attacks and an influenza pandemic; regrets delays in the publication of an influenza  
pandemic contingency plan and the procurement of anti-viral drugs and disposal  
medical products; is concerned at the lack of public information and resulting confusion;  
and urges that pandemic influenza preparedness be achieved urgently, with effective  
communication to the NHS and public of the nature of the threat and planned  
responses.—(Mr Andrew Lansley).  

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word  
‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘pays grateful tribute to the  
extcellent work of the emergency services, of Transport for London and of all involved  
in responding to the terrorist outrages of 7th July and 21st July; congratulates the  
Government on its comprehensive approach to preparedness for emergencies; notes the  
effectiveness of current Departmental responsibilities for emergency preparedness;  
further congratulates the Government on the steps taken to enhance communication  
with the public in respect of major threats; notes that supplies of vaccines, antibiotics,  
antidotes and specialist equipment are strategically placed around the UK for rapid  
deployment in the event of a mass casualty incident, and that spending on the stockpile  
to date exceeds £120 million; further notes that NHS organisations have well-established,  
comprehensive plans in place for dealing with pandemic influenza, and that the  
Government’s updated pandemic flu contingency plan is being published today;  
welcomes the fact that the Government is stockpiling key drugs and equipment, and will  
have enough antiviral drugs to treat 25 per cent. of the population by September 2006;  
and recognises that good communication with the public and with health professionals  
is crucial before and during a pandemic and therefore congratulates the Government on  
making accurate and up to date information widely available to doctors and the public  
through various agencies’, instead thereof.—(Ms Rosie Winterton.)
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, Michael Fabricant, Mr Peter Atkinson: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 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):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House pays grateful tribute to the excellent work of the emergency services, of Transport for London and of all involved in responding to the terrorist outrages of 7th July and 21st July; congratulates the Government on its comprehensive approach to preparedness for emergencies; notes the effectiveness of current Departmental responsibilities for emergency preparedness; further congratulates the Government on the steps taken to enhance communication with the public in respect of major threats; notes that supplies of vaccines, antibiotics, antidotes and specialist equipment are strategically placed around the UK for rapid deployment in the event of a mass casualty incident, and that spending on the stockpile to date exceeds £120 million; further notes that NHS organisations have well-established, comprehensive plans in place for dealing with pandemic influenza, and that the Government’s updated pandemic flu contingency plan is being published today; welcomes the fact that the Government is stockpiling key drugs and equipment, and will have enough antiviral drugs to treat 25 per cent. of the population by September 2006; and recognises that good communication with the public and with health professionals is crucial before and during a pandemic and therefore congratulates the Government on making accurate and up to date information widely available to doctors and the public through various agencies.

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax;

(2) Marlow Evening Townswomen’s Guild against mixed sex wards; and

(3) residents of Barnsley and others against the deportation of Ms Kuzvidza and her family;

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

10 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.39 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Access to Justice,—Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

2 Disabled Persons,—Draft Disability Discrimination (Private Clubs etc.) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Family Law,—Draft Civil Partnership (Family Proceedings and Housing Consequential Amendments) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].
4 Food,—Draft Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Judgments,—Draft Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs and the Misuse of Drugs (Supply to Addicts) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2864), dated 12th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

7 Education,—Southwark London Borough Council (Prescribed Alteration) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2836), dated 11th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

8 Environmental Protection,—Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2003), dated 16th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

9 Companies,—Report of Companies in 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 544] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

10 Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims,—Code of Practice for Victims of Crime [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

11 Education,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 451] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 471] [John Healey].

13 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Law Society of Northern Ireland on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland for the period 1st April to 31st October 2003, with the Reports of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland and the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 463] [Bridget Prentice].

14 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 2005),—Agreement, done at Cardiff on 12th July 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding Collaboration in Centrifuge Technology, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6680] [Mr Secretary Straw].

15 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc. ),—Seventh Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 546] [Mr Secretary Hain].

16 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [20th July] from people of Bicester and the surrounding area against the proposed reduction in the Oxford-Bicester rail service [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

17 Treaty Series (No. 37, 2005),—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6676] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Lottery 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: Adam Afriyie, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Jim Devine, Mrs Natascha Engel, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Andrew Gwynne, Mr Tom Harris, John Mann, Mr Jamie Reed, Andrew Selous, Jo Swinson, Mr Hugo Swire, Emily Thornberry, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Charles Walker and Claire Ward.
2 Draft Civil Partnership (Miscellaneous and Consequential Provisions) Order 2005 and the draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) (Amendments relating to Civil Partnership) Regulations 2005:

(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: Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, Mr Tim Boswell, Peter Bottomley, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr John Heppell, Mr Adam Holloway, Helen Jones, Eric Joyce, Mr Piara S. Khaira, Mr David Laws, Mrs Anne McIntyre, Anne Moffat, Mr John Randall, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr Robert Walter.


(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 Henry Bellingham, Roger Berry, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Edward Davey, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Maria Eagle, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Stian C. James, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Austin Mitchell, Dan Norris, Mark Pritchard, Christine Russell, Mr IanTaylor and Mark Williams.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Don Foster (Bath), Linda Gilroy, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Mike Hall, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mrs Theresa May, Mr Malcolm Moss, Kati Mountford, James Purnell, Andrew Selous, Grant Shapps, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Mr Gary Streeter, Jo Swinson, Kitty Ussher, Claire Ward and David Wright.

5 Draft Weights and Measures (Miscellaneous Foods) (Amendment) Order 2005:

(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 Richard Benyon, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Michael Connarty, Jim Cousins, Mr David Crausby, Jon Cruddas, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr David Evennett, Mr David Gauke, Charles Hendry, Norman Lamb, Anne Milton, Mr Alan Reid, John Smith, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Documents Nos. 8137/05, 8138/05 and 8139/05 relating to European Union Contribution to achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Documents: Richard Burden, Mr Vernon Coaker, Michael Jabez Foster, Andrew George, Mr David Hamilton, Greg Mulholland, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr John Randall, Mr Lee Scott, Mark Simmonds, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Michael Wills and Jeremy Wright.

7 European Union Document No. 8635/05 relating to Marketing of Genetically Modified Maize and European Union Document No. 10785/05 relating to Marketing of Genetically Modified Maize for Resistance to Certain Pests and Herbicides.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts and Mrs Louise Ellman from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Liz Blackman and Mr Frank Doran.

8 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 4th July 2005 relating to European Union Arms Exports.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Union Committee in respect of the Memorandum: Ed Balls, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Stephen Crabb, Dr Kim Howells, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Gordon Marsden, David Mundell, Andrew Selous, Graham Stringer, Mr Mark Todd and Richard Younger-Ross.

9 Unnumbered letter dated 1st June 2005 relating to the draft Budget 2006.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Letter: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr David Drew, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Francois, Patrick Hall, Chris Huhne, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Ivan Lewis, Mr Andrew Love, John Penrose and Mike Wood.
10 European Union Document No. 8630/05, relating to the control of avian influenza, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 European Union Documents Nos. 11216/05 and 11452/05 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to financial management, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

Private Business

12 Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel).—Rosemary McKenna reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111 relating to Private Business (Reference to committees of opposed and unopposed Bills), viz: John Austin, Mr Adrian Bailey, Gordon Banks, Peter Bottomley, Sir John Butterfill, Colin Challen, Paul Farrelly, Mr Brian Jenkins, Helen Jones, Siobhain McDonagh, John Mann, Sir Robert Smith, Sir Peter Tapsell, Jon Trickett, Mr Robert Walter and Ann Winterton.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Higher Education issues]; to be printed [No. 520-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Reform of the EU Sugar Regime]; to be printed [No. 585-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Keeping the Lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 584-i] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Sixth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-vi]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 573-i] [Mike Gapes].

6 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Responding to the challenges of European law]; to be printed [No. 590-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Chief Executive of the Natural Environment Research Council: Introductory Hearing]; to be printed [No. 491-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Office of Science and Technology Scrutiny Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 490-i]

[Mr Phil Willis].

8 Scottish Affairs.—(1) First Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Meeting Scotland’s Future Energy Needs: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 579]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 29th June [Scotland Office Annual Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 580-i]

[Mr Mohammed Sarwar].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-v] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Transport.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Search and Rescue]; to be printed [No. 586];

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Rural Railways]; to be printed [No. 587]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Going for Gold: Delivering Excellent Transport for London’s 2012 Olympic Games]; to be printed [No. 588-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [National Savings and Investments Annual Report and Accounts 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 575-i] [Mr John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Disability and Carers Service]; to be printed [No 572] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 46; WH, No. 57]

Wednesday 19th October 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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 5.11 p.m.

[No. 47.]

Thursday 20th October 2005.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005.

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

2 European Standing Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 8799/05 and Addendum 1, EU-Russia: Road Maps for the Common Economic Space, the Common Space of Freedom, Security and Justice, the Common Space of External Security and the Common Space on Research, Education and Culture; and agrees with the Government that the road maps for the Four Common Spaces agreed at the EU-Russia Summit on 10th May 2005 provide a valuable framework for the European Union to achieve its objectives in its relations with Russia in the medium term.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords],—The Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th October and to be printed [Bill 63].

4 Adjournment (Thames Gateway).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bob Ainsworth).

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

5 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mr Vernon Hunte and others against changes to the visa regime for overseas students; and

(2) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [two Petitions]

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 John Heppell.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.55 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Civil Partnership.—(1) Civil Partnership (Contracted-out Occupational and Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) (Surviving Civil Partners) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 433), dated 29th September 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and 

3. Council Tax.—(1) Council Tax (Civil Partners) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2866); and 


6. Social Security.—(1) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2894); and 
   (2) Social Security (Civil Partnership) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2878), dated 13th October 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

7. Animals (Scientific Procedures).—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 2004 [by Act], to be printed [No. 466] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

8. Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of Sir John Soane’s Museum for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 354] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9. Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
   Export Control (Democratic Republic of Congo) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1677) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. National Lottery Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Don Foster, John Mann, Andrew Selous, Mr Hugo Swire and Claire Ward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2. National Lottery Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook and Mr Roger Gale Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3. Draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins and Mr Frank Doran from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Chris Mole and Dr Alan Whitehead.
4 Draft Civil Partnership (Miscellaneous and Consequential Provisions) Order 2005 and draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) (Amendments relating to Civil Partnership) Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order and Regulations.

5 Education (School Organisation Proposals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1801).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

6 Licensing Act 2003 (Second Appointment Day) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2091).—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

7 Draft Weights and Measures (Miscellaneous Foods) (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

8 European Union Common Strategy on Russia (Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 7th June 2005).—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin and Dr Hywel Francis from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Blizzard and Dr Nick Palmer.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Smoking in Public Places]; to be printed [No. 485-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ombudsman Issues and Tax Credits]; to be printed [No. 577-i] [Tony Wright].

[No. 47; WH, No. 27]

Thursday 20th October 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Work of the Social Exclusion Unit).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 25th October.

[Adjourned at 4.07 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

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 Armed Forces (Parliamentary Approval for Participation in Armed Conflict) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Armed Forces (Parliamentary Approval for Participation in Armed Conflict) Bill;
And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;
Mr Geoffrey Hoon acquainted the House, That he had it in command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place Her prerogative, so far as it is affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.
And the Question being proposed:
Clare Short rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Paul Flynn, Mr Neil Gerrard: 91.
Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Eric Joyce: 12.
Whereupon the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 37 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).
Jeremy Corbyn rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;
but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined to put that Question.
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 10th March.

4 Road Safety and Parking Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Safety and Parking Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th October.

5 Prohibition of Abortion (England and Wales) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prohibition of Abortion (England and Wales) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th March.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 24th October.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Salmonella in Broiler Flocks (Survey Powers) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2927), dated 20th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Transport,—Railway Heritage Scheme Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2905), dated 12th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

Monday 24th October 2005

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Civil Partnership (Miscellaneous and Consequential Provisions) Order 2005 and the draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) (Amendments relating to Civil Partnership) Regulations 2005.

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:

Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about representation funded as part of the Criminal Defence Service; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 64].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 64–EN].

4 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.

Government’s Handling of Decisions Relating to Railtrack.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the lack of openness and transparency of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Ministers at the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions in their plan to restructure Railtrack; questions the Government’s propriety in the method by which they sought an Administration Order for Railtrack; condemns their attempted intimidation of the Rail Regulator; abhors their cavalier and dismissive contempt for Railtrack shareholders; criticises the conduct of the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s special adviser for usurping the proper role of Ministers; notes that the Government’s approach to the entire project was dictated by the Chancellor; and considers this episode an example of disgraceful impropriety in the formation of policy and the execution of government decisions—(Mr Alan Duncan);

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 judgement in the recently concluded Railtrack court case which, after weeks of evidence fully tested by cross examination, completely dismisses the claimants’ allegation of wrong-doing on the part of Government; further welcomes the fact that the judgement exonerates entirely the way the Government responded to its growing concerns about Railtrack’s financial position and the propriety of the process that led to Railtrack being put in Administration, including the Government’s stance in relation to the Rail Regulator; notes that the judge described Railtrack’s request for unlimited public funding and support, which was made in part to maintain its share price, as a “hopeless proposition”; and that there were good public reasons for the policy developed, congratulates the Government for bringing under control the situation which resulted from the previous Government’s botched privatisation and putting ownership of the track into the hands of a not-for-dividend company operating in the broad public interest; and recognises the significant progress that is being made by Network Rail in improving performance on the railway and in bringing costs under control, in stark contrast to the management incompetence shown by Railtrack’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Darling).

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Michael Fabricant: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Mr Tom Watson: 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, Kevin Brennan, Mr Tom Watson: 323.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Michael Fabricant: 176.

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

**Resolved,** That this House welcomes the judgement in the recently concluded Railtrack court case which, after weeks of evidence fully tested by cross examination, completely dismisses the claimants’ allegation of wrong-doing on the part of Government; further welcomes the fact that the judgement exonerates entirely the way the Government responded to its growing concerns about Railtrack’s financial position and the propriety of the process that led to Railtrack being put in Administration, including the Government’s stance in relation to the Rail Regulator; notes that the judge described Railtrack’s request for unlimited public funding and support, which was made in part to maintain its share price, as a ‘hopeless proposition’; and that there were good public reasons for the policy developed; congratulates the Government for bringing under control the situation which resulted from the previous Government’s botched privatisation and putting ownership of the track into the hands of a not-for-dividend company operating in the broad public interest; and recognises the significant progress that is being made by Network Rail in improving performance on the railway and in bringing costs under control, in stark contrast to the management incompetence shown by Railtrack.

**Licensing Laws.**—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the growing public concern that the Licensing Act 2003 will increase levels of violent crime and anti-social behaviour; observes that the cost to the taxpayer of rising alcohol-fuelled crime and disorder is already £12 billion a year; objects to the presumption in favour of late-night drinking irrespective of the views of local residents and local representatives; disapproves of the disproportionate burden of administration and increased costs for village halls, sports clubs and community centres; calls for local councils to have greater discretion to take into account the interests of their local community; and calls on the Government to cancel the full commencement of the Act and overhaul the primary legislation—(Mrs Theresa May).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘commends the Government on its effective publicity campaign that, together with the excellent work of licensing authorities, has resulted in 97 per cent. of those needing to make applications having done so, with the expectation that virtually all those who want a licence will have the necessary licence by 24th November; welcomes the involvement of more local residents than ever before in the licensing processes and their ability to influence the hours that premises open near their homes; notes that there is no presumption in favour of late night drinking in the Act and that it is for licensing authorities to decide appropriate hours of trading where any dispute arises; considers that the implementation of the powers to review premises licences after 24th November are a vital step in fighting anti-social behaviour; and believes that delaying the implementation of the Act would be contrary to the wishes of the police, licensing authorities, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, Action with Communities in Rural England and industry and would be an unacceptable waste of the resources and effort put in by those who have been preparing for full implementation since 7th February 2003; instead thereof.—(Secretary Tessa Jowell).”

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.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr John Randall: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Gillian Merron: 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Gillian Merron: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Mr John Randall: 216.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

**Resolved,** That this House commends the Government on its effective publicity campaign that, together with the excellent work of licensing authorities, has resulted in 97 per cent. of those needing to make applications having done so, with the expectation that virtually all those who want a licence will have the necessary licence by 24th November; welcomes the involvement of more local residents than ever before in
the licensing processes and their ability to influence the hours that premises open near their homes; notes that there is no presumption in favour of late night drinking in the Act and that it is for licensing authorities to decide appropriate hours of trading where any dispute arises; considers that the implementation of the powers to review premises licences after 24th November are a vital step in fighting anti-social behaviour; and believes that delaying the implementation of the Act would be contrary to the wishes of the police, licensing authorities, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, Action with Communities in Rural England and industry and would be an unacceptable waste of the resources and effort put in by those who have been preparing for full implementation since 7th February 2005.

5 Civil Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

6 Marketing of Maize Genetically Modified for Resistance to Corn Rootworm and Certain Pests and Herbicides.—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. 8635/05, draft Council Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC, of a maize product (Zea mays L. line MON 863) genetically modified for resistance to corn rootworm and No. 10785/05, draft Council Decision concerning the placing on the market, in accordance with Directive 2001/18/EC, of a maize product (Zea mays L. line 1507) genetically modified for resistance to certain lepidopteran pests and for tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate-ammonium; and supports the Government’s view that all the requirements of the Directive have been met in relation to these products and their proposed use should be authorised—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

7 European Union Common Strategy on Russia.—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. 8799/05 and Addendum 1, EU-Russia: Road Maps for the Common Economic Space, the Common Space of Freedom, Security and Justice, the Common Space of External Security and the Common Space of Research, Education and Culture; and agrees with the Government that the road maps for the Four Common Spaces agreed at the EU-Russia Summit on 10th May 2005 provide a valuable framework for the European Union to achieve its objectives in its relations with Russia in the medium term—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson be discharged from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and David Simpson be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Trade and Industry Committee.—Ordered, That Sir Robert Smith be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mark Hunter be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.02 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Capital Gains Tax.—Draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Corporation Tax.—Draft Tax and Civil Partnership (No. 2) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

3 Immigration.—Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
4 Northern Ireland.—Draft Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Civil Aviation.—Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2763), dated 12th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Civil Partnership.—Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2761), dated 12th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Disabled Persons.—Disability Discrimination (Service Providers and Public Authorities Carrying Out Functions) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2901), dated 17th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 European Communities.—European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2766), dated 12th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Immigration.—(1) Immigration (Procedure for Formation of Civil Partnerships) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2917), dated 19th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; and

(2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 582] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

10 Justices of the Peace.—Local Justice Areas (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2949), dated 24th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

11 Social Security.—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2904), dated 17th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

12 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Amendment List 17 to Air Publication 1269—The Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration (Eighth Edition);

(2) Amendment List 29 to Air Publication 1269A—The Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness (Third Edition); and

(3) Amendment List 11 to Air Publication 3394—The Royal Air Force Aeromedical Evacuation Service (Third Edition)
[by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

13 Criminal Justice and Court Services.—Consolidated Accounts of the Local Probation Boards for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343] [Clerk of the House].

14 Government Resources and Accounts.—Accounts of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 591] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Department for International Development for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 550] [John Healey].

15 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on National Offender Management Service: Dealing with increased numbers in custody [by Act]; to be printed [No. 485] [Clerk of the House].

16 Northern Ireland.—Direction given by the Secretary of State under section 51B(6)(a) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 on 20th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

17 Pensions.—(1) Report of the Pensions Regulator for 2004–05; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Pension Protection Fund for 2004–05 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Civil Partnership (Miscellaneous and Consequential Provisions) Order 2005 and the draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) (Amendments relating to Civil Partnership) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne Moffs and Dr Gavin Strang from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David S. Borrow and Jim Sheridan.

2 Education (School Organisation Proposals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1801).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Pritchard from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Justine Greening.

3 Licensing Act 2003 (Second Appointed Day) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2091).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jo Swinson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) 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 [Citizenship Education]; to be printed [No. 581] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Reform of the EU Sugar Regime]; to be printed [No. 585-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 573-ii] [Mike Gapes].

4 Home Affairs.—Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee [Draft Terrorism Bill 2005] [Mr John Denham].

5 Home Affairs and Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill Sub-Committees of the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees [Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill]; to be printed [No. 540-i] [Mr John Denham].

6 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights]; to be printed [No. 561-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Public Accounts.—(1) Twelfth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Helping those in financial hardship: the running of the Social Fund]; to be printed [No. 601]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Securing strategic leadership for the learning and skills sector in England]; to be printed [No. 602-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 25th October 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Violent Crime Reduction Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Violent Crime Reduction Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 66].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Road Safety and Parking Bill,—The Order for reading the Road Safety and Parking Bill a second time on Friday 28th October was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th January.

3 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill,—The Order for reading the Vehicle Registration Marks Bill a second time on Friday 11th November was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

4 Computer Misuse Bill,—The Order for reading the Computer Misuse Bill a second time on Friday 2nd December was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

5 Licensing Act 2003 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing Act 2003 in relation to touring circuses; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Peter Luff, Harry Cohen, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mark Fisher, Andrew George, Mr Michael Jack, Kate Hoey, Mr Austin Mitchell, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Lembit Øpik, Stephen Pound and Mr John Whittingdale do prepare and bring it in.

6 Licensing Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Peter Luff accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Act 2003 in relation to touring circuses; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 65].

7 Electoral Administration Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electoral Administration 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 Electoral Administration Bill because it fails to introduce necessary and sufficient measures to restore public confidence and integrity in the electoral system, owing to the absence from the Bill of the tried and tested Northern Ireland system of individual registration; because it lowers the threshold for lost Parliamentary deposits, which will assist extremists like the British National Party in spreading racist propaganda; because it perpetuates the flawed system of all-postal voting and fails to provide for the proper Parliamentary scrutiny of election pilot schemes; and because it exposes the Government’s continuing preoccupation with electoral modernisation that has undermined the UK’s reputation for free and fair elections’, instead thereof.—(Mr Oliver Heald)
   And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 166.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Tony Cunningham: 374.
   So the Question was negatived.
   And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading)—It was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

8 Electoral Administration Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Electoral Administration Bill:

Committal
1. The following shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House—
   (a) Clauses Nos. 9 to 18;
(b) any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to Part 2 or Part 3 of the Bill;
(c) any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the procedure to be followed at an
election on the death of a candidate;
(d) any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to candidates standing in more than
one constituency at an election.

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

Proceedings in Committee

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

4. Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the following table and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of that table.

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5. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to the
proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

6. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 24th November.

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

Proceedings after Committee

8. 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 from the Standing Committee.

Consideration and Third Reading

9. 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.

10. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

11. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to
proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Programming of proceedings

12. 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 Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

9 Electoral Administration Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been
signified to the proposed Motion relating to Electoral Administration Bill [Money].

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

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

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act
in the sums payable under any other Act out of that Fund—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was
agreed to.
10 Civil Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Partnership (Miscellaneous and Consequential Provisions) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 12th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

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 (Inherited SERPS) (Amendments relating to Civil Partnership) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 12th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Medical Devices (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2909), dated 18th October 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Disability Discrimination,—Draft Code of Practice on the Duty to Promote Disability Equality (England and Wales) [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Disabled Persons,—Disability Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2966), dated 21st October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Family Law,—Dissolution etc (Pensions) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2920), dated 18th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].


7 Housing,—Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Regions) (England) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2908), dated 14th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


9 Pensions,—Protected Rights (Transfer Payment) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2906), dated 18th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

Other Papers:

10 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment to the Rates of Pay and Trainer Pay for Medical and Dental Officers of the Royal Air Force, the Royal Air Force Reserve and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, dated 1st July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

11 Education and Skills.—Paper, entitled Higher Standards, Better Schools for All: More choice for parents and pupils [by Command] [Cm. 6677] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

12 Immigration.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [laid 24th October] [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
13 Pastoral Measure,—Report of the Churches Conservation Trust for 2004–05 [by Measure] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

14 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [19th July] from Castle Point Triangle Club for blind and partially sighted people and others for the continued availability of Swans Green Hall and other community halls in Castle Point;

(2) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [20th July] from tenants and residents of Langley Estate, Middleton, Manchester for funding to complete the boundary wall and environmental schemes for all properties in the area; and

(3) Observations by the Secretary of State for International Development on the Petition [21st July] from people of Sittingbourne and Sheppey for fairer trade, debt relief and more aid for Africa [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

15 Reserve Forces,—(1) Amendment to the Published Rate of Experimental Pay for the Royal Air Force, the Royal Air Force Reserve and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, dated 1st July 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; and

(2) Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 56(1) of that Act, dated 24th October 2005 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meetings on 19th July, 11th October, 18th October and 25th October 2005 [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [London 2012 Olympics: First Steps]; to be printed [No. 552-ii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [DCMS Annual Report for 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 589-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Future Carrier and Joint Combat Aircraft Programmes]; to be printed [No. 554-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Timber]; to be printed [No. 607-i]; and

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Home Office]; to be printed [No. 604-i] [Mr John Denham].

6 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with an Appendix [Making poverty history? The promises of Gleneagles]; to be printed [No. 418-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [ODPM Annual Report and Accounts 2005]; to be printed [No. 559-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Re-licensing] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Ninth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Response to the Thirteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Ofcom’s Strategic Review of Telecommunications]; to be printed [No. 598]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [DTI Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 599-i] [Peter Luff].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government White Paper: Better Governance For Wales]; to be printed [No. 531-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 25th October 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

Wednesday 26th October 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Education (School Organisation Proposals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1801).

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

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—John Cummings reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Licensing Act 2003 (Second Appointed Day) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2091).

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:

Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to enable effect to be given to the Supplementary Fund Protocol 2003 and to future revisions of the international arrangements relating to compensation for oil pollution from ships; to enable effect to be given to Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention; and to amend section 178(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords].—The Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 68].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 68-EN].

5 Control of Internet Access (Child Pornography),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require internet service providers and other commercial organisations providing access to the internet to declare whether or not they have taken steps to prevent access to web sites containing indecent images of children; and for connected purposes:

And that Margaret Moran, Anne Snelgrove, Helen Goodman, Kitty Ussher, Sandra Gidley, Ian Stewart, Judy Mallaber, Lynda Waltho, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Paul Burstow, Sir George Young and Martin Salter do prepare and bring it in.

6 Control of Internet Access (Child Pornography) Bill,—Margaret Moran accordingly presented a Bill to require internet service providers and other commercial organisations providing access to the internet to declare whether or not they have taken steps to prevent access to web sites containing indecent images of children; and for connected purposes:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 67].

7 Terrorism Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Terrorism 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, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 472.

Tellers for the Noes, Richard Younger-Ross, Bob Russell: 94.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
8 Terrorism Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Terrorism Bill:

**Committee**

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

**Proceedings in Committee**

2. (1) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in two days.

(2) Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following table and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at the times specified in the second column.

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(3) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to the proceedings on the Bill in Committee of the whole House.

**Consideration and Third Reading**

3. Any proceedings on consideration shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) six hours after the commencement of those proceedings.

4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) four hours after the commencement of those proceedings.

5. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

**Programming of 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 Ian Cawsey):

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 303.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Evennett: 245.

   So the Question was agreed to.

9 Terrorism Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Terrorism Bill [Money],

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

10 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [four Petitions] were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
11 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ian Cawsey);

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 past Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.04 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges.—Draft European Forest Institute (Legal Capacities) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Pensions.—(1) Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Appeals) Regulations 2005; and

(2) draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Modifications and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Fees and Charges.—Medicines for Human Use (Fees Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2979), dated 26th October 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

4 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Report and Accounts of Jobcentre Plus for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 352] [Mr Secretary Blunkett]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Government Actuary’s Department for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 543] [John Healey].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [13th July] from the Exmouth Citizen Forum and its supporters against building on the Exmouth waterfront and along the Exmouth estuary [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2005:

(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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Richard Benyon, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garnier, Paul Goggins, Mr Greg Hands, Martin Horwood, David Lepper, Mr Pat McFadden, Edward Miliband, Anne Moffat, Stephen Pound, Mr Mark Prisk, Joan Ryan, Mr John Spellar and Mr Gary Streeter.

2 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 1801),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Austin Mitchell and Ms Sally Keeble from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mary Creagh and Shona McIsaac.
Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) (Amendment) Regulations 2005:

(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: Andy Burnham, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Jim Dowd, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr William Hague, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr John Leech, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Jamie Reed, Joan Ryan and Mr Andrew Smith.

Licensing Act 2003 (Second Appointed Day) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2091).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Kali Mountford from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Barbara Follett.

Draft Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005:

(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: Ms Diane Abbott, John Barrett, Mr Henry Bellingham, David Cairns, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Boris Johnson, Ms Sally Keeble, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Frank Roy, Mr David Winnick and Pete Wishart.

Draft Weights and Measures (Miscellaneous Foods) (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Smith from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Wayne David.

European Standing Committees

European Union Documents Nos. 15570/04 and 15614/04 relating to Nominal Quantities for Pre-Packed Products.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Documents: Mr David Anderson, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr David Clelland, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jeff Ennis, Mr David Evennett, Charles Hendry, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr George Mudie, Ms Gisela Stuart, Andrew Stunell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Rob Wilson.

European Union Document No. 9758/05 relating to the European Information Society for Growth and Employment.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Mr Peter Bone, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr David Evennett, Charles Hendry, Norman Lamb, Ann McKechnie, Alun Michael, Mrs Marta Miller, Sandra Osborne, Mr Alan Reid, Joan Ruddock and Jon Trickett.

European Union Document No. 10514/05 relating to the Common Agricultural Policy: Reform of the Sugar Sector.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Vernon Coaker, James Duddridge, Nia Griffith, Meg Hillier, Jessica Morden, Mr James Paice, Mr Dan Rogerson, Alison Seabeck, Mr Marsha Singh and Mr Shailesh Vara.

European Union Documents Nos. 13686/04, 13687/04, 13688/04 and 13690/04 relating to EC External Action—New Instruments for Co-operation.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Documents: Mr Douglas Alexander, John Barrett, Secretary Hilary Benn, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Quentin Davies, Andrew George, Mr Doug Henderson, Kate Hoey, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr John Randall, Mark Simmonds and Keith Vaz.

Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 4th July 2005, submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, relating to European Union Arms Exports.—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Mundell from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Mr Adam Holloway.

European Union Document No. 10368/05, relating to energy efficiency, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

European Union Document No. 8064/05, relating to health and consumer protection, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.
Private Business

15 Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel).—The Committee of Selection, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary panel), has selected thirteen Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936: Miss Anne Begg, Mr Jim Devine, Mr David Hamilton, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Jim McGovern, Anne Moffat, Mr Michael Moore, David Mundell, Sandra Osborne, Mr Alan Reid, John Robertson, Mr Mohammad Sarwar and Jim Sheridan.

16 Standing Orders Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated eight Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under Standing Order 103 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Standing Orders Committee), viz.: Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Brian Jenkins, Helen Jones, Ann McKechin, Rosemary McKenna, Dr Nick Palmer, Sir Robert Smith and Sir Nicholas Winterton.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Higher Education issues]; to be printed [No. 520-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The reform of the EU Sugar Regime]; to be printed [No. 585-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Keeping the lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 584-ii] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

4 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. 34-vii];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Procedural rights in criminal proceedings]; to be printed [No. 614-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]
[Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 522-ii] [Mike Gapes].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Political and Security Developments in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 621] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Returning failed asylum applicants]; to be printed [No. 620-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-vi] [Mr Eric Forth].

9 Transport,—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Tonnage Tax]; to be printed [No. 611]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Going for Gold: Delivering Excellent Transport for London’s 2012 Olympic Games]; to be printed [No. 588-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Revenue and Customs: Spring Departmental Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 524-ii] [Mr John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—Memoranda laid before the Work and Pensions Committee [Incapacity Benefit] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Wednesday 26th October 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began 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 4.58 p.m.

Thursday 27th October 2005.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Weights and Measures (Miscellaneous Foods) (Amendment) Order 2005.

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

2 Health Bill,—Ms Secretary Hewitt, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Mr Secretary Clarke and Secretary Alan Johnson, presented a Bill to make provision for the prohibition of smoking in certain premises, places and vehicles; to make provision in relation to the prevention and control of health care associated infections; to make provision in relation to the management and use of controlled drugs; to make provision in relation to the supervision of certain dealings with medicinal products and the running of pharmacy premises, and about orders under the Medicines Act 1968 and orders amending that Act under the Health Act 1999; to make further provision about the National Health Service in England and Wales and about the recovery of National Health Service costs; to make provision for the establishment and functions of the Appointments Commission; to make further provision about the exercise of social care training functions; 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 69].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Health Bill be printed [Bill 69–EN].

3 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—The National Insurance Contributions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

4 National Insurance Contributions Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the National Insurance Contributions 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 17th November 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.
5 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 1st 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:

(i) in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon relating to the House of Commons Commission;
(ii) in the name of Mr Bob Ainsworth relating to the Parliamentary Pension Fund, the House of Commons Members’ Fund and the Public Accounts Commission; and
(iii) in the name of Mr Peter Lilley relating to the House of Commons Members’ Fund (Discretionary Payments),

not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

6 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 3.11 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Judgments,—Draft Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Town and Country Planning,—Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2935), dated 20th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 2004-05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 482] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Arts Council England incorporating grant-in-aid and lottery distribution accounts for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 555] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland),—Review of Activities and Accounts of InterTradeIreland for 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 506] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Report and Accounts of the Electoral Commission for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 603] [Clerk of the House].
Papers withdrawn:

9 Judgments,—Draft Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005 [laid 19th October 2005].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) (Amendment) Regulations 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 1st June 2005 and Letter dated 26th August 2005 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2006.

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 4th July 2005 relating to European Union Arms Exports.

7 The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document Nos. 8137/05, 8138/05 and 8139/05 on the European Union Contribution to Achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Health]; to be printed [No. 623] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Review of Government Communications]; to be printed [No. 610-i] [Tony Wright].

[No. 52; WH, No. 30]
Thursday 27th October 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Terrorism and Community Relations—Sixth Report of the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2004-05, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion being made and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put till Tuesday 1st November.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
Friday 28th October 2005.

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 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 31st October; and to be printed [Bill 70].

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

4 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [two petitions] were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Motion to sit in private,—Mr Eric Forth moved, That the House do 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 Philip Hollobone, David T. C. Davies: 2.

Tellers for the Noes, Justine Greening, John Penrose: 55.

So the Question was negatived.

6 Rights of Savers Bill,—The Rights of Savers Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

7 Children’s Food Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children’s Food 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 16th June.

8 European Communities Act 1972 (Disapplication) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Communities Act 1972 (Disapplication) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

9 International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

10 Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

11 Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th November.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 31st October.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals.—(1) Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures in Zoos) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2990); and
   (2) Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2989), and
dated 28th October 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Food.—Food Labelling (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2969), dated 24th October 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

3 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Defence for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 464] [John Healey].

4 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Report on an unannounced inspection of Hydebank Wood Prison and Young Offender Centre by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons and the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland, 14th–17th March 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].
Monday 31st October 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2005.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005.

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

3 Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

4 Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Terrorism (Northern Ireland) 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 10th November 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

5 Weights and Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the draft Weights and Measures (Miscellaneous Foods) (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 21st July, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.


7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) (a) the matter of the Draft Priorities and Budget 2006-2008, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, and
(b) the proposal for the draft Rates (Capital Values etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,
be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 15th November at half-past Two o’clock; and

(3) at that sitting—
(a) the Committees shall take questions under Standing Order No. 110 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and shall then consider the matter and 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 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. John Heppell)

8 Health.—Ordered, That John Austin be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr. Ronnie Campbell be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax 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 three minutes past Nine o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.03 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Common Agricultural Policy (Wine) (England and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2992), dated 27th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Fire and Rescue Services.—Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Amendment) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2980), dated 24th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

3 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Account of the Community Development Foundation for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 625] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of—

(i) House of Commons: Administration for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 542] [The Speaker]; and

(ii) House of Commons: Members for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 541] [Clerk of the House].

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

(1) A Safer Place for Patients: Learning to improve patient safety; and

(2) Department for Education and Skills: Extending access to learning through technology: Uli and the learndirect service [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 456 and 460] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Lottery.—(1) Report and Accounts of the New Opportunities Fund for 2004–05, with policy directions and details of grants made; and

(2) Report of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 473 and 450] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the Social Security Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 547] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Race Relations.—Accounts of the Commission for Racial Equality for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 626] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Rights of Savers Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C.

2 Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne Mofat from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Jim Sheridan.

3 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mark Lazarowicz and Rob Marris from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr George Howarth, Ian Stewart, Mark Tami and Mr Tom Watson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Amalgamation of Ofsted and the Adult Learning Inspectorate; Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [Nos. 609 and 478-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Home Affairs and Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill Sub-Committees of the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees [Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill]; to be printed [No. 540-ii] [Mr John Denham].

3 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights]; to be printed [No. 561-ii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

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 [Re-licensing]; to be printed [No. 606-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

5 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Patient choice at the point of GP referral]; to be printed [No. 634-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Security of Gas Supply]; to be printed [No. 632-i] [Peter Luff].

7 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government White Paper: Better Governance for Wales]; to be printed [No. 551-iii] [Dr Hywel Francis].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) (Amendment) Regulations 2005.

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

2 European Standing Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 1st June 2005 relating to the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2006, and the letter from the Economic Secretary dated 26th August relating to the Draft Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2006; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Sale of Green Belt Land,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision regarding the sale of green belt land; and for connected purposes. And that Greg Mulholland, Norman Lamb, Norman Baker, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Stunell, Dr Vincent Cable, Lorely Burt, Lembit Opik, Bob Russell, Tim Farron and Philip Davies do prepare and bring it in.

4 Sale of Green Belt Land Bill,—Greg Mulholland accordingly presented a Bill to make provision regarding the sale of green belt land; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 71].

5 European Union (Accessions) Bill,—The European Union (Accessions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 European Union (Accessions) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), 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 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 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 one hour after the commencement of those proceedings or at the moment of interruption on that day, whichever is the earlier.

5. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee and on consideration and Third Reading.

Programming of 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 Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

Committee to-morrow.

7 House of Commons Commission,—Ordered, That Sir Patrick Cormack be discharged as a member of the House of Commons Commission under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978, and David Maclean be added.—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon.)

8 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Ordered, That John Burnett, Tony Colman and Lord Stewartby be discharged as Managing Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund and Mr Clive Betts, Nick Harvey and Lord Naseby be appointed as Managing Trustees in pursuance of section 1 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1987.—(Mr John Heppell.)
9 House of Commons Members’ Fund.—*Ordered*, That John Burnett and Tony Colman be discharged as Managing Trustees of the House of Commons Members’ Fund and Mr Clive Betts and Nick Harvey be appointed as Managing Trustees in pursuance of section 2 of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1939.—(*Mr John Heppell*).

10 Public Accounts Commission.—*Ordered*, That Mr Richard Bacon, Dr William McCrea and Dr Nick Palmer be appointed members, and that Mr George Osborne be discharged as a member, of the Public Accounts Commission under section 2(2)(c) of the National Audit Act 1983.—(*Mr John Heppell*).

11 House of Commons Members’ Fund (Discretionary Payments).—*Resolved*, That pursuant to section 4(4) of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1948 and section 1(4) of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1948:

(1) The whole of the sums deducted or set aside in that year under section 1(3) of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1939 from the salaries of Members of the House of Commons; and

(2) The whole of the Treasury contribution to the Fund in that year.—(*Mr Peter Lilley*).

12 Fees and Charges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 11th October, be approved.—(*Mr John Heppell*).—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 (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 11th October, be approved.—(*Mr John Heppell*).—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax; and

(2) residents of Exmouth and others against the relocation of Rolle College, Exmouth, to Plymouth

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.40 p.m.

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APPENDIX I

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

1 Environmental Protection.—Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Amendment of Section 57) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3026), dated 31st October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


3 Road Traffic.—Vehicles Crime (Registration of Registration Plate Suppliers) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2981), dated 26th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

**Other Papers:**

4 Criminal Justice.—Report and Accounts of the Parole Board for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 518] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
5 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [10th October] from the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax; and
(2) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions [13th October; 14th October; 18th October [two Petitions]; and 19th October [two Petitions]] from the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

6 Food,—Draft Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2005 [laid 19th October].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) (Amendment) Regulations 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dowd, Dr Doug Naysmith and Mr Jamie Reed from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Siobhain McDonagh, Jon Trickett and Lynda Waltho.

European Standing Committees

2 Unnumbered Letter dated 26th August 2005 submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the draft Budget 2006 and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 1st June, 2005 relating to the preliminary draft Budget 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Love and Mike Wood from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Letter) and nominated in substitution Andrew Miller and Mr Anthony Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [The courts: small claims]; to be printed [No. 519-ii]; and
(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [The courts: small claims] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [London 2012 Olympics: First Steps]; to be printed [No. 552-iii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [BBC Report & Accounts 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 483] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [General Evidence Session]; to be printed [No. 556-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Timber]; to be printed [No. 607-ii] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

5 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Work of the Cabinet Office]; to be printed [No. 630-i] [Tony Wright].

[No. 55; WH, No. 31]

Tuesday 1st November 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Tony Cunningham).

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 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005.

2 European Standing Committee.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 4th July 2005 from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the Common Position Defining Rules Governing the Control of Exports of Military Technology and Equipment; and agrees with the Government that the Common Position will be an improvement to EU arms control.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

3 Osborne Estate Bill.—Mr Robert Flello presented a Bill to make provision in relation to the Osborne Estate: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 75].

4 Estate Agents (Redress Schemes) Bill.—Mark Tami, supported by Chris Ruane and Mr Iain Wright, presented a Bill to confer power to require estate agents to belong to an approved redress scheme; to make provision about redress schemes and their approval; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 74].

5 Road Traffic Regulation (Location Filming) Bill.—Mr Iain Wright presented a Bill to enable orders under section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to be made in connection with location filming; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 76].

6 Family Law (Property and Maintenance).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the common law duty of a husband to maintain his wife; to abolish the presumption of advancement in relation to married or engaged couples; to amend the Married Women’s Property Act 1964; and to make provision as regards property derived from an allowance made by a civil partner for the expenses of a civil partnership home or for similar purposes. And that Rob Marris do prepare and bring it in.

7 Family Law (Property and Maintenance) Bill.—Rob Marris accordingly presented a Bill to abolish the common law duty of a husband to maintain his wife; to abolish the presumption of advancement in relation to married or engaged couples; to amend the Married Women’s Property Act 1964; and to make provision as regards property derived from an allowance made by a civil partner for the expenses of a civil partnership home or for similar purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 73].

8 Terrorism Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Terrorism Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Encouragement of terrorism).

Amendment (No. 79) proposed, in page 1, line 8, to leave out paragraph (b) and insert the words—

‘(b) at the time he does so, he intends or is recklessly indifferent to the fact that the publication will be understood as a direct or indirect encouragement or inducement to the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism or Convention offences.

(c) it is not necessary that the prosecution prove that he intended to cause, encourage or induce the commission, preparation or instigation of a specific terrorist act.’—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Atkinson: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 307.
And it being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [26th October], put the Questions on Amendments selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 1, line 14, at the end, to insert the words 'and intends that his statement shall have that effect'.—(Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Neil Gerrard: 299.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 300.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Crispin Blunt: 289.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 305.

The Chairman then proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Extension of period of detention by judicial authority).

Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 21, line 27, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 24 agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Joan Ryan 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.

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax; and

(2) the commuting public of Bromsgrove for longer platforms at Bromsgrove station were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

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 Agriculture,—Draft Farm Woodland Premium Schemes (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Disabled Persons,—Public Service Vehicles Accessibility (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2988), dated 27th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Electricity,—Electricity (Exemption from the Requirement for a Generation Licence) (Scotland) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3041), dated 30th October 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Road Traffic.—(1) Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2896); and
   (2) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2987),
   dated 27th October 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

6 Cabinet Office,—Paper, entitled Transformational Government: Enabled by Technology [by Command] [Cm. 6683] [Mr John Hutton].

7 National Health Service,—Accounts of the—
   (1) NHS National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse;
   (2) NHS Pensions Agency; and
   (3) NHS Professionals
   for 2004-05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 146, 151 and 152] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Paper withdrawn:

8 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2005 [laid 27th October].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Electoral Administration Bill (except Clauses Nos. 9 to 18 and certain new Clauses and new Schedules within the terms of the Order of the 25th October):

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Brian Binley, Kevin Brennan, David Cairns, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr David Heath, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Barbara Keeley, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Martin Linton, Mr Jim McGovern, Dr John Pugh, Mr Peter Robinson and Chris Ruane.

2 National Insurance Contributions 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: Dr Vincent Cable, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, Mr Robert Flello, Stephen Hammond, John Healey, Chris Huhne, Mr Ivan Lewis, Ian Lucas, Rob Morris, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Andrew Pelling, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Mark Tami, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Iain Wright.

3 Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-four Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Henry Bellingham, Lorely Burt, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mary Creagh, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Mike Hall, Lady Hermon, Meg Hillier, Huw Irranca-Davies, Dr William McCrea, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Mr John MacDougall, Chris Mole, Lembit Opik, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Laurence Robertson, Lynda Wallis, Mr Shaun Woodward and Mr Iain Wright.

4 Draft Civil Partnership (Judicial Pensions and Church Pensions, etc.) Order 2005, the draft Civil Partnership (House of Commons Members' Fund) Order 2005, the draft Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005 and the draft Civil Partnership (Family Proceedings and Housing Consequential Amendments) Order 2005:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders and 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, Mr Henry Bellingham, Kevin Brennan, Lyn Brown, Chris Bryant, Mr David Burrowes, Rosie Cooper, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Michael Gove, Mr David Heath, Stephen Henigd, Mr Andrew Love, Anne Moffat, Bridget Prentice and Andrew Stunell.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the 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 Henry Bellingham, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Stephen Byers, Greg Clark, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Paul Farrelly, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Lembot Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Theresa Villiers, Mr Michael Wills and Mr Shaun Woodward.


(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: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Davidson, James Duddridge, Angela Eagle, Mr John Gummer, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mark Hunter, Mr Ellynn Llwyd, Mr John McFall, Patrick Mercer, Julie Morgan, Mr Jim Murphy and Dr Phyllis Starkey.

7 Draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) (No. 2) Order 2005:

(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: Adam Afriyie, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mark Lazarowicz, John Mann, Mr Austin Mitchell, Dr Doug Naysmith, Andrew Selous, Jo Swinson, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Charles Walker, Claire Ward and Derek Wyatt.

8 Draft Disability Discrimination (Private Clubs etc.) Regulations 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Jim Dowd, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr John Heppell, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr David Jones, Eric Joyce, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mrs Anne McGuire, Judy Mallaber, Mr John Randall, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Clare Short, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Joan Walley.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 12197/05 relating to the Marketing of Foods derived from Genetically Modified Maize.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Norman Baker, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Vernon Coaker, Caroline Flint, Julia Goldsworthy, Barbara Keeley, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Anne Main, Richard Ottaway, Mr Jamie Reed, Anne Snelgrove and Helen Southworth.

10 European Union Document No. 11413/05 relating to EU Development Policy.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: John Barrett, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jon Cruddas, Mr Frank Field, Andrew George, Kelvin Hopkins, Mike Penning, Mr John Randall, Grant Shapps, Mark Simmonds, Geraldine Smith, Mr Gareth Thomas and Dr Desmond Turner.

11 European Union Document No. 12790/05, relating to reducing the climate change impact of aviation, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

12 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 4th July 2005, submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, relating to European Union Arms Exports.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker and Graham Stringer from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution John Robertson and Mr Tom Watson.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Electoral administration]; to be printed [No. 640-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Electoral administration]
      [Dr Alan Whitehead].

2 Education and Skills.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Public Expenditure on Education and Skills]; to be printed [No. 479-ii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Schools White Paper]; to be printed [No. 633-i]
      [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The work of Defra]; to be printed [No. 642-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Keeping the Lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 584-iii] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

5 European Scrutiny.—(1) Eighth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-viii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]
      [Jimmy Hood].

6 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 573-iii] [Mr Mike Gapes].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Royal Parks and the Princess Diana memorial fountain]; to be printed [No. 644-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Strategic Science Provision in English Universities: follow-up]; to be printed [No. 576-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-vii] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Transport.—(1) Seventh Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Fifteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Financial Protection for Air Travellers]; to be printed [No. 639-p];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Financial Protection for Air Travellers—Follow up]; to be printed [No. 636-i]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Transport Security]; to be printed [No. 637-i]
      [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Statistics Commission: Annual Report 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 641-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 56; WH, No. 32]

Wednesday 2nd November 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Frank Roy).

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o'clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.42 p.m.]
Thursday 3rd November 2005

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill,—Mr Peter Lilley reported from the Committee on the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House.

Report, and so much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relates to the Report, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 647].

2 National Lottery Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the National Lottery Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 7th November; and to be printed [Bill 72].

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

3 European Standing Committee,—Hugh Bayley reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 8137/05, Commission Communication on Policy Coherence for Development: Accelerating progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals, No. 8138/05, Commission Communication on Speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals—the European Union’s contribution, and No. 8139/05, Commission Communication on Accelerating progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals—Financing for Development and Aid Effectiveness; and supports the Government’s view that the European Union’s recognition that its non-aid policies have an important impact on developing countries’ prospects for growth and development, including attaining the Millennium Development Goals: European Union Member States’ commitments to double annual European Union aid to all developing countries by 2010, with at least 50 per cent. of the agreed increase going to Africa, and to achieve the 0.7 per cent. ODA/GNI target by 2015; and agreements on increased aid effectiveness under the Paris Declaration, untying of aid, trade-related assistance, multilateral debt relief and innovative financing in line with the outcomes of the United Nations Millennium Review Summit to take stock of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Terrorism Bill [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Terrorism Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 21 and 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Preparation of terrorist acts).

Amendment (No. 87) proposed, in page 7, line 22, after the word ‘any’, to insert the word ‘relevant’.—(Mr Alistair Carmichael)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Training for terrorism).

Amendment (No. 57) proposed, in page 7, line 32, to leave out the words ‘or suspects’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve)

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

Another Amendment (No. 58) proposed, in page 8, line 26, at the end to insert the words—

‘(4A) It shall be a defence to an offence under section 6 (1), for the defendant to show that he reported any suspicion to the police or in the case of an employee to his employer or other person in authority over him.’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve).
Question put, That the Amendment be made:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Peter Atkinson: 219
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Gillian Merron: 315

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Attendance at a place used for terrorist training).
Amendment (No. 59) proposed, in page 10, line 13, at the end to add the words—

'(7) It shall be a defence to an offence under this section for a defendant to show on the balance of probabilities that his attendance at any place used for terrorist training was—

(a) for the purpose of preventing the instruction or training taking place; or
(b) for the purpose of gathering information about the instruction or training; or
(c) involuntary'.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Mark Prisk: 223
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Gillian Merron: 316

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Trespassing etc. on nuclear sites).
Amendments (Nos. 100 to 103) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 13 to 16 agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Commission of offences abroad).
Amendment (No. 90) proposed, in page 16, line 3, to leave out the word 'and'.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Andrew Selous: 211
Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Ian Cawsey: 303

The Chairman, being of the opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendment proposed thereto, put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 68 (Debate on clause or schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—

It was agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Liability of company directors etc.).
Amendment (No. 104) proposed, in page 16, line 36, to leave out from the word 'and' to the end of line 37.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Clause No. 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Interpretation of Part 1).
Amendment (No. 33) proposed, in page 17, to leave out lines 31 to 33.—(Richard Burden.)

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

And it being Six o'clock, the Chairman put the remaining Questions necessary to bring proceedings in the Committee to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [26th October].

Clause No. 20 agreed to.
Schedule No. 1 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 25 to 27 agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 28 to 36 agreed to.
Schedule No. 3 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 37 and 38 agreed to.
Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Joan Ryan reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed her to report the same, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered on Monday 7th November, and be printed [Bill 77].

5 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) (Amendment) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 10th October, be approved—(Joan Ryan).—It was agreed to.

6 Draft Budget of the European Communities for 2006.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 1st June 2005 relating to the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2006, and the letter from the Economic Secretary dated 26th August relating to the Draft Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2006, and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community—(Joan Ryan).—It was agreed to.

7 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [two Petitions] were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Birkenhead and others in support of the Animal Welfare Bill was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 7th November.

[Adjourned at 6.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Food,—Draft Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Investigatory Powers,—Draft Retention of Communications Data (Further Extension of Initial Period) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Food and Environment Protection,—Code of Practice for using plant protection products [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Land Drainage,—North-West, Severn-Trent and Welsh Regional Flood Defence Committees (Boundaries Alteration) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3047), dated 24th September 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Other Papers:

6 Crime and Disorder.—Report and Accounts of the Youth Justice Board for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 571] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

7 Police.—Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to Scottish Ministers for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 444] [The Prime Minister].

8 Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [11th October] from Len Barge, Lionel Hart, Albert Payne, Irene Willis and others for a Town Council for Canvey;
   (2) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions [20th October [two Petitions], 24th October, and 26th October [four Petitions]] from the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax; and
   (3) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [21st July] from readers of the Faversham Times for lower speed limits on the A251 Ashford Road, including the villages of North Street, Sheldwich and Badlesmere [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Regulation of Investigatory Powers.—Reports for 2004 of the—
   (1) Intelligence Services Commissioner; and
   (2) Interception of Communications Commissioner [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 548 and 549] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Henry Bellingham, Lorely Burt, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Laurence Robertson, Lynda Waltho, Mr Shaun Woodward and Mr Iain Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

2 Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor and Ann Winterton Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Civil Partnership (Judicial Pensions and Church Pensions, etc.) Order 2005, draft Civil Partnership (House of Commons Members’ Fund) Order 2005, draft Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgements) Regulations 2005 and draft Civil Partnership (Family Proceedings and Housing Consequential Amendments) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders and Regulations.

4 Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2558).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

5 Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2042).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

6 Draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) (No. 2) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7 Draft Disability Discrimination (Private Clubs etc.) Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

European Standing Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document Nos. 15570/04 and 15614/04 on Nominal Quantities for Pre-Packed Products.

9 The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 9758/05 on European Information Society for Growth and Employment.
10 The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 10514/05 on Common Agricultural Policy: Reform of the Sugar Sector.


12 European Union Documents Nos. 8137/05, 8138/05 and 8139/05 relating to the EU Contribution to achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Richard Burden, Michael Jabez Foster and Mr David Hamilton from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Kelvin Hopkins, Dr Ashok Kumar and Mr Andy Reed.

APPENDIX III

Report from Select Committee

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Changes to Primary Care Trusts], to be printed [No. 646-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

[No. 57; WH, No. 33]
Thursday 3rd November 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Twenty-seventh Annual Report from the House of Commons Commission),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Watson.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 8th November.

[Adjourned at 5.53 p.m.]
[No. 58.]

Monday 7th November 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:


Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

2 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) 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 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill because the Bill merely delays rather than cancels the council tax revaluation, applies only to England and creates inequalities with other parts of the United Kingdom; and because the removal of the need for revaluation of domestic properties offers taxpayers no protection against the imposition of new higher council tax bands’, instead thereof.—(Mr Eric Pickles.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Crispin Blunt: 166.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tom Watson: 338.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

3 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions). That the following provisions shall apply to the Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) 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 17th November 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Dave Watts);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tom Watson: 334.
Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Crispin Blunt: 166.
So the Question was agreed to.

4 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 10th October, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

5 European Union Arms Exports,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 4th July 2005 from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the Common Position Defining Rules Governing the Control of Exports of Military Technology and Equipment; and agrees with the Government that the Common Position will be an improvement to EU arms control—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [four Petitions]; and
(2) Colin O’Toole, assistant editor of the Surrey Comet newspaper, residents of Surbiton and others against proposals to change services at Surbiton Hospital without full public consultation 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 Dave Watts.)

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 4th November 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 European Communities (No. 3, 2005),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 26th October 2004, between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, to combat Fraud and any other Illegal Activity to the Detriment of their Financial Interests, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6688] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2005),—United Nations Convention against Corruption, adopted at New York on 31st October 2003, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6686] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 4th November 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Food,—(1) Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2991); and
Pensions,—(1) Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3031); and

Transport,—(1) Railway (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3050); and
(2) Railways Infrastructure (Access and Management) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3049)
dated 1st November 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 7th November 2005:

8 Civil Partnership,—Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Consequential Amendments) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 479), dated 4th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Competition,—Films (Exclusivity Agreements) (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3098), dated 1st November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

11 Constitutional Affairs,—Paper, entitled Supporting Magistrates’ Courts to Provide Justice [by Command] [Cm. 6681] [Ms Harriet Harman].

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Northern Ireland Office for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 537] [John Healey].


14 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Nineteenth and Twenty-seventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6682] [John Healey].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committee

European Union Documents Nos. 15570/04 and 15614/04 relating to Nominal Quantities for Pre-Packed Products,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Anderson, Jeff Ennis and Mr Rob Wilson from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Siôn Simon and Mr Edward Vaizey.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education], to be printed [No. 649-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Home Affairs and Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill Sub-Committees of the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees [Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill], to be printed [No. 540-iii] [Mr John Denham].

3 Human Rights,—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Deaths in Custody: Further Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 651] [Mr Andrew Dismore].
4 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [Tackling Homelessness]; to be printed [No. 653];
(2) Fourteenth Report from the Committee [Energywatch and Postwatch]; to be printed [No. 654]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The BBC White City Development]; to be printed [No. 652-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Royal Mail after liberalisation]; to be printed [No. 570-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Security of gas supply]
[Peter Luff]

[No. 59.]

Tuesday 8th November 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr Patrick McLoughlin be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr John Randall be added to the Committee.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

2 Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Ann Winterton reported from Standing Committee E,
That it had gone through the Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

3 European Standing Committee,—John Cummings reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 9758/05, Commission Communication: i2010—A European Information Society for Growth and Employment; and supports the Government view welcoming the objectives of the Commission’s 2010 Strategy and endorses the Government’s work, during its Presidency of the EU, to identify and agree on the respective responsibilities of all players and the most important actions they need to undertake to ensure that i2010 makes a real contribution to the Lisbon objective to make Europe ‘the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world by 2010’.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Childcare Bill,—Secretary Ruth Kelly, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson, Beverley Hughes and Margaret Hodge, presented a Bill to make provision about the powers and duties of local authorities and other bodies in England in relation to the improvement of the well-being of young children; to make provision about the powers and duties of local authorities in England and Wales in relation to the provision of childcare and the provision of information to parents and other persons; to make provision about the regulation and inspection of childcare provision in England; 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 80].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Childcare Bill be printed [Bill 80-EN].

5 Breastfeeding etc.,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it an offence to prevent or stop a person in charge of a child who is otherwise permitted to be in a public place or licensed premises from feeding milk to that child in that place or on those premises; to make provision in relation to the promotion of breastfeeding, and for connected purposes: And that Mr David Kidney, Annette Brooke, Paul Farrelly, Sandra Gidley, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Brian Iddon, Laura Moffatt, Julie Morgan, Mrs Betty Williams and Mrs Janet Dean do prepare and bring it in.

6 Breastfeeding etc. Bill,—Mr David Kidney accordingly presented a Bill to make it an offence to prevent or stop a person in charge of a child who is otherwise permitted to be in a public place or licensed premises from feeding milk to that child in that place or on those premises; to make provision in relation to the promotion of breastfeeding, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 79].
7 Electoral Administration Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Electoral Administration Bill (Clauses Nos. 9 to 18; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to Part 2 or Part 3 of the Bill; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the procedure to be followed at an election on the death of a candidate; and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to candidates standing in more than one constituency at an election).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 9 (Registration officers: duty to take necessary steps).

Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 6, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1) Each registration officer must take all necessary steps to remove individuals from the electoral register who are no longer eligible to remain on the register once they cease to be eligible.'.—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Anonymous registration).

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 7, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) In determining whether the safety of a person, or of his child (who resides at the same address), is at risk in accordance with subsection (2), the applicant must provide written evidence from a government or local authority body or the police to illustrate that risk. A desire for privacy in itself shall not be grounds for anonymity unless there is evidence of ongoing risk to personal safety.'.—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Alterations of registers: pending elections).

Amendment (No. 27) proposed, in page 8, line 26, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Andrew Turner.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

A Clause (NC1) (Registration of Service Personnel)—(Mr Andrew Tyrie)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [25th October].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 288.

Clause No. 13 (Registration: personal identifiers).

Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 11, line 11, to leave out subsections (2) to (4) and insert—

'(2) In section 10 (maintenance of registers: annual canvass), after subsection (4) there is inserted—

‘(4A) Subject to subsection (4B) below, the information to be obtained by the use of such a form for the purpose of a canvass shall include—

(a) the signature of each of the persons in relation to whom the form is completed;
(b) the date of birth of each such person; and
(c) in relation to each such person—

(i) his national insurance number or a statement that he does not have one,
(ii) a statement of whether or not he has been resident in the United Kingdom for the whole of the three-month period ending on 15th October in the year in question, and
(iii) any address in the United Kingdom in respect of which he is or has applied to be registered (other than the address in respect of which the form is completed), and the power in subsection (4) above to prescribe a form includes power to give effect to the requirements of the subsection.

(4B) The Chief Electoral Officer may dispense with the requirement mentioned in subsection (4A)(a) above in relation to any person if he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for that person to sign in a consistent and distinctive way because of any incapacity of his or because he is unable to read.

(3) In section 10A (maintenance of registers: registration of electors)—
(a) after subsection (1) there is inserted—

"(1A) Subject to subsection (1B) below, an application for registration in respect of an address in the United Kingdom shall include—

(a) the signature of each of the persons to whom the application relates;
(b) the date of birth of each such person; and
(c) in relation to each such person—

(i) his national insurance number or a statement that he does not have one,
(ii) a statement of whether or not he has been resident in the United Kingdom for the whole of the three-month period ending on the date of the application, and
(iii) any other address in the United Kingdom in respect of which he is or has applied to be registered, and the power in subsection (1) above to prescribe requirements includes power to give effect to the requirements of this subsection.

(1B) The Chief Electoral Officer may dispense with the requirement mentioned in subsection (1A)(a) above in relation to any person if he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for that person to sign in a consistent and distinctive way because of any incapacity of his or because he is unable to read.",

(b) in subsection (5), at the beginning there is inserted "Subject to subsection (5A) below, "

(c) after subsection (5) there is inserted—

"(5A) A person's name is to be removed from the register in respect of any address if—

(a) the form mentioned in section 10(4) above in respect of that address does not include all the information relating to him required by virtue of section 10(4A) above; or
(b) the registration officer determines that he is not satisfied with the information relating to that person which was included in that form pursuant to that requirement.",

(d) in subsection (6), after "above", there is inserted "or his name is to be removed from it by virtue of subsection (5A) above, "

and

e) in subsection (8), after "5", there is inserted "., (5A)"

(4) In section 13A (alteration of registers), after subsection (2) there is inserted—

"(2A) Subject to subsection (2B) below, an application for registration under subsection (1)(a) above in respect of an address in the United Kingdom shall include—

(a) the signature of each of the persons to whom the application relates;
(b) the date of birth of each such person; and
(c) in relation to each such person—

(i) his national insurance number or a statement that he does not have one,
(ii) a statement of whether or not he has been resident in the United Kingdom for the whole of the three-month period ending on the date of the application, and
(iii) any other address in the United Kingdom in respect of which he is or has applied to be registered, and the power in subsection (1)(a) above to prescribe requirements includes power to give effect to the requirements of this subsection.

(2B) The Chief Electoral Officer may dispense with the requirement mentioned in subsection (2A)(a) above in relation to any person if he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for that person to sign in a consistent and distinctive way because of any incapacity of his or because he is unable to read.",—(Mr Oliver Heald.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Personal identifiers: piloting).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 14, line 17, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr David Heath)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Jo Swinson: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mr Frank Roy: 283.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 15, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

'(16) In section 10 of the Representation of the People Act 2000 (Pilot schemes for local elections in England and Wales), after subsection (1), insert—

“(1A) No pilot scheme shall take place by all-postal voting or involve sending ballot papers to electors who have not expressly and explicitly requested to vote by post.”.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 16 and 17 agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Offences as to false registration information).

Amendment (No. 25) proposed, in page 17, line 15, after the word ‘electors’, insert the word ‘knowingly’.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Another Clause (NC3) (Death of Candidate)—(Sir Patrick Cormack)—brought up and read the first time and second time and added.

Another Clause (NC2) (Candidate not to stand in more than one constituency)—(Sir Patrick Cormack)—brought up and read the first time and second time and added.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Gillian Merron reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 9 to 18; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to Part 2 or Part 3 of the Bill; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the procedure to be followed at an election on the death of a candidate; and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to candidates standing in more than one constituency at an election), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 9 to 18; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to Part 2 or Part 3 of the Bill; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the procedure to be followed at an election on the death of a candidate; and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to candidates standing in more than one constituency at an election), as amended, to lie upon the Table.

8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.03 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3. National Health Service,—National Health Service (Pension Scheme, Injury Benefits, Additional Voluntary Contributions and Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Civil Partnership) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3074), dated 2nd November 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


5. Social Security,—Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3061), dated 2nd November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:


   (2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’ Service Pensions Increases) Order 2005;
   (3) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Disablement Awards) Order 2005; and

8. Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 507] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9. Police and Criminal Evidence,—Draft Codes of Practice—
   (1) for the exercise by police officers of statutory powers of stop and search; police officers and police staff of requirements to record public encounters (Code A);
   (2) for searches of premises by police officers and the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises (Code B);
   (3) for the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers (Code C);
   (4) for the identification of persons by police officers (Code D);
   (5) on audio recording interviews with suspects (Code E);
   (6) on visual recording with sound of interviews with suspects (Code F); and
   (7) for the statutory power of arrest by police officers (Code G) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

10. Treasure,—Treasure Report for 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

European Standing Committees

1. European Union Documents No. 13685/04, No. 13687/04, No. 13688/04, No. 13689/04 and No. 13690/04 on EC External Action—New Instruments for Co-operation.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Documents, in place of Hywel Williams.
2 European Union Document No. 9758/05 relating to the European Information Society for Growth and Employment,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Clarke and Mr Vernon Coaker from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Síon Simon and Mr Tom Watson.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) First Special Report from the Administration Committee [Publication of Summary Records of Discussion and Committee Papers]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 659]; and
   (2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 8th November 2005 [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Analogue Switch-off]; to be printed [No. 650-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Timber]; to be printed [No. 607-iii] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

4 Home Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Prison Suicides and Overcrowding]; to be printed [No. 656-i]; and
   (2) Papers laid before the Committee [Documents relating to Government’s 90-Day Detention Proposal] [Mr John Denham].

5 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Darfur, Sudan: The responsibility to protect]; to be printed [No. 657-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Potential Benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics]; to be printed [No. 658-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

7 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Procedure Committee, That the Committee had chosen Mr Greg Knight to be Chairman with effect from Wednesday 9th November 2005.

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Services Authority]; to be printed [No. 655-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 59; WH, No. 34]
Tuesday 8th November 2005
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cangney.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjournerd at 1.54 p.m.]
Wednesday 9th November 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—John Bercow reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Civil Partnership (Judicial Pensions and Church Pensions, etc.) Order 2005, the draft Civil Partnership (House of Commons Members’ Fund) Order 2005, the draft Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005 and the draft Civil Partnership (Family Proceedings and Housing Consequential Amendments) Order 2005.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2558).

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

3 European Standing Committee,—John Cummings reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10514/05, draft Council Regulation on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector, and draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the Common Agricultural Policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, and draft Council Regulation establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry in the European Community and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1258/1999 on the financing of the Common Agricultural Policy; and supports the Government’s objective of achieving a more sustainable, market-based approach, in line with the reforms already agreed in June 2003 and April 2004 in other sectors, and consistent with the European Union’s wider trade and development objectives.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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:

Charities Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide for the establishment and functions of the Charity Commission for England and Wales and the Charity Tribunal; to make other amendments of the law about charities, including provision about charitable incorporated organisations; to make further provision about public charitable collections and other fund-raising carried on in connection with charities and other institutions; to make other provision about the funding of such institutions; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Charities Bill [Lords].—The Charities Bill [Lords] 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 Charities Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 83–EN].

6 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill,—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr David Hanson, Mr Shaun Woodward and Bridget Prentice, presented a Bill to make special provision about certain offences committed, or alleged to have been committed, before 10th April 1998 in connection with terrorism and the affairs of Northern Ireland; and to provide for the amendment of the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 81].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill be printed [Bill 81–EN].

7 Prison Reform (Mental Health),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the mental health and special learning needs of convicted prisoners; and for connected purposes: And that Charles Hendry, Peter Bottomley, James Brokenshire, Annette Brooke, Chris Bryant, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Julie Morgan, Mr Andrew Lansley and Tim Loughton do prepare and bring it in.

8 Prison Reform (Mental Health) Bill,—Charles Hendry accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the mental health and special learning needs of convicted prisoners; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 82].
9 Terrorism Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 26th October (Terrorism Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

For paragraph 3 (proceedings on consideration) substitute—

3. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at the times specified in the second column.

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—(Mr Secretary Clarke);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kevin Brennan, Mr John Heppell: 317.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Evennett: 213.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Terrorism Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Terrorism Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendment (No. 51) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 7, to leave out the word ‘special’.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair. — It was agreed to.

The Speaker then proceeded to put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 52 to 54) made to the Bill.

The Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions on Amendments selected for separate decision to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 19, to leave out the words ‘three months’ and insert the words ‘ninety days’, instead thereof. —(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Dave Watts: 291.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Crispin Blunt: 322.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 19, to leave out the words ‘three months’ and insert the words ‘28 days’, instead thereof. —(Mr David Winnick.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Neil Gerrard, Kelvin Hopkins: 323.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Dave Watts: 290.

The Speaker then proceeded to put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 56 to 60) made to the Bill.

The Speaker then proceeded to put the Question on a new Clause selected for separate decision to be disposed of at that hour.

A Clause (NC1) (Extension of period of detention by judicial authority: duration)—(Mr David Winnick)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

‘(A1) This section applies to a statement that is likely to be understood by members of the public to whom it is published as a direct or indirect encouragement or other inducement to them to the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism or Convention offences.

(1) A person commits an offence if—

(a) he publishes a statement to which this section applies or causes another to publish such a statement on his behalf; and
(b) at the time he does so, he intends the statement to be understood as mentioned in subsection (A1) or is reckless as to whether or not it is likely to be so understood.

(1A) For the purposes of this section the cases in which a person is to be taken as reckless as to whether a statement is likely to be understood as mentioned in subsection (A1) include any case in which he could not reasonably have failed to be aware of that likelihood. —(Hazel Blears.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Atkinson: 276.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on Amendments relating to Clause No. 1, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Atkinson: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 305.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35 to 50 and 62) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed [Bill 84].

11 Nominal Quantities for Pre-Packed Products.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 15570/04, Draft Directive laying down rules on nominal quantities for pre-packed products, repealing Council Directives 75/106/EEC and 80/232/EEC, and amending Council Directive 76/211/EEC; and supports the Government’s aim of substantial deregulation, so that most products should be free from restrictions as to quantity—(Gillian Merron).—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [three Petitions]; and

(2) Christopher Gill, Matthew R. Illsley and others against the Identity Cards Bill were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.01 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Draft Animal Health Act 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) (No. 3) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Police,—Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Competition,—Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Dental Goods), (Imported Hardwood and Softwood Timber) and (Estate Agents) (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3103), dated 1st November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
5 Food,—Bovine Products (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3068), dated 24th October 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command], to be printed [No. 643] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

7 Police,—National Police Records (Recordable Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3106), dated 6th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) relating to New Administrative Action Procedures [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

10 Education,—Report on Powers to Facilitate Innovation for the academic year 2004–05 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

11 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Labour Relations Agency for Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 508] [Mr Secretary Hain].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) 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 David Burrowes, Mr Mark Hendrick, Kelvin Hopkins, David Howarth, Mr George Howarth, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mrs Maria Miller, Chris Mole, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Sohn Simon, Graham Strang, Mr Robert Syms, Sarah Teather, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Charles Walker, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Phil Woolas.

2 Draft Civil Partnership (Judicial Pensions and Church Pensions, etc.) Order 2005, the draft Civil Partnership (House of Commons Members’ Fund) Order 2005, the draft Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005 and the draft Civil Partnership (Family Proceedings and Housing Consequential Amendments) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lyn Brown and Mr David Heath from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Sandra Gidley and Mr Iain Wright.

3 Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2005:

(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: Charlotte Atkins, Ed Balls, Mr Brian Binley, Peter Bottomley, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Edward Garnier, Andrew Gwyne, Mr David Heath, Mr David Kidney, Fiona Mactaggart, Edward Miliband, Dan Norris, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Mark Prisk and Joan Ryan.

4 Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2558)—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Louise Ellman from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris.
5 Draft Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
(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 Henry Bellingham, Lovely Burt, Mr Vernon Coaker, David T. C. Davies
(Monmouth), Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Michael Jabez Foster, Dr Ian Gibson, Helen
Goodman, Michael Gove, Mr David Hamilton, Lynne Jones, Mr David Lidington,
Mike Penning, David Simpson, Angela E. Smith (Basildon) and Lynda Waltho.

6 Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005,
No. 2042)—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John McFall from the Third
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations)
and nominated in substitution Mr Iain Wright.

7 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO
Performances and Phonograms Treaty) Order 2005:
(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 Tom Clarke, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr David Evennett,
Barry Gardiner, Mr Bruce George, Mr Philip Hammond, Charles Hendry, Meg Hillier,
Mr Nick Hard, Mr Michael Jack, Norman Lamb, Jessica Morden, Mr Alan Reid,
Ian Stewart and Emily Thornberry.

8 Draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) (No. 2) Order 2005,—The
Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Austin Mitchell, Dr
Doug Naysmith and Derek Wyatt from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated
Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution
Mrs Louise Ellman, Alan Keen, Mr Bob Laxton and Sarah McCarthy-Fry.

9 Draft Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2005:
(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 Crispin Blunt, Lyn Brown, Mr Simon Burns, Caroline Flint, Mr Dai
Havard, Robert Key, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr John Maples, Gillian Merron, Mr Austin
Mitchell, Mr Chris Mullin, Sir Peter Soulsby, Dr Rudi Vis, Steve Webb,
Stephen Williams and Mr Iain Wright.

(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 Crispin Blunt, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Caroline Flint,
Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Kerry McCarthy, Rob Marris, Gillian
Merron, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Andrew Pelling,
John Penrose, Steve Webb, Stephen Williams and Mr Iain Wright.

11 Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2005
(S.I., 2005, No. 2400):
(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: Andy Burnham, Linda Gilroy, Andrew Gwynne, Martin Horwood, Dr
Brian Iddon, Helen Jones, Steve McCabe, Mr Humfrey Malins, Albert Owen, Mike
Penning, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Dan Rogerson, Joan Ryan, Mr Richard Shepherd,
Mr John Spellar and Bob Spink.

12 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Destination of Appeals) (Family Proceedings) Order 2005,
the draft Family Procedure (Modification of Enactments) Order 2005 and the Revised
Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders and Code to the Seventh Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Kevin Brennan, Mr David Burrowes, Ben Chapman,
Mr Jim Devine, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr David Heath, Martin Linton, Mr Alan Meale,
Margaret Moran, Gwyn Prosser, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Graham Stuart, Andrew
Stunell, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr Edward Vaizey.
13 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Appeals) Regulations 2005 and the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Modifications and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005:

(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: Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, John Battle, Colin Challen, Jim Dobbin, Mr John Heppell, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr David Laws, Mr John Randall, Mr Stephen Timms, Peter Viggers, Mrs Theresa Villiers, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Nigel Waterson and Dr Alan Whitehead.

Grand Committees

14 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne Moffat from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Lynda Waltho.

European Standing Committees

15 European Union Document No. 10514/05 relating to the Common Agricultural Policy: Reform of the Sugar Sector.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker, Meg Hillier and Jessica Morden from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham, Jonathan Shaw and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

16 European Union Document No. 12790/05 relating to Reducing the Climate Change Impact of Aviation.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Adam Afriyie, Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jim Dowd, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mrs Sian C. James, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Elliot Morley, Paul Rowen, Bill Wiggin and Mr Tim Yeo.

17 European Union Documents Nos. 13686/04, 13687/04, 13688/04, 13689/04 and 13690/04 relating to EC External Action–New Instruments for Co-operation.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Secretary Hilary Benn from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Gareth Thomas.

18 European Union Document No. 11288/05, relating to the European Evidence Warrant, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [The Work of Ofsted]; to be printed [No. 480-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Second Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Reform of the EU Sugar Regime], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 585] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Keeping the Lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 584-iv] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-ax]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2004–2005]; to be printed [No. 522-iii] [Mike Gapes].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Police Service of Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 665] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Assessing and reporting military readiness]; to be printed [No. 667-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
8 Statutory Instruments,—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-viii] [Mr Eric Forth].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Going for Gold: Delivering Excellent Transport for London’s 2012 Olympic Games]: to be printed [No. 588-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Office for National Statistics: Annual Report and Accounts 2004–05]: to be printed [No. 666-i] [Mr John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Jobcentre Plus]: to be printed [No. 619] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 60; WH, No. 35]
Wednesday 9th November 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began 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 three Members not being present, the Chairman adjourned the proceedings without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.
[No. 61.]
Thursday 10th November 2005.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2042).

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

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) (No. 2) Order 2005.

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Hugh Bayley reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Disability Discrimination (Private Clubs etc.) Regulations 2005.

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

4 European Standing Committee,—Mr Martin Caton reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:


Resolution to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
5 Terrorism Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Terrorism Bill;
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [26th October].—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

6 European Union Contribution to Achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.—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. 8137/05, Commission Communication on Policy Coherence for Development: Accelerating progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), No. 8138/05, Commission Communication on Spreading up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals—the European Union’s contribution, and No. 8139/05, Commission Communication on Accelerating progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals—Financing for Development and Aid Effectiveness; and supports the Government’s view welcoming the European Union’s recognition that its non-aid policies have an important impact on developing countries’ prospects for growth and development, including attaining the MDGs; welcoming European Union Member States’ commitments to double annual European Union aid to all developing countries by 2010, with at least 50 per cent. of the agreed increase going to Africa, and to achieving the 0.7 per cent. ODA/GNI target by 2015; and welcoming agreements on increased aid effectiveness under the Paris Declaration, untying of aid, trade-related assistance, multilateral debt relief and innovative financing in line with the outcomes of the United Nations Millennium Review Summit to take stock of progress towards the MDGs—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

7 European Information Society for Growth and Employment.—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. 9758/05, Commission Communication: i2010—A European Information Society for Growth and Employment; and supports the Government view welcoming the objectives of the Commission’s i2010 Strategy and endorses the Government’s work, during its Presidency of the European Union, to identify and agree on the respective responsibilities of all players and the most important actions they need to undertake to ensure that i2010 makes a real contribution to the Lisbon objective to make Europe ‘the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world by 2010’—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.


9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [three Petitions] were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell,)
And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

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

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Civil Partnership) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3069), dated 1st November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


4 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships,—Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 478), dated 4th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

5 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on The Private Finance Initiative: Electronic Libraries for Northern Ireland [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 523] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Teachers’ Pension Scheme (England and Wales) for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 627] [John Healey].

7 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Sixth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 567] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [2nd November] from the commuting public of Bromsgrove for longer platforms at Bromsgrove station [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of Barrow Education Action Zone for—(1) 2002-03; (2) 2003-04; and (3) 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 661, 662 and 663] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed appointed David Howarth, Chris Mole, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Phil Woolas members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Electoral Administration Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Henry Bellingham, Kevin Brennan, David Cairns, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr David Heath and Martin Linton members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

4 Electoral Administration Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara and Derek Conway Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

5 National Insurance Contributions Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Dr Vincent Cable, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, Dawn Primarolo, Mark Tami, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Iain Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

6 National Insurance Contributions Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill and Miss Anne Begg Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

7 Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
Draft Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

Draft Tryptophan in Food (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2630),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2400).—The Speaker has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Destination of Appeals) (Family Proceedings) Order 2005, draft Family Procedure (Modification of Enactments) Order 2005 and Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders and Code.

Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Appeals) Regulations 2005 and draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Modifications and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 15th November.

European Standing Committees

The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 12197/05 on Marketing of Foods Derived from Genetically Modified Maize.

The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 11413/05 on European Union Development Policy.

European Union Documents Nos. 13686/04, 13687/04, 13688/04, 13689/04 and 13690/04 relating to EC External Action—New Instruments for Co-operation.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Barrett and Kate Hoey from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Blizzard and Richard Younger-Ross.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Changes to Primary Care Trusts]; to be printed [No. 646-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Home Affairs and Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill Sub-Committees of the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees [Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill]; to be printed [No. 540-iv][Mr John Denham].

3 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Administration: Ministers and Civil Servants]; to be printed [No. 660-i] [Tony Wright].

4 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government White Paper: Better Governance For Wales]; to be printed [No. 551-iv] [Dr Hywel Francis].
Adjournment (Maximising women’s skills in the UK economy).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 15th November.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.

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Friday 11th November 2005.

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 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 for the establishment of the Commission for Equality and Human Rights; to dissolve the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Disability Rights Commission; to make provision about discrimination on grounds of religion or belief; to enable provision to be made about discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; to impose duties relating to sex discrimination on persons performing public functions; to amend the Disability Discrimination Act 1995; 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 Monday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 85].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Equality Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 85–EN].

5 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill;

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

6 House observes a period of silence,—At Eleven o’clock the House observed two minutes’ silence in remembrance of those who gave their lives for their country.

7 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Bill be read a second time;

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

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

8 Management of Energy in Buildings Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Management of Energy in Buildings Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 10th March.

9 Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th January.

10 Breastfeeding etc. Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Breastfeeding etc. Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th February.
11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 14th November.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership.—(1) Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3135), dated 4th November 2005; and


   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Criminal Justice.—Prisoner Release Victim Information (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 504), dated 8th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

3 Defence.—Reserve Forces (Provision of Information by Persons Liable to be Recalled) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3118), dated 9th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

4 Education.—North Area College (Dissolution) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3097), dated 3rd November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Family Proceedings.—(1) Family Proceedings (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 497); and


   dated 7th November 2005 [by Statutory Instrument], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].


7 Legal Aid and Advice.—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 502), dated 9th November 2005;


   (4) Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 474), dated 1st November 2005; and


   [by Statutory Instrument], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

8 Road Traffic.—Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3128), dated 8th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
9 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3133); and
   (2) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3130); and
   (3) Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3131),
   dated 10th November 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

10 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—(1) Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3134); and
     (2) Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3132),
     dated 10th November 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

11 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 18th February 2005, made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

12 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, dated 11th November [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

13 Superannuation,—(1) Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2005;
    (2) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2005;
    (3) Civil Service Injury Benefits Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2005;
    (4) Partnership Pension Account Death Benefits Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2005; and
    (5) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2005 [by Act] [Mr Jim Murphy].
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2005.

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

2 European Standing Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12197/05, draft Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of foods and food ingredients from genetically modified maize line MON863 as novel foods or novel food ingredients under Regulation (EC) No. 258/97; and supports the Government’s view that products derived from this maize meet the necessary requirements for authorisation under Regulation (EC) No. 258/97.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Violent Crime Reduction Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Violent Crime Reduction Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC9) (Power to search further education students for weapons)—(Hazel Blears)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (amendment))—(Mr Humfrey Malins)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Michael Fabricant: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Tom Watson: 327.

Another Clause (NC2) (Criminal Justice Act 1988 (amendment))—(Mr Humfrey Malins)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr John Randall: 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 277.

Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

'(5) Before making a drinking banning order, a court may receive a report from an appropriate officer about the proposed subject of the order, which contains information about the subject and, in particular, about whether there is any reason to suspect that he may be—

(a) suffering from substance addiction (including alcohol dependence),

(b) a person falling within section 1 of the Mental Health Act 1983, or

(c) suffering from any other recognised physical or mental illness or condition which could either—

(i) affect his ability to restrict his intake of alcohol,

(ii) cause him to engage in criminal conduct while under the influence of alcohol, or

(iii) affect his ability to comply with a drinking banning order.

(6) In subsection (5) above “an appropriate officer” means—

(a) where the proposed subject is aged 18 or over, an officer of the National Offender Management Service, a doctor or a social worker of a local authority social services department;
(b) where the proposed subject is aged under 18, a social worker of a local authority social services department or a member of a youth offending team.

(7) If the court determines that the proposed subject of a drinking banning order may be a person falling within subsection (5)(a) to (c) above, the court shall not make a drinking banning order unless satisfied, on receipt of medical evidence, that—

(a) his ability to understand and comply with the order will not be significantly restricted by reason of his being a person falling within subsection (5)(a) to (c) above; and

(b) compliance with the order, either alone or in combination to any other order or sentence to which he is subject, would not have a deleterious effect on his mental or physical health.’.—(Lynne Featherstone.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Jo Swinson: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 286.

Amendments (Nos. 42 and 43) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 38) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 25, after the word ‘retail’, to insert the words ‘, provided that the premises have been proven to contribute to alcohol-related disturbances’.—(Lynne Featherstone.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 28, at the end, to insert the words ‘, provided that no charges shall be payable by any persons or clubs unless the local authority is satisfied on the basis of evidence that it is reasonable to impose charges on those particular persons or clubs.’.—(Mr Humfrey Malins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Michael Fabricant: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Claire Ward: 274.

Other Amendments (Nos. 44 and 45) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 108) proposed to the Bill, in page 29, line 30, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 24, to leave out Clause No. 29.—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Michael Fabricant: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mr Vernon Coaker: 315.

It being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [20th June], put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 46 to 83, 94 to 106 and 84 to 93) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Prisons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2558), dated 13th September 2005, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th September, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

5 Civil Partnership,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Civil Partnership (House of Commons Members’ Fund) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.
6 Civil Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Partnership (Judicial Pensions and Church Pensions, etc.) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 17th October, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

7 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 Civil Partnership (Family Proceedings and Housing Consequential Amendments) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 19th October, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

8 Judgments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 27th October, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

9 National Lottery.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) (No. 2) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 11th October, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

10 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 (Private Clubs etc.) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 19th October, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

11 Common Agricultural Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10514/05, draft Council Regulation on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector, and draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the Common Agricultural Policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, and draft Council Regulation establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry in the European Community and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1258/1999 on the financing of the Common Agricultural Policy, and supports the Government’s objective of achieving a more sustainable, market-based approach, in line with the reforms already agreed in June 2003 and April 2004 in other sectors, and consistent with the European Union’s wider trade and development objectives—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

12 EC External Action.—New Instruments for Co-Operation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119(9), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 1386/04, Commission Communication on the Instruments for External Assistance under the Future Financial Perspective 2007–2013, No. 13687/04, Draft Council Regulation establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), No. 13688/04, Draft Council Regulation establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument, No. 13689/04, Draft Council Regulation establishing a financing instrument for development co-operation and economic co-operation, No. 13690/04, Draft Council Regulation establishing an Instrument for Stability, and agrees with the Government that they provide a good basis for discussion of external actions spending (Heading 4) in the next Financial Perspective 2007–2013—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

13 Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That Mr Russell Brown, John Bercow, Mr Brian Binley, Mr William Cash, Mr Martin Caton, Colin Challen, Mr Nick Clegg, Jim Dobbin, Mr Steven Dorrell, Paul Farrelly, Mr John MacDougall and Lynda Walmsley be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from supporters of the Isi tfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [two Petitions] were presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell).

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; and pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-seven minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.33 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Industrial and Provident Societies (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3101); and
   (2) Haringey London Borough Council (Temporary Governing Body) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3102),
   dated 6th November 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3 Electricity,—Renewable Energy Zone (Designation of Area) (Scottish Ministers) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3153), dated 9th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Pensions,—Occupational and Personal Pensions Schemes (Civil Partnership) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3164), dated 11th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc,—(1) Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3168); and
   (2) Registration of Civil Partnerships (Fees) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3167),
   dated 14th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

6 Constitutional Affairs,—First Interim Report of the Legal Services Complaints Commissioner for the period 1st April to 30th September 2005: Pushing for change: the Law Society’s complaints handling performance [by Command] [Cm. 6670] [Bridget Prentice].

7 Education,—Report prepared pursuant to section 38 (2) of the Education Act 2002 for the academic years 2004–05 and 2003–04 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

8 Export Control,—Export Controls on objects of Cultural Interest: Statutory guidance on the criteria to be taken into consideration when making a decision about whether or not to grant an export licence [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts for 2004–05 of the Department of Health, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 668] [John Healey].

10 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests as at 1st November 2005 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974, 28th June 1993, 6th November 1995 and 14th May 2002]; to be printed [No. 664] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Department for Work and Pensions: Dealing with the complexity of the benefits system;
   (2) Department of Health: Reducing Brain Damage: Faster access to better stroke care; and
   (3) The Office of Fair Trading: Enforcing competition in markets [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 452, 592 and 593] [Clerk of the House].

12 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of—
   (1) East Cleveland Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005; and
   (2) Speke Garston Education Action Zone for 2003–04, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 673 and 670] [Clerk of the House].

13 Severn Bridges,—Account prepared pursuant to section 28 (1) (b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 671] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Howarth from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Jim Fitzpatrick.

2 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C.

3 Draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dan Norris and Mr Mike O’Brien from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Fraser Kemp and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

4 Draft Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lorely Burt from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Greg Mulholland.

Grand Committees

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Selous from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Henry Bellingham.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 12197/05 relating to the Marketing of Foods derived from Genetically Modified Maize.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Keeley, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Jamie Reed and Anne Snelgrove from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Linda Gilroy, Eric Joyce, Dr Ashok Kumar and Paddy Tipping.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [No. 478-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Home Affairs and Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill Sub-Committees of the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees [Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill]; to be printed [No. 540-v] [Mr John Denham].

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 [Introductory Hearing for new Permanent Secretary]; to be printed [No. 680]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [ODPM Annual Report and Accounts 2005] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Filing of income tax self assessment tax returns]; to be printed [No. 681-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 15th November 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill,—Janet Anderson reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

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

2 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—Sir John Butterfill reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the National Insurance Contributions Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty) Order 2005.

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

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Marshall reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2005.

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

6 Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill,—Andrew Mackinlay, supported by Chris Bryant, Paul Flynn, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, David Taylor, Mr David Chaytor, Jim Sheridan, Angus Robertson and Ms Katy Clark, presented a Bill to provide for the granting of pardons to soldiers of the British Empire Forces executed during the Great War of 1914 to 1919 following conviction for offences of cowardice, desertion or attempted desertion, disobedience, quitting post, violence, sleeping at post, throwing away arms or striking a superior officer; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 87].

7 Electoral Systems Bill,—Mr David Chaytor, supported by Richard Burden, Mr John Denham, Mr Mike Hall, Nick Harvey and Mr David Heath, presented a Bill to provide for the holding of referendums about methods of election to the House of Commons and to local authorities; to enable a specified number of electors to require the holding of such a referendum; to require the Electoral Commission to establish a Citizen’s Assembly to perform functions in relation to referendums; to provide for the adoption by a local authority of a different method of election; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 88].

8 Protection of Runaway and Missing Children,—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a national system to safeguard runaway and missing children; to make provision for the collection and reporting of information about runaway and missing children; to make provision for co-ordination between local authorities and other bodies; and for connected purposes: And that Helen Southworth, John Battle, Ann Keen, Rosemary McKenna, Liz Blackman, Dan Norris, Ms Dari Taylor, Paddy Tipping, Laura Moffatt, Kitty Ussher, Peter Bottomley and Mr Paul Burstow do prepare and bring it in.

9 Protection of Runaway and Missing Children Bill,—Helen Southworth accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a national system to safeguard runaway and missing children; to make provision for the collection and reporting of information about runaway and missing children; to make provision for co-ordination between local authorities and other bodies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 86].
10 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.

Consequences of NHS Financial Deficits.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the provision by the NHS of comprehensive, high quality health services, based on need and not ability to pay; notes that, despite unprecedented resources provided to the NHS, NHS trusts were over £600 million in deficit in 2004–05 and predicts deficits approaching £1 billion this year; believes that these deficits threaten the delivery of NHS services, through service cuts, freezing of staff vacancies and redundancies, bed closures and the closure of services in community hospitals; further believes that the uncertainty caused by proposed primary care trust restructuring should not be used to obscure responsibility for financial recovery and service continuity; wishes to see resources reach front-line healthcare providers; regrets the lack of savings in NHS overhead and administration costs; and calls on the Government to intervene to ensure that the long-term interests of patients are not damaged by short-term financial decisions—(Mr Andrew Lansley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s record levels of investment in the National Health Service, with expenditure set to rise to over £92 billion by 2007–08; notes that by this date £70 billion, more than ever before, will be going to the NHS front line; congratulates the Government on delivering investment and reform, leading to historic improvements to NHS services and capacity, reducing waiting times to their lowest in nearly a generation, from over two years to a maximum of six months, and to a maximum of 18 weeks by 2008, employing nearly a quarter of a million more NHS staff than in 1997, including 78,700 more nurses and 27,400 more doctors, and undertaking the largest hospital building programme in the history of the NHS, including investing £100 million in a community hospitals programme; further notes that the NHS has achieved overall financial balance in each of the past four years, and last year carried a deficit of around only 0.4 per cent. of total resources; compares this with the record of the previous Government which left the NHS with a £460 million deficit in 1996–97 which amounted to almost 1.5 per cent. of total resources; and agrees that, given the record increases in health funding available coupled with the strengthening of Primary Care Trust commissioning, all NHS organisations should be able to live within the resources available to them and to provide excellent services to their populations’, instead thereof.—(Ms Secretary Hewitt.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Andrew Selous: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Frank Roy: 312.

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 levels of investment in the National Health Service, with expenditure set to rise to over £92 billion by 2007–08; notes that by this date £70 billion, more than ever before, will be going to the NHS front line; congratulates the Government on delivering investment and reform, leading to historic improvements to NHS services and capacity, reducing waiting times to their lowest in nearly a generation, from over two years to a maximum of six months, and to a maximum of 18 weeks by 2008, employing nearly a quarter of a million more NHS staff than in 1997, including 78,700 more nurses and 27,400 more doctors, and undertaking the largest hospital building programme in the history of the NHS, including investing £100 million in a community hospitals programme; further notes that the NHS has achieved overall financial balance in each of the past four years, and last year carried a deficit of around only 0.4 per cent. of total resources; compares this with the record of the previous Government which left the NHS with a £460 million deficit in 1996–97 which amounted to almost 1.5 per cent. of total resources; and agrees that, given the record increases in health funding available coupled with the strengthening of Primary Care Trust commissioning, all NHS organisations should be able to live within the resources available to them and to provide excellent services to their populations.

Licences and Licensing (S.I., 2005, No. 2091).—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 Licensing Act 2003 (Second appointed day) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005, No. 2091), dated 27th July 2005, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th July, be annulled—(David Maclean).
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Peter Atkinson: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 302.

So the Question was negatived.

Oversight of the Ministerial Code,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House notes the recommendation made by the Committee on Standards in Public Life that there should be an independent Adviser on Ministerial Interests; and insists that the Government should immediately begin the process of establishing such a position—(Chris Grayling).

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 that, amongst other measures, this Government introduced a requirement for individual Ministers, on appointment to each new office, to provide their Permanent Secretary with a full list in writing of all interests which might be thought to give rise to a conflict; welcomes the section of the Ministerial Code on handling Ministers’ private interests which is more comprehensive than Questions of Procedure for Ministers; and recognises that this Government has agreed to appoint an independent adviser to provide Permanent Secretaries and Ministers with an additional source of professional advice as required and will make an announcement on this shortly’ instead thereof.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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 Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Joan Ryan: 288.

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 acknowledges that, amongst other measures, this Government introduced a requirement for individual Ministers, on appointment to each new office, to provide their Permanent Secretary with a full list in writing of all interests which might be thought to give rise to a conflict; welcomes the section of the Ministerial Code on handling Ministers’ private interests which is more comprehensive than Questions of Procedure for Ministers; and recognises that this Government has agreed to appoint an independent adviser to provide Permanent Secretaries and Ministers with an additional source of professional advice as required and will make an announcement on this shortly.

11 Marketing of Foods Derived from Genetically Modified Maize,—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. 12197/05, draft Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of foods and food ingredients from genetically modified maize line MON863 as novel foods or novel food ingredients under Regulation (EC) No. 258/97; and supports the Government’s view that products derived from this maize meet the necessary requirements for authorisation under Regulation (EC) No. 258/97—(Mr John Heppell).

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [two Petitions]; and

(2) Linzi Cooper, Emma Lavery, students of Bede College, residents of Bellingham and others for changes to the funding systems for colleges

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Legal Aid (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

2 Social Security,—Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

3 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Account of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947 for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 675] [Clerk of the House].

4 National Lottery,—(1) Account of the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2004–05; and

   (2) Report of the sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2004–05

   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 631 and 643] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Northern Ireland,—(1) Resource Accounts of the—

   (i) Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints;

   (ii) Department for Employment and Learning;

   (iii) Department for Regional Development;

   (iv) Department for Social Development;

   (v) Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;

   (vi) Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure;

   (vii) Department of Education;

   (viii) Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment;

   (ix) Department of Finance and Personnel;

   (x) Department of Finance and Personnel—Superannuation and Other Allowances;

   (xi) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety;

   (xii) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety—Health and Personal Social Services Superannuation Scheme;

   (xiii) Department of the Environment;

   (xiv) Northern Ireland Assembly;

   (xv) Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation;

   (xvi) Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister; and

   (xvii) Public Income and Expenditure of Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 510, 500, 493, 494, 511, 512, 498, 501, 503, 504, 505, 492, 502, 495, 496, 497 and 509] [Mr Secretary Hain];

   (2) Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and

   (3) Statements of the Department of Education—Teachers’ Superannuation Scheme for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon

   [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 536 and 499] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 676] [Clerk of the House].
7 Reserve Forces,—Amendment 29 to the Territorial Army Regulations [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Insurance Contributions Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ian Lucas from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Kali Mountford.

2 Draft Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Dr Ian Gibson and Mr David Hamilton from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Paul Clark, Mary Creagh and Mrs Madeleine Moon.

3 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bruce George from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution John Robertson.

4 Draft Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dai Havard and Mr Iain Wright from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Kerry McCarthy and Anne Snelgrove.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Electoral administration]; to be printed [No. 640-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Analogue Switch-Off]; to be printed [No. 650-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Avian Influenza]; together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 682-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Animal Welfare Bill]; together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 683-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Potential Benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics]; to be printed [No. 658-ii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

[No. 64; WH, No. 37]

Tuesday 15th November 2005

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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 2 p.m.]
Wednesday 16th November 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Tryptophan in Food (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2630).

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

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Ann Winterton reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2400).

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Destination of Appeals) (Family Proceedings) Order 2005, the draft Family Procedure (Modification of Enactments) Order 2005 and the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission.

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

4 Income Tax (Earnings Exemption for Persons Living in Poverty) (No. 2).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that income tax be not chargeable on the earnings of persons living in poverty: And that Mr Geo

5george Clifton-Brown, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Edward Leigh, Nick Herbert, Mr William Hague, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Andrew Selous, Peter Luff, Sir George Young and Mr David Curry do prepare and bring it in.

5 Income Tax (Earnings Exemption for Persons Living in Poverty) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr George Clifton-Brown accordingly presented a Bill to provide that income tax be not chargeable on the earnings of persons living in poverty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 89].

6 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Over-staying leave pending appeal)—(Mr Tony McNulty)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Detained persons: national minimum wage)—(Mr Tony McNulty)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

7 Deferred Division.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Marketing of Foods Derived from Genetically Modified Maize.—That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 12197/05, draft Council Decision authorising the placing on the market of foods and food ingredients from genetically modified maize line MON863 as novel foods or novel food ingredients under Regulation (EC) No. 258/97; and supports the Government's view that products derived from this maize meet the necessary requirements for authorisation under Regulation (EC) No. 258/97.

Ayes: 216.

Noes: 73.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.

Amendment (No. 47) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 3, to leave out Clause No. 1.—(Dr Evan Harris.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Stunell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Frank Roy: 270.
Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 36, to leave out Clause No. 4.—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Crispin Blunt: 225.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Frank Roy: 272.

Amendments (Nos. 27 and 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 28, after the word 'employ', to insert the words 'for more than 15 hours in any one week'.—(Mr Humfrey Malins.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 40, to leave out from the word 'he' to the end of line 41 and insert the words 'took reasonable steps to comply with any prescribed requirements in relation to the employment.', instead thereof.—(Mr Humfrey Malins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Atkinson: 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 274.

Another Amendment (No. 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 38, after the word 'owner', to insert the word 'captain'.—(Mr Humfrey Malins.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 30 to 32) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 1, to leave out Clause No. 51.—(Mr Alistair Carmichael.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being Six o'clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [5th July], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Richard Younger-Ross, Lorely Burt: 64.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 275.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 32, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr Alistair Carmichael.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Richard Younger-Ross, Andrew Stunell: 60.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 278.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Another Amendment (No. 29) made.

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

And it being Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [5th July].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 330.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
9 Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Tuesday 20th December 2005, do adjourn till Monday 9th January 2006—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, on Tuesday 20th December—

(1) references to specific times in the Standing Orders of this House shall apply as if that day were a Wednesday; and

(2) there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That—

(1) the Order of 24th May 2005 relating to Business of the House be amended by leaving out the reference to 24th February and inserting a reference to 3rd March; and

(2) the Orders of the day which have been set down for 24th February shall be read and discharged; and the said Orders shall be set down for 3rd March. —(Mr Alan Campbell.)

12 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell);

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 fourteen minutes to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.46 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 London Government.—Draft Transport for London (Best Value) (Contracting Out of Investment and Highways Functions) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Government Resources and Accounts.—Accounts of National Savings and Investments Products for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 629] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

4 Miscellaneous (No. 8, 2005),—International Convention, done at London on 23rd March 2001, on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6693] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Overseas Territories.—Overseas Territories (Zimbabwe) (Restrictive Measures) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3183), dated 15th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Second, Fifth and Sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005-06 [by Command] [Cm. 6689] [John Healey].

7 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [19th October] from Marlow Evening Townswomen’s Guild against mixed sex wards [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Tax and Civil Partnership (No. 2) Regulations 2005, and the draft Tax and Civil Partnership (No. 2) Regulations 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Richard Burden, Dr Vincent Cable, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Michael Fabricant, Mr Christopher Fraser, Chris Huhne, Glenda Jackson, John McDonnell, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Andy Reed, Mrs Linda Riordan, Alan Simpson, Mr Richard Spring, Graham Stringer and Mr Tom Watson.

2 Draft Retention of Communications Data (Further Extension of Initial Period) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Brian Binley, Hazel Blears, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Natascha Engel, Mr Edward Garnier, David Heyes, Mr George Howarth, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Mark Oaten, Stephen Pound, Mr Mark Prisk, Joan Ryan and Ms Dari Taylor.

3 Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ian Austin, John Bercow, James Brokenshire, Andy Burnham, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr John Grogan, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Dai Havard, Martin Horwood, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Dr Doug Naysmith, Dan Norris, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Mark Prisk, Joan Ryan and Mr Ian Taylor.

4 Tryptophan in Food (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2630),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Kerry McCarthy, Mrs Madeleine Moon and Mr Iain Wright from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Denis Murphy and Anne Snelgrove.

5 Draft European Forest Institute (Legal Capacities) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Mr Graham Brady, Sir Menzies Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Harry Cohen, Philip Davies, Frank Dobson, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Alan Meale, Ian Pearson, Andrew Selous, Mr Siôn Simon, Mrs Betty Williams and Richard Younger-Ross.

6 Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2400).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy, Dr Brian Iddon and Joan Ryan from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Cawsey, Jon Trickett.

7 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Designation of Appeals) (Family Proceedings) Order 2005, the draft Family Procedure (Modification of Enactments) Order 2005 and the Revised Funding Code Prepared by the Legal Services Commission,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy, Dr Brian Iddon and Joan Ryan from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders and Code) and nominated in substitution Dr Ian Gibson and Mr Siôn Simon.
9 European Union Document No. 8630/05 relating to the Control of Avian Influenza.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Richard Benyon, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Vernon Coaker, Kelvin Hopkins, Barbara Keeley, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Jamie Reed, David Tredinnick and Mr Paul Truswell.

10 European Union Document No. 11288/05 relating to the European Evidence Warrant.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Roger Berry, Andy Burnham, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Clive E Ford, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Robert Fiello, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Mark Prisk, Gwyn Prosser and Dr Gavin Strang.

11 European Union Document No. 12125/05, relating to the return of illegal immigrants, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

12 European Union Documents No. 12493/05 and Addendum 1, No. 12494/05 and Addendum 1, No. 12712/05 and No. 13532/05, relating to financial management, have been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Documents No. 11216/05 and No. 11452/05 and Addenda 1 and 2 relating to financial management, already referred to the Committee on 19th October 2005.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 15th November 2005 [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education]; to be printed [No. 649-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Departmental Annual Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 693-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Keeping the Lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 584-v] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

5 European Scrutiny.—(1) Tenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-x]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Michael Connarty].

6 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 574-i] [Mike Gapes].

7 Public Accounts.—(1) Fifteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [HM Customs and Excise Standard Report 2003-04]; to be printed [No. 695]; (2) Sixteenth Report from the Committee [Reducing Vehicle Crime]; to be printed [No. 696]; and (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The refinancing of the Norfolk and Norwich PH hospital]; to be printed [No. 694-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Carbon Capture and Storage Technology]; to be printed [No. 578-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-ix] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Departmental Annual Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 684-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. 691-i] [Mr John McFall].
Wednesday 16th November 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Frank Roy).

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 5.32 p.m.]

Thursday 17th November 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill,—Mr Peter Lilley reported from the Committee on the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, that it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

2 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Appeals) Regulations 2005 and the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Modifications and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005.

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

3 European Standing Committee,—Mr Bill Olner reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 11413/05, Commission Communication: ‘Draft Joint Declaration by the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission on the European Union Development Policy’, and supports the Government’s view that poverty eradication must remain the overarching objective and that the document clarifies the role and added value of the European Community.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Adjournment (Defence in the UK),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Frank Roy).

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

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 21st November. [Adjourned at 6.20 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Banks and Banking,—Cash Ratio Deposits (Eligible Liabilities) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3203), dated 16th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Des Browne].


3 Offshore Installations,—Offshore Installations (Safety Case) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3117), dated 9th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
4 Pensions,—Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3156), dated 10th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Mr Secretary Hutton].


6 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3165); (2) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3170); and (3) Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3169), dated 11th November 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) (Termination of Restrictions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. (N.I.), 2005, No. 481), dated 4th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

8 Cereals Marketing,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 553] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Resource Accounts of the Privy Council Office for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 597] [John Healey]; and (2) Treasury Minute, dated 17th November 2005, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2006 [by Act] [Mr Des Browne].

10 Northern Ireland,—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 600] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11 Social Security Administration,—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 reviewing the prescription of the vinyl chloride monomer-related diseases [by Command] [Cm. 6645] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

12 Supply Estimates, 2005-06,—Winter Supplementary Estimates for Central Government for 2005-06 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 672] [Mr Des Browne].

13 Supply Estimates, 2006-07,—Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2006-07 for— (1) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 465] [Mr Des Browne]; (2) the Electoral Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469] [The Speaker]; (3) the House of Commons: Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 467] [The Speaker]; and (4) the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 468] [Mr Alan Williams].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2005 and draft Tax and Civil Partnership (No. 2) Regulations 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

2 Draft Retention of Communications Data (Further Extension of Initial Period) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
Draft European Forest Institute (Legal Capacities) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Appeals) Regulations 2005 and the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Modifications and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Battle, Jim Dobbins, Ms Diana R. Johnson and Mr Stephen Timms from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr James Plaskitt, Stephen Pound and Mr Iain Wright.

European Standing Committees

The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 12790/05 on Reducing the Climate Change Impact of Aviation.

European Union Document No. 11413/05 relating to EU Development Policy.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker, Jon Cruddas, Mr Frank Field and Geraldine Smith from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Dr Ashok Kumar, Kerry McCarthy and Andrew Miller.

European Union Document No. 12790/05 relating to Reducing the Climate Change Impact of Aviation.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Adam Afriyie from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Daniel Kawczynski.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit.—(1) First Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Greening Government: the 2004 Sustainable Development in Government Report]; together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 698]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Keeping the Lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 584-vi]
[Mr Peter Ainsworth].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Smoking in Public Places]; to be printed [No. 485-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Public Administration.—(1) First Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Attendance of the Prime Minister’s Strategy Adviser before the Public Administration Select Committee]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 690]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Publication of Political Memoirs]; to be printed [No. 689-i]
[Tony Wright].

[No. 66; WH, No. 39]
Thursday 17th November 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Rehabilitation of prisoners—First Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2004-05, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 22nd November.
[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
[No. 67.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Forth reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2005 and the draft Tax and Civil Partnership (No. 2) Regulations 2005.

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

2 Equality Bill [Lords].—The Equality Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

3 Equality Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Equality Bill [Lords]:

Committing

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 8th 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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Parmjit Dhanda);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Alan Campbell: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Andrew Turner: 42.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Equality Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Equality Bill [Lords] [Money]:

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

(1) expenditure incurred under the Act by the Secretary of State, and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in sums payable out of money so provided under another enactment—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.

5 Magistrates’ Courts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Family Procedure (Modification of Enactments) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 12th October, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.

6 Family Proceedings.—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 (Destination of Appeals) (Family Proceedings) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 12th October, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.
7 Access to Justice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th October, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—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 Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

9 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) (WIPO Copyright Treaty and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

10 Food.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—It was agreed to.

11 Criminal Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 27th October, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).

12 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That David Lepper be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mrs Linda Roodan be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Mrs Betty Williams be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Jessica Morden be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

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:

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18th November 2003 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 21st November 2005:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Statement of Alterations to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Ecclesiastical Law,—(1) Clergy Discipline Appeal Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3201), dated 15th November 2005; and
(2) Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3202), dated 16th November 2005 [by Measure] [Clerk of the House].
5 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 697], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Pensions.—Superannuation (Admission to Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3171), dated 14th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Jim Murphy].

7 Railways.—Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3207), dated 17th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

8 Government Resources and Accounts.—Combined Resource Account of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 613] [John Healey].

9 Immigration.—Paper, entitled Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6690] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

10 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) The Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Consular Services to British Nationals; and
   (2) Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2005, with Project Summary Sheets [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 594 and 595-i and -II] [Clerk of the House].

11 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Public Service Vehicles) Order 2005, together with a statement by the Department for Transport [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2005 and the draft Tax and Civil Partnership (No. 2) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alan Simpson and Graham Stringer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David S. Borrow and Mr Iain Wright.

2 Draft European Forest Institute (Legal Capacities) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr David Wilshire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Delivering Front Line Capability to the RAF]; to be printed [No. 557-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Keeping the Lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 584-vii] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

3 Home Affairs and Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill Sub-Committee of the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees [Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill]; to be printed [No. 540-vi] [Mr John Denham].

4 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [UK Compliance with the UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT)]; to be printed [No. 701-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

5 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 [Local Government Finance]; to be printed [No. 702]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Affordability and the Supply of Housing] [Dr Phyliss Starkey].

6 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Extending access to learning through technology: Ufi and the learndirect service]; to be printed [No. 706-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Electoral Administration Bill.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee B, that it had gone through the Electoral Administration Bill (Except Clauses Nos. 9 to 18; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to Part 2 or Part 3 of the Bill; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the procedure to be followed at an election on the death of a candidate; and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to candidates standing in more than one constituency at an election), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee and the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 90].

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Retention of Communications Data (Further Extension of Initial Period) Order 2005.

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

3 British Subjects (Registration).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the British Nationality Act 1981 to enable citizens of the Republic of Ireland resident in the United Kingdom to register as British subjects—(Mr Gregory Campbell);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Gregory Campbell, Kate Hoey, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Mackinlay, Lembit Opik, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr Peter Robinson, Mr Nigel Dodds and Mrs Iris Robinson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 British Subjects (Registration) Bill.—Mr Gregory Campbell accordingly presented a Bill to amend the British Nationality Act 1981 to enable citizens of the Republic of Ireland resident in the United Kingdom to register as British subjects: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 91].

5 Opposition Day [10th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Welfare Reform and Incapacity Benefit.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is extremely concerned that the Government is failing to tackle welfare reform despite promises to do so; recognises that the pensions system is in crisis; notes that the Prime Minister believes the Child Support Agency is not suited to carry out the task that it has been given; believes that the New Deal has failed to deliver; notes that 116,000 more people are claiming incapacity benefit than in 1997 despite the Government’s pledge to reduce the number; is deeply disturbed that the Incapacity Benefit Green Paper, which was due to be published in the summer and then the autumn, will not now be published until January; believes that this is due to continuing conflict between the Prime Minister and the Department for Work and Pensions on the desired content of the Paper; and calls on the Government finally to deal with the increasingly urgent need for welfare reform, for the benefit of users of the system and all taxpayers—(Sir Malcolm Rifkind); 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 consistent commitment since 1997 to pursue welfare reform to create an active, enabling welfare state where rights match responsibilities; supports the recent publication of the Principles of Welfare Reform, which builds on the foundations laid out in A New Contract for Welfare, published in 1998 and the Department for Work and Pensions’ Five Year Strategy of February 2005; commends the Government’s achievements in helping 2.1 million children out of absolute poverty since 1997; recognises the success of the New Deals, through which over 1.2 million people have moved into work; notes that new claims for incapacity benefit have been cut by one third since 1997; further recognises the importance of the National Pensions Debate in creating a dialogue with the public
and building a consensus on pensions reform; further welcomes the progress made on
 tackling disability discrimination, opening doors for disabled people to remain in or
 return to work, in contrast, condemns the shameful record of the Opposition who spent
 more on administering the Child Support Agency than they paid out in maintenance and
 who allowed those on unemployment benefit to hit three million twice whilst also trebling
 the numbers on incapacity benefits between 1979 and 1997, costing the taxpayer billions
 and condemning millions of people to a life of benefit dependency', instead thereof.—
 (Mr Secretary Hutton.)

 And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

 The House divided.

 Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 232.

 Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 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):—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 consistent commitment since
 1997 to pursue welfare reform to create an active, enabling welfare state where rights
 match responsibilities; supports the recent publication of the Principles of Welfare
 Reform, which builds on the foundations laid out in A New Contract for Welfare,
published in 1998 and the Department for Work and Pensions’ Five Year Strategy of
 February 2005; commends the Government’s achievements in helping 2.1 million
 children out of absolute poverty since 1997; recognises the success of the New Deals,
 through which over 1.2 million people have moved into work; notes that new claims for
 incapacity benefit have been cut by one third since 1997; further recognises the
 importance of the National Pensions Debate in creating a dialogue with the public and
 building a consensus on pensions reform; further welcomes the progress made on
 tackling disability discrimination, opening doors for disabled people to remain in or
 return to work, in contrast, condemns the shameful record of the Opposition who spent
 more on administering the Child Support Agency than they paid out in maintenance and
 who allowed those on unemployment benefit to hit three million twice whilst also trebling
 the numbers on incapacity benefits between 1979 and 1997, costing the taxpayer billions
 and condemning millions of people to a life of benefit dependency.

 Action on Climate Change,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,
 That this House endorses the principle of a cross-party consensus on carbon reduction—
 (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 leadership shown
 by the UK Government internationally on climate change, and the important progress
 made at the July Summit and at the recent meeting of the Dialogue on Climate Change,
 Clean Energy and Sustainable Development; further welcomes the recent announcement
 of the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation and looks forward to the publication of
 the climate change programme review; recognises the importance of building greater
 understanding and support among all sectors of society for action on climate change; and
 further welcomes new ideas and contributions from all quarters that help to reduce
 carbon emissions’, instead thereof.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

 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 Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 233.

 Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Mr Ian Cawsey: 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):—It was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the leadership shown by the UK Government internationally on climate change, and the important progress made at the July Summit and at the recent meeting of the Dialogue on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development; further welcomes the recent announcement of the Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation and looks forward to the publication of the climate change programme review; recognises the importance of building greater understanding and support among all sectors of society for action on climate change; and further welcomes new ideas and contributions from all quarters that help to reduce carbon emissions.

6 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Appeals) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 26th October, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

7 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Modifications and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 26th October, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

8 Declaration on European Union Development Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 11413/05, Commission Communication: ‘Draft Joint Declaration by the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission on the European Union Development Policy’, and supports the Government’s view that poverty eradication must remain the overarching objective and that the Document clarifies the role and added value of the European Community—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

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

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 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 National Health Service.—Draft National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Proceeds of Crime.—Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Money Laundering Regulations 2003 (Amendment) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Social Security.—State Pension Credit (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3205), dated 16th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

4 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3204), dated 15th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

5 Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given on 22nd November 2005 in respect of temporary borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority in pursuance of section 14 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 [by Act] [John Healey].

6 Health and Social Care.—Review and Consolidated Accounts of NHS Foundation Trusts for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 622] [Clerk of the House].
7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [1st November] from residents of Exmouth and others against the relocation of Rolle College, Exmouth, to Plymouth [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Retention of Communications Data (Further Extension of Initial Period) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Natascha Engel and Mr George Howarth from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Hamilton and Mr Mike Hall.

2 Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Bercow from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Brian Binley.

3 Draft European Forest Institute (Legal Capacities) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Richard Younger-Ross from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Norman Baker.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—First Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [The courts: small claims], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 519] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [UK–US Extradition Treaty]; to be printed [No. 710-i] [Mr John Denham].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Delivering the Goods: HIV/AIDS and the provision of anti-retrovirals]; to be printed [No. 708-i] [Hugh Bayley].

4 Liaison,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee [The Prime Minister]; to be printed [No. 709-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

5 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Potential Benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics]; to be printed [No. 658-iii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The European Commission’s negotiating strategy for the World Trade Organisation Hong Kong Ministerial Conference]; to be printed [No. 711-i] [Peter Luff].

MEMORANDUM

Westminster Hall,—In pursuance of paragraph (13) of Standing Order No. 10, the Speaker has approved 9th February, 16th March, 27th April, 11th May, 15th June and 6th July 2006 as days when the business to be taken in Westminster Hall shall be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.

[No. 68; WH, No. 40]

Tuesday 22nd November 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Climate Change (Contraction and Convergence) Bill,—Colin Challen presented a Bill to make provision for the adoption of a policy of combating climate change in accordance with the principles of contraction and convergence: and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 92].

2 Registration Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about certain offices under the Registration Service Act 1953; to make provision about the holders of certain offices under that Act and the appointment of persons to such offices; and for connected purposes—(Dr Brian Iddon);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Anderson, Mary Creagh, Jim Dobbin, Kelvin Hopkins and Mr David Kidney do prepare and bring in the Bill.

3 Registration Service Bill,—Dr Brian Iddon accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about certain offices under the Registration Service Act 1953; to make provision about the holders of certain offices under that Act and the appointment of persons to such offices; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 78].

4 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Offences) 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 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill because it creates an amnesty for terrorist fugitives from justice; because it allows such fugitives to return to Northern Ireland without ever being arrested or questioned by the police about their alleged offences; because it proposes a quasi-judicial process in which those accused of perpetrating terrorist offences will never have to appear before a court or spend any time in custody; because it allows an indefinite period of time for terrorists to take advantage of this procedure; because it treats members of the Armed Forces and the police on a par with terrorists; because it fails to contain an obligation on terrorist organisations to allow the safe return to Northern Ireland of those they have exiled; and because it places the rights of those suspected of serious offences before those of the victims of terrorism in Northern Ireland and throughout the rest of the United Kingdom’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Lidington.)

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

5 Deferred Division,—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Criminal Law,—That the draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 27th October, be approved.

Ayes: 261.
Noes: 211.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Stunell: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Frank Roy: 313.

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 Ian Cawsey, Mr Frank Roy: 310.
  Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mrs Iris Robinson: 262.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

7 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill:

  Committal
  1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
  2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 15th December 2005.
  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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

8 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill [Money].

  A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

9 Capital Gains Tax.—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 and Civil Partnership Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

10 Corporation Tax.—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 and Civil Partnership (No. 2) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
  (1) residents of Reading and others against extreme internet sites promoting violence against women;
  (2) residents of Brighton and Hove and others against extreme internet sites promoting violence against women; and
  (3) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

  And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Electronic Communications,—Draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty and Disclosure of Information) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 National Health Service,—West Suffolk Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3206), dated 15th November 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3199), dated 15th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

7 Brazil (No. 1, 2005),—Agreement, done at Brasilia on 27th July 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil to avoid the Double Taxation of profits derived from Shipping and Air Transport, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6698] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Department for Education and Skills for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 686] [John Healey].

9 Police Reform,—Report and Accounts of the Independent Police Complaints Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 608] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Hamilton, Mr Dai Havard, Sir Gerald Kaufman and Dr Doug Naysmith from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth, Steve McCabe, Emily Thornberry and Lynda Waltho.

2 Draft European Forest Institute (Legal Capacities) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson and Mr Alan Meale from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey and Mr Andy Reed.

European Standing Committees

3 The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 12790/05 on Reducing the Climate Change Impact of Aviation in place of Mr Eric Martlew.

4 European Union Document No. 14246/05, relating to the European Evidence Warrant, has been referred to European Standing Committee B, in place of European Union Document No. 11288/05 referred to the Committee on 9th November 2005.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Keeping the Lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 584-viii] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

2 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. 34-x]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 574-ii] [Mike Gapes].

4 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Home Office: Working with the Third Sector]; to be printed [No. 717-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Forensic Science on Trial: follow-up]; to be printed [No. 685-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Statutory Instruments.—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-x] [Mr Eric Forth].

7 Transport.—(1) First Report from the Transport Committee [U.K. Transport Security—preliminary report]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 637]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Train Fares and Ticketing]; to be printed [No. 700-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Department Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 615] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 69; WH, No. 41]

Wednesday 23rd November 2005

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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 half-past Two o'clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]
THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2005.

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

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Forest Institute (Legal Capacities) Order 2005.

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2005.

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

4 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. 9) proposed, in page 1, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) The Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament a report no later than four months before the date of accession on the Government’s assessment of the effect the free movement of workers from the acceding States will have.

(1B) The Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament a report every six months on the effect any regulations made on the free movement of workers under this section until the end of the seven year transitional period.’.—(Mr Graham Brady.)

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 Vernon Coaker reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Rights of Savers Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Rights of Savers Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Rights of Savers 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 or government department under the Act; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

6 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 (Further Extension of Initial Period) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till four minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 28th November.

[Adjourned at 4.04 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection.—Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Disability Discrimination.—Draft Code of Practice on the Duty to Promote Disability Equality (Scotland) [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Paper:

3 Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—Report of the Human Fertilisation Embryology Authority for 2004-05, together with a Supplementary Statement by the Comptroller and Auditor General [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Equality Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr David Evennett, Barbara Follett, Sandra Gidley, Mrs Eleanor Laing and Meg Munn members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Equality Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A and has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Janet Anderson Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Ms Celia Barlow, Liz Blackman, James Brokenshire, Lyn Brown, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr David Evennett, Barbara Follett, Sandra Gidley, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Dr Evan Harris, Mrs Siân C. James, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mrs Maria Miller, Meg Munn, Alison Seabeck and Hywel Williams.

3 Rights of Savers Bill.—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill: Danny Alexander, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Frank Field, Dr Ian Gibson, Justine Greening, Kate Hoey, Kelvin Hopkins, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr David Laws, John McDonnell, Mr Austin Mitchell, John Penrose, Mr John Randall, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Nigel Waterson.

4 Draft Legal Aid (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Kevin Brennan, Mr Nicholas Brown, Chris Bryant, Mr Nigel Dodds, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Denis MacShane, Greg Mullan, Dr Doug Naysmith, Bridget Prentice, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr Laurence Robertson, Graham Stringer, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Jeremy Wright.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Ainsworth, John Battle, Mr Peter Bone, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Jim Doblin, Mr David Evennett, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Dan Rogerson, Mr Dennis Skinner, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

6 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2005:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Christopher Chepe Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Hazel Blears, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr James Clappison, Mr David Clelland, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Nick Herbert, Dr Brian Iddon, Ann McKechin, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Mark Oaten, Stephen Pound, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Joan Ruddock, Joan Ryan and Mr Andrew Smith.
Draft Farm Woodland Premium Schemes (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2005:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Scheme to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Clive Betts, Peter Bottomley, Mr Colin Breed, Tony Cunningham, Frank Dobson, Angela Eagle, Nia Griffith, Nick Herbert, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr David Kidney, Jim Knight, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Dan Rogerson and Bill Wiggin.

Draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David S. Borrow, Bill Etherington, Mr Mike Hall, Mr John MacDougall and Mr Alan Milburn from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Natascha Engel, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Kevan Jones, Fraser Kemp and Mr Iain Wright.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 9997/05 relating to the Tackling Organised Crime.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Tony Cunningham, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr David Gauke, Paul Goggins, Mr Greg Hands, Martin Horwood, Anne Moffat, Mr Mark Oaten, Stephen Pound, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Marsha Singh and John Smith.

10 European Union Document No. 12125/05 relating to the Return of Illegal Immigrants.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document: Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr David Drew, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Boris Johnson, David Lepper, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Anne Main, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Mark Prisk, Kitty Ussher and Mr Tom Watson.

11 European Union Document No. 12790/05 relating to Reducing the Climate Change Impact of Aviation.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker and Jim Dowd from European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr David Kidney and Mr Tom Watson.

12 The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 8630/05 on Control of Avian Influenza.

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 14246/05 on European Evidence Warrant.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Smoking in Public Places]; to be printed [No. 485-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Implication of Identity Cards for Public Services]; to be printed [No. 712-i] [Tony Wright].

3 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England November 2005 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 718-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 70; WH, No. 42]

Thursday 24th November 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Road Pricing: The Next Steps—Seventh Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2004–05, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 29th November.

[Adjourned at 4.54 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12790/05 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication; Reducing the Climate Change Impact of Aviation; welcomes the work of the European Commission in taking forward the work programme on reducing the climate change impact of aviation; and supports the Government’s approach of continuing to press for the inclusion of aviation in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme from 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

2 Childcare Bill.—The Childcare Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

3 Childcare Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Childcare 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 10th January 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

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

(1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by a Minister of the Crown or government department, and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

5 Childcare Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Childcare Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools in England under provisions of the Act relating to the registration of persons providing childcare—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.38 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 25th November 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1. Norway (No. 1, 2005).—Agreement, done at Oslo on 1st November 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway relating to the amendment of the Agreement of 21st November 1985 relating to the Transmission by Pipeline of Heimdal Liquids to the United Kingdom, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6694] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2. Treaty Series (No. 39, 2005).—Exchange of Letters, done at The Hague on 17th August 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court concerning the Provision of Information by the United Kingdom to the Office of the Prosecutor [Cm. 6695] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 25th November 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 28th November 2005:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


13 Public Passenger Transport,—Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3224), dated 22nd November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

14 Government Resources and Accounts,—Financial Statement of the Security and Intelligence Agencies for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 669] [John Healey].

15 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on— (1) Procurement in the Culture, Media and Sport sector; and (2) The South Eastern Passenger Rail Franchise [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 596 and 457] [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

16 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) (No. 3) Order 2005 [laid 9th November].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Legal Aid (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Laurence Robertson from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Lidington.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Third Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report, Secondary Education, of Session 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 725]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Further Education]; to be printed [No. 649-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—Third Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Terrorism Bill and related matters]; together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 561] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Education in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 726-i and -ii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

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 [Affordability and the Supply of Housing]; to be printed [No. 703-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [ODPM Annual Report and Accounts 2005] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

5 Public Accounts,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Channel Tunnel Rail Link]; to be printed [No. 727-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 29th November 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Forestry) Order, which was laid before the House on 19th July, should be laid before the House.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Ann Winterton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Legal Aid (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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

3 Representation of the People (Reduction of Voting Age),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the voting age for parliamentary, local government and European parliamentary elections to 16—(Mr Stephen Williams);

And the Motion being opposed, after permitting a short 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, Jo Swinson, Mr Roger Williams: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Mark Harper: 136.

So the Question was negatived.

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

5 Health Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Health 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 10th January 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

6 Health Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Health Bill [Money].

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

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.
7 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

8 International Immunities and Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Forest Institute (Legal Capacities) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 26th October, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

9 International Immunities and Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

10 Reducing the Climate Change Impact of Aviation,—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. 12790/05 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication: Reducing the Climate Change Impact of Aviation; welcomes the work of the European Commission in taking forward the work programme on reducing the climate change impact of aviation; and supports the Government’s approach to continuing to press for the inclusion of aviation in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme from 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

11 Tax Law Rewrite Bills (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Nick Clegg, John Healey, Kali Mountford, Mr Andy Reed, Mark Tami and Peter Viggers be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills.—(Gillian Merron, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) Mrs Dee Sedgwick on BUPA’s treatment of her late mother; and
   (2) the Save the Scottish Regiments Campaign against the Government’s plans to restructure the Scottish infantry regiments
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 Parmjit Dhanda.)

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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Fire and Rescue Services,—Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Civil Partnership Amendments) (England and Scotland) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3228), dated 22nd November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary Prescott].


6 Transport,—Railways (Accident Investigation and Reporting) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3261), dated 23rd November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

7 Census,—(1) Census 2001: General report for England and Wales; and
(2) Census 2001: Quality report for England and Wales
[by Act] [John Healey].

8 Insolvency,—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 409(4) 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 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 721] [Clerk of the House].

9 Learning and Skills,—Report and Accounts of the Learning and Skills Council for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 648] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

10 Northern Ireland,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers’ Superannuation Committee for 2004–05; and
(2) Report on the Social Fund for 2004–05
[by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 583 and 638] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11 Police (Northern Ireland),—Account of the Northern Ireland Policing Board (Board Grants) for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 722] [Clerk of the House].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [21st July] from people of Sholing, Southampton against re-organisation of sub-post offices in Southampton [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 Social Security Administration,—Accounts of the Social Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 724] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Equality Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dawn Butler from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Kitty Ussher.

2 Draft Legal Aid (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Graham Stringer and Mr Robert N. Wareing from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin and Ian Lucas.

3 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Benyon from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Daniel Kawczynski.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 29 November 2005; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Refreshment Department Services]; to be printed [No. 733-i].
[Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [The Office of the Judge Advocate General]; to be printed [No. 731-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Compensation culture]
[Mr Alan Beith].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Broadcasting rights for cricket]; to be printed [No. 720] [Mr John Whittingdale].
4 Defence.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee ['Delivering Front Line Capability to the RAF', to be printed [No. 557-ii]]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee ['Delivering Front Line Capability to the RAF']
   [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee ['Restructuring Probation', to be printed [No. 728-i] [Mr John Denham].

6 International Development.—(1) First Report from the International Development Committee ['Delivering the goods: HIV/AIDS and the provision of anti-retrovirals', together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 708-I and -II].
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices ['Making Trade Work for Development: the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial', to be printed [No.730-i]]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee ['Delivering the goods: HIV/AIDS and the provision of anti-retrovirals']
   [Malcolm Bruce].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee ['Review of Public Administration in Northern Ireland', to be printed [No. 732-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Procedure.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee ['Application of the sub judice rule to proceedings in coroners’ courts', to be printed [No. 714-i] [Mr Greg Knight].

9 Regulatory Reform.—First Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee ['Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Forestry) Order 2006', to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 729] [Andrew Miller].

10 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee ['The Potential Benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics', to be printed [No. 658-iv] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

11 Welsh Affairs.—First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee ['Government White Paper: Better Governance for 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. 551] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 72; WH, No. 43]
Tuesday 29th November 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 73.]
Wednesday 30th November 2005.
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):

That a day not later than 6th February be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimate (Vote on Account) for the financial year 2006-07:

Department of Health, in so far as the Vote on Account relates to the regulation of the pharmaceutical industry.

Report to lie upon the Table.
2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hywel Williams reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Supply of Relevant Veterinary Medicinal Products Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2751).

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2005.

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

4 European Standing Committee.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:


Resolution 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:

Children and Adoption Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision as regards contact with children; to make provision as regards family assistance orders; to make provision about risk assessments; to make provision as regards adoptions with a foreign element; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords].—The Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 96].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 96–EN].

7 Armed Forces Bill.—Secretary John Reid, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Clarke, the Solicitor General, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Don Touhig and Bridget Prentice, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the armed forces; 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 94].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Armed Forces Bill be printed [Bill 94–EN].

8 Abandoned Inland Waterways (Protection).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the protection of abandoned inland waterways; and for connected purposes: And that David Heyes, Andrew Gwynne, Kelvin Hopkins, Paul Flynn, Michael Fabricant, Dr Brian Iddon, Andrew Miller, Lynda Walltho and Mr Ian Austin do prepare and bring it in.

9 Abandoned Inland Waterways (Protection) Bill.—David Heyes accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the protection of abandoned inland waterways; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 95].

10 Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Mode of trial on indictment)—(Lembit Öpik)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lorely Burt, Greg Mulholland: 46.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr John Heppell: 370.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, to leave out ‘2008’ and insert ‘2012’.—(Mr Gregory Campbell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Peter Atkinson: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr John Heppell: 325.
Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—
(‘fa) section 108 (evidence’) —(Lorely Burt.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Lorely Burt: 50.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Frank Roy: 390.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Partnership,—Draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (International Immunities and Privileges, Companies and Adoption) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Food,—Contaminants in Food (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3251), dated 23rd November 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


5 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Person Supplied) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3291); and
(2) Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Reimbursement by Employers of Employees’ Business Use of Road Fuel) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3290), dated 30th November 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

6 Food Standards,—(1) Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 704] [John Healey], and
(2) Report of the Food Standards Agency for 2004-05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 624] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the—
(1) Department for Constitutional Affairs, and
(2) Food Standards Agency: Westminster Funded, for 2004-05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 715 and 692] [John Healey].

8 Health,—The Government’s Report on Learning Disability 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6700] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
9 National Lottery.—(1) Financial Statements of the Scottish Screen National Lottery Distribution Fund; and
(2) Report and Accounts of Scottish Screen for 2004-05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 687 and 688] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of Invest Northern Ireland for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 699] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11 Police.—Explanatory Memorandum on the Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2005 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

12 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st January to 30th June 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6685] [Jim Murphy].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-nine Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Gordon Banks, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Russell Brown, Lorely Burt, Mr Vernon Coaker, Rosie Cooper, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mark Durkan, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hanson, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Mark Hendrick, Lady Hermon, Meg Hillier, Huw Irranca-Davies, Siobhain McDonagh, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Ben Wallace, Lynda Waltho, Sammy Wilson and Jeremy Wright.

2 Childcare 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: Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Ann Coffey, Maria Eagle, Mr Nick Gibb, Helen Goodman, Stephen Hesford, Beverley Hughes, Barbara Keeley, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Tim Loughton, Edward Miliband, Mrs Maria Miller, Christine Russell, Andrew Selous and Mr Roger Williams.

3 Health Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Ms Dawn Butler, Natascha Engel, Jane Kennedy, Gillian Merron, Dr Andrew Murrison and Steve Webb members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

4 Health Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Ms Dawn Butler, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Natascha Engel, Jeff Ennis, Caroline Flint, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Eric Joyce, Jane Kennedy, Mr David Kidney, Mr Andrew Lansley, Gillian Merron, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr Jamie Reed, Steve Webb, Stephen Williams and Sir George Young.

5 Plant Breeders’ Rights (Discontinuation of Prior Use Exemption) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2726):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Colin Breed, Ms Katy Clark, Mr David Clelland, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Tony Cunningham, Mr Philip Dunne, Mark Fisher, Mr Mark Harper, Mr David Kidney, Mark Lazarowicz, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Owen Paterson and Mr Paul Truswell.

6 Supply of Relevant Veterinary Medicinal Products Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2751).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Katy Clark and Mr Michael Meacher from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Barbara Follett and Mr Sion Simon.
7 Draft National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Ed Balls, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Crausby, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Brian Jenkins, Judy Mallaber, Julie Morgan, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Lee Scott, Claire Ward, Steve Webb, Mr Rob Wilson, Ms Rosie Winterton and Mr Iain Wright.

8 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland, Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Joan Ruddock from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth, Mr Saqiq Khan and Siobhain McDonagh.

9 Draft Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Peter Bottomley, James Brokenshire, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Rosie Cooper, Mr David Hanson, Alan Keen, Lembit Öpik, Sandra Osborne, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Joan Ruddock, Ms Shalesh Vara, Keith Vaz, Lynda Waltho and Mike Wood.

10 Draft Farm Woodland Premium Schemes (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adam Holloway from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Scheme) and nominated in substitution Mr Ben Wallace.

11 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr Tim Boswell, Ben Chapman, Linda Gilroy, Helen Goodman, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr John Heppell, Margaret Hodge, Mr Boris Johnson, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, Anne Main, Mr Alan Milburn, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr John Randall, Helen Southworth and Mr John Spellar.

12 Draft Transport for London (Best Value) (Contracting Out of Investment and Highways Functions) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mary Creagh, Bill Etherington, Paul Farrelly, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mark Hunter, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Francen Maude, Chris Mole, Margaret Moran, Jessica Morden, Richard Ottaway, Albert Owen, Mr Mark Prisk, Geraldine Smith, Sarah Teather, Mr Robert Waller and Mr Dave Watts.

13 Draft Animal Health Act 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Angela Browning, Tony Cunningham, Paul Flynn, Lynne Jones, Mr David Kidney, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Chris Mullin, David Mundell, Mr Dan Rogerson, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Bill Wiggin and Derek Wyatt.

14 Draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Kevin Brennan, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr James Clappison, Mr Nick Clegg, Jon Cruddas, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Douglas Hogg, Tony Lloyd, Miss Anne McIntosh, Ian Pearson, Andrew Selous, Mr Solen Simon, Mr Gary Streeter, Graham Stringer, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr Michael Wills.
European Standing Committees

15 European Union Document No. 8630/05 relating to the Control of Avian Influenza.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker and Mr Paul Truswell from European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

16 European Union Document No. 14246/05 relating to the European Evidence Warrant.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lynne Featherstone from European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Jeremy Browne.

17 European Union Document No. 5436/05 relating to the Green Paper on Economic Migration.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Adam Afriyie, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jim Dowd, Mrs Louise Ellman, Lynne Featherstone, Patrick Hall, Martin Horwood, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Mark Prisk and Bob Spink.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Schools White Paper]; to be printed [No. 633-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Procurement: The Way Forward]; to be printed [No. 740-i] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

3 European Scrutiny.—(1) Twelfth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Achieving Value for Money in the Delivery of Public Services]; to be printed [No. 742]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Northern Ireland’s waste management strategy]; to be printed [No. 741-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Avian Influenza]; to be printed [No. 713-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xi] [Mr Eric Forth].

7 Transport,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Train Fares and Ticketing]; to be printed [No. 700-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Sir Rod Eddington, Government Specialist Transport Adviser]; to be printed [No. 737-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Child Trust Funds: update on progress]; to be printed [No. 738-i] [Mr John McFall].
PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Farm Woodland Premium Schemes (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 European Standing Committee,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 14246/05, draft Council Framework Decision on the European Evidence Warrant for obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters, and supports the Government’s position that the application of mutual recognition in this area will speed up and improve the transmission between Member States of evidence required to prosecute cross-border crime, whilst maintaining fundamental rights. Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill,—The Order for reading the Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th January.


Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1B) An order under subsection (1A) may be made in relation to an individual billing authority, a group of adjoining billing authorities or all billing authorities.’—(Sir Paul Beresford.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1B) The Secretary of State shall decide at least once in each calendar year whether to exercise the power granted by subsection (1A), and shall give reasons for his decision.

(1C) The reasons referred to in subsection (1B) shall include, but shall not be restricted to, the Secretary of State’s assessment of the degree of divergence in relevant property values since the original valuations made under this Act or since any subsequent revaluation.’—(David Howarth.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Stunell, Mr Roger Williams: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Alan Campbell: 346.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 Legal Aid (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

6 Estimates,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [30th November] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3286), dated 29th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Medicines,—Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3259), dated 24th November 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 26th May 2005, made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hanson, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson and Lynda Wallis members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and David Taylor Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Jeremy Wright from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mr Jeremy Hunt.

3 Childcare Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Beverley Hughes, Tim Loughton, Edward Miliband, Christine Russell and Andrew Selous members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

4 Childcare Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton and Mr David Amess Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

5 Health Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Martin Caton and Ann Winterton Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

6 Plant Breeders’ Rights (Discontinuation of Prior Use Exemption) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2726),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

7 Draft National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

8 Draft Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

9 Draft Farm Woodland Premium Schemes (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts, Tony Cunningham, Andrew Mackinlay and Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Scheme) and nominated in substitution Ms Katy Clark, Mark Tami, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Iain Wright.

10 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

11 Draft Transport for London (Best Value) (Contracting Out of Investment and Highway Functions) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

12 Draft Animal Health Act 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 2005,—The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.
13 Draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

14 European Union Document No. 14246/05 relating to the European Evidence Warrant.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Oaten and Dr Gavin Strang from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Khalid Mahmood and Andrew Stunell.

15 The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 9997/05 on Tackling Organised Crime.

16 The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 12125/05 on Return of Illegal Immigrants.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2005]; to be printed [No. 736-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2005]; to be printed [No. 736-iii]

[Mr Kevin Barron].

2 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Making Trade Work for Development: the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial]; to be printed [No. 730-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

3 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [A Debt of Honour]; to be printed [No. 735-i] [Tony Wright].

[No. 74; WH, No. 45]

Thursday 1st December 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Meeting Scotland’s Future Energy Needs—Second Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Dave Watts).

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 6th December.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

[No. 75.]

Friday 2nd December 2005.
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 Motion to sit in private.—Mr Eric Forth moved, That the House do sit in private.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Mark Harper: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Tom Watson: 37.

So the Question was negatived.
4 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) 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 20th January.

5 Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th January.

6 Regulation of Laser Eye Surgery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Laser Eye Surgery Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

7 Licensing Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th January.

8 Family Law (Property and Maintenance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Family Law (Property and Maintenance) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

9 Registration Service Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration Service Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th January.

10 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tom Watson); 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 5th December. [Adjourned at 3.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Assistance Services.—National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3277), dated 29th November 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Revenue and Customs.—Revenue and Customs (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3311), dated 1st December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Others Papers

3 Northern Ireland.—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Seventh and Eighth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005-06 [by Command] [Cm. 6699] [Mr Secretary Hain].
[No. 76.]

Monday 5th December 2005.

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 Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Bill, without Amendment.

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.

2 Work and Families Bill.—The Work and Families Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

3 Work and Families Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Work and Families 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 20th December 2005.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

4 Work and Families Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Work and Families 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 Work and Families Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department under the Act; and
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided; and

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

5 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Farm Woodland Premium Schemes (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2005, which was laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

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 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 9th November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.
7 Control of Avian Influenza.—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. 8630/05 and Addendum I, draft Council Directive on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and draft Council Decision amending Council Decision 80/424/EEC on expenditure for the veterinary field; and supports the Government’s objective of agreeing measures for the control and eradication of avian influenza—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

8 European Evidence Warrant.—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. 11288/05, draft Council Framework Decision on the European Evidence Warrant for obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters; and supports the Government’s position that the application of mutual recognition in this area will speed up and improve the transmission between Member States of evidence required to prosecute cross-border crime, whilst maintaining fundamental rights—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

9 Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2005 for the purposes of 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 2005 shall be treated as if it were an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Tony Cunningham.)


11 Crossrail Bill.—Ordered, That Mr Brian Binley, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Phillip Hollobone, Kelvin Hopkins, Mrs Siân C. James, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Alan Meale, Dr John Pugh, Mrs Linda Riordan and Sir Peter Soulsby be members of the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Ms Diana R. Johnson be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Austin Mitchell be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—Ordered, That Mr Jim Cunningham be discharged from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee and Lyn Brown be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

**Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1 Climate Change Levy.—Draft Climate Change Agreements (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

2 Excise.—Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3330), dated 5th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

3 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3328), dated 5th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

4 Agriculture.—(1) Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3280); and

(2) Feeding Stuffs (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3281), dated 28th November 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
5 Excise.—Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Reliefs for Electricity Generation) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3320), dated 5th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

6 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (District of New Forest) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3295), dated 28th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3329), dated 5th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

8 Government Resources and Accounts.—Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Department of Trade and Industry for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 612] [John Healey].

9 Immigration.—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3310), dated 1st December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

10 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Audit of Assumptions for the 2005 Pre-Budget Report; and
   (2) Delivery Chain Analysis for Bus Services in England
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 707 and 677] [Clerk of the House].

11 Pre-Budget Report.—Paper, entitled Pre-Budget Report, December 2005: Britain meeting the global challenge: Enterprise, fairness and responsibility [by Act] [Cm. 6701] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

12 School Teachers.—Fifteenth Report of the School Teachers' Review Body: 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6663] [The Prime Minister].

13 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report and Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 87] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Childcare Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Keeley from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mrs Linda Riordan.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [The Work of the Children's Commissioner]; to be printed [No. 723-i]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Schools White Paper]; to be printed [No. 633-iii]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts.—(1) First Special Report from the Committee [The BBC's investment in Freeview: The response of the BBC Governors to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2004-05]; to be printed [No. 750]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Efficiency in water resource management]; to be printed [No. 749-i];
   [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 6th December 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Discontinuation of Prior Use Exemption) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2726).

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hywel Williams reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005.

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005.

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

4 European Standing Committee,—John Cummings reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12125/05, and Addenda 1 and 2 Draft Directive on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals; and recognises the Government’s specific policy, security, legislative and financial concerns in deciding whether to opt into this Directive.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

5 Harbours Bill [Lords].—The Harbours Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th January, and to be printed [No. 97].

6 Employment (Advertisement of Pay and Pension Rights).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require all employment vacancies to be advertised with a combined valuation of pay and pension rights; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Denham, Ms Sally Keeble, Rob Marris, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Richard Benyon, Chris Huhne, Mr Frank Field, Huw Irranca-Davies, Nick Herbert and Mr Philip Dunne do prepare and bring it in.

7 Employment (Advertisement of Pay and Pension Rights) Bill,—Mr John Denham accordingly presented a Bill to require all employment vacancies to be advertised with a combined valuation of pay and pension rights; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 93].

8 London Olympics Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Olympics Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

A Clause (NC3) (Olympic Delivery Authority: transfer schemes)—(Mr Richard Caborn)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Limit on power of Greater London Authority to raise money from council tax for expenditure on London Olympics)—(Hugh Robertson)—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 Prisk, Susan Kramer: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr John Heppell: 275.

Another Clause (NC2) (Payments to London Organising Committee in respect of Olympic Lotteries)—(Hugh Robertson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Peter Atkinson: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 307.
Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) pay compensation to any owner of a business whose interests are injuriously affected by the development of land, premises or facilities in connection with the London Olympics.’—(Richard Ottaway.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 41, after the word ‘Committee,’ to insert the words—

‘(ba) shall have regard to the desirability of promoting the interests of voluntary and community organisations and sports clubs.’—(Hugh Robertson.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 19 and 20) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 5, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Don Foster.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 17, 18 and 25 to 27) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) made to the Bill (changed to London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Bill).

A Schedule (NS1) (Transfer Schemes)—(Mr Richard Caborn)—brought up, read a first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 21 to 24) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Richard Caborn, 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 Richard Caborn, 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.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law.—(1) Draft Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2006;

(2) draft Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006; and

(3) draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2006

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Child Trust Funds.—Child Trust Funds (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3349), dated 6th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

3 Income Tax.—(1) Individual Savings Account (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3350);

(2) Lloyd’s Underwriters (Tax) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3338); and
(3) Personal Equity Plan (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3348), dated 6th December 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

4 Libraries.—Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3351), dated 1st December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Social Security.—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 5) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3294), dated 29th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

6 Miscellaneous (No. 16, 2002)—Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum, dated 2nd December 2005, on the 1999 Protocol (to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution) to abate acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) [laid 11th September 2002] [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 National Loans.—Account of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 752] [Clerk of the House].

8 National Savings Bank.—Account of the National Savings Ordinary Deposits for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 753] [Clerk of the House].

9 Police (Northern Ireland),—(1) Fifteenth Report of the Oversight Commissioner; and (2) Paper, entitled Inspection of the Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, dated December 2005 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Public Petition.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [15th November] from Linzi Cooper, Emma Lavery, students of Bede College, residents of Bellingham and others for changes to the funding systems for colleges [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Childcare Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Maria Miller from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Justine Greening.

2 Plant Breeders’ Rights (Discontinuation of Prior Use Exemption) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 2726).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland and Mr Paul Truswell from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle and Helen Southworth.

3 Draft National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ken Purchase from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution John MacDougall.

4 Draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Tony Lloyd, Mr Sion Simon and Mr Michael Wills from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Jim McGovern, Albert Owen and Jim Sheridan.

5 European Union Document No. 12125/05 relating to the Return of Illegal Immigrants.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne Main, Mr Alan Milburn and Kitty Ussher from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Pat McFadden and Mark Tami.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Second Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [The Office of the Judge Advocate General], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 731]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Compensation culture]; to be printed [No. 754-i]
[Mr Alan Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Analogue Switch-Off]; to be printed [No. 650-iii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—First Report from the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 747] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2005]; to be printed [No. 736-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

5 International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Making Trade Work for Development: the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial]; to be printed [No. 730-iii]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [EU Development Cooperation and External Relations Policy]; to be printed [No. 745-i and -ii]
[Malcolm Bruce].

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 [Affordability and the Supply of Housing]; to be printed [No. 705-ii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

7 Trade and Industry,—(1) First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Security of gas supply], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 632]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The European Commission’s negotiating strategy for the World Trade Organisation Hong Kong Ministerial Conference]; to be printed [No. 711-ii]
[Peter Lilly].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Proposed Changes to the Police Forces in Wales]; to be printed [No. 751-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].
3 Parliamentary Constituencies (Equalisation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the equalisation of the size of parliamentary constituencies; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Maples, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr John Gummer, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Brooks Newmark, Richard Ottaway, Hugh Robertson, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Mr David Willetts and Mr Tim Yeo do prepare and bring it in.

4 Parliamentary Constituencies (Equalisation) Bill.—Mr John Maples accordingly presented a Bill for the equalisation of the size of parliamentary constituencies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 98].

5 Adjournment (Fisheries).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ben Bradshaw);
The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

6 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) supporters of the campaign for justice for Mohan Singh for assistance with the investigation into the murder of Mohan Singh;
   (2) Amanda Cranmer and others against changes to the visa regime for overseas students; and
   (3) supporters of the Isifair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax
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 Dave Watts.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland.—Draft Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Charities.—Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation (Transfer of Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3308), dated 1st December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


4 Consumer Protection.—Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3346), dated 5th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Criminal Law.—Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Responsible Authorities) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3343), dated 4th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Health Care and Associated Professions.—(1) Nursing and Midwifery Council (Education, Registration and Registration Appeals) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3354); and
   (2) Nursing and Midwifery Council (Fees) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3353), dated 5th December 2005 [by Statutory Instrument], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Housing.—Approval of Code of Management Practice (Private Retirement Housing) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3307), dated 29th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


10 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3352), dated 4th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

11 Health.—Department of Health: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6704] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Home Office.—Paper, entitled Rebuilding Lives: supporting victims of crime [by Command] [Cm. 6705] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

13 Treaty Series (No. 40, 2005).—Agreement, done at Tirana on 14th October 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Albania on the Readmission of Persons and Protocol for the implementation of the Agreement [by Command] [Cm. 6711] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Work and Families 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 Peter Bone, Lyn Brown, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Sadiq Khan, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Norman Lamb, Mr Jim McGovern, Julie Morgan, Meg Munn, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Alan Reid, Ian Stewart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Kety Ussher and Mr Charles Walker.

2 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill: Greg Clark, Helen Goodman, Nia Griffith, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Nick Hurd, Mark Lazarowicz, Dr Nick Palmer, Joan Ruddock, Alan Simpson, Mr Andrew Smith, Andrew Stunell, Mrs Theresa Villiers, Mr Mike Weir, Dr Alan Whitehead, Malcolm Wicks and Bill Wiggin.

3 Draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty and Disclosure of Information) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr David Evennett, Mr Bruce George, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Charles Hendry, Mr Boris Johnson, Norman Lamb, Alun Michael, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Alan Reid, Ian Stewart, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr Michael Wills.

4 Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Colin Burgon, Mr Tom Clarke, Tony Cunningham, James Duddridge, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Kidney, David Mundell, Mr Dan Rogerson, Joan Ruddock, Martin Salter, Dr Howard Stoate, Joan Walley and Bill Wiggin.

5 Draft Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Ruddock from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Truswell.

6 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Hazel Blears, Richard Burden, Mr James Clappison, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Edward Garnier, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr David Heath, Nick Herbert, Martin Horwood, Lynne Jones, Rob Marris, Stephen Pound, Mr Mark Prisk, Joan Ryan, Mr John Spellar and Dr Desmond Turner.
7 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Margaret Hodge, Mr Alan Milburn, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr John Spellar and Helen Southworth from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David Clelland, Mr George Howarth, Margaret Moran, Mr James Plaskitt and Jon Trickett.

8 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Michael Connarty, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr David Evennett, Mr Christopher Fraser, Patrick Hall, Mr David Hamilton, Charles Hendry, Helen Jones, Steve McCabe, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Angus MacNeil, David Mundell, Meg Munn, Sandra Osborne, Mr Frank Roy, Sir Robert Smith, Ian Stewart, John Thurso, Mr Charles Walker and Mr Ben Wallace.

9 Draft Transport for London (Best Value) (Contracting Out of Investment and Highways Functions) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Bill Etherington, Chris Mole, Margaret Moran and Albert Owen from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Blizzard, Andrew Gwynne, Mark Tami and David Wright.

10 Draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (International Immunities and Privileges, Companies and Adoption) Order 2005:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Tim Bowtell, Peter Bottomley, Mr Jeremy Browne, Colin Challen, Mr Nick Clegg, Philip Davies, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr John Grogan, David Heyes, Mr Nick Raynsford, Andrew Selous, Graham Stringer, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Tom Watson and Dr Alan Whitehead.

11 Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2005 for the purposes of Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Assessment to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Michael Fabricant, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Mark Francois, Damian Green, Chris Huhe, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Ivan Lewis, Chris McCafferty, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr David Ruffley, Mark Tami, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Tom Watson.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr David S. Borrow, Andy Burnham, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garner, Mr David Heath, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Edward Miliband, Mrs Maria Miller, Mr Mark Prisk, Joan Ryan, Mr Gary Streeter, Emily Thornberry and Peter Viggers.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Schools White Paper]; to be printed [No. 633-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Third Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Animal Welfare 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. 683];

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Future for UK fishing];

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Progress on the use of pesticides: Voluntary Initiative]; and

(4) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Climate Change: looking forward]

[Mr Michael Jack].
3 Human Rights,—(1) Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Equality Bill], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 766]; and
(2) Fifth Report from the Joint Committee [Legislative Scrutiny: Second Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 767]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee [UK Compliance with the UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT)]; to be printed [No. 701-ii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Memorandum laid before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Connecting Parliament with the Public] [Mr Geoffrey Hoon].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Tackling the complexity of the benefits system]; to be printed [No. 765-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Carbon Capture and Storage Technology], to be printed [No. 578-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Potential Benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics]; to be printed [No. 658-v] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xii] [Mr Eric Forth].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Finding a Space for Parking Policy]; to be printed [No. 748-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The 2005 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 739-i and -ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 79; WH, No. 47]

Wednesday 7th December 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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. 79.]

Thursday 8th December 2005.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Contingencies Fund 2004–05,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 2004–05, showing—
(1) a balance sheet;
(2) a cashflow statement; and
(3) notes to the account, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

3 Equality Bill [Lords].—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Equality Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 12th December, and to be printed [Bill 99].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Transport for London (Best Value) (Contracting Out of Investment and Highways Functions) Order 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Animal Health Act 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 2005. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 European Standing Committee.—Mr Mike Weir reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 9997/05 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication: Developing a Strategic Concept on Tackling Organised Crime; supports the Government’s position in welcoming the Commission’s strategic approach to tackling organised crime and notes that many elements of the strategy are, or will be, the subject of detailed negotiation.

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

7 Disorderly conduct.—Mr Dennis Skinner, Member for Bolsover, having used a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by the Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction

Whereupon the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Disorderly conduct) ordered him to withdraw immediately for the remainder of this day’s sitting.—And he withdrew accordingly.

8 Government of Wales Bill.—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Darling, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Clarke, Secretary Alan Johnson, Ms Harriet Harman and Nick Ainger presented a Bill to make provision about the government of Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 12th December and to be printed [Bill 100].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Government of Wales Bill be printed [Bill 100–EN].

9 Estimates Day [1st allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [1st December], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Vote on Account, 2006–07 (Department of Health).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department of Health—

(1) resources, not exceeding £27,595,662,000, be authorised, on account, for use as set out in HC 465, and

(2) a sum, not exceeding £26,808,818,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, to meet the costs as so set out—(Claire Ward);

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

10 Estimates.—The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions required to be put, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Supplementary Estimates, 2005–06

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2006—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £3,183,848,000, be authorised, for use for defence and civil services as set out in HC 672,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £4,677,710,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to meet the costs of defence and civil services as so set out, and

(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.

Votes on Account, 2006–07

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007—

(1) resources, not exceeding £1,444,195,341,000, be authorised, on account, for use for defence and civil services as set out in HC 465, HC 467, HC 468 and HC 469,
(2) a sum, not exceeding £134,448,075,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, to meet the costs of defence and civil services as so set out.

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 Des Browne, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Mr Ivan Lewis do prepare and bring it in.

11 Consolidated Fund Bill.—John Healey accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the years ending with 31st March 2006 and 31st March 2007 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending with 31st March 2006 and 31st March 2007: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 12th December and to be printed [Bill 101].

12 National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 14th December, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

13 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

14 Return of Illegal Immigrants.—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. 12125/05 and Addenda 1 and 2. Draft Directive on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals; and recognises the Government’s specific policy, security, legislative and financial concerns in deciding whether to opt into this Directive—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

15 Public Passenger Transport.—Ordered, That the Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement) (England) Order 2005, (S.I., 2005, No. 3224) dated 22nd November 2005 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

16 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

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-eight minutes to Seven o’clock, till Monday 12th December.

[Adjourned at 6.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax.—(1) Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Change of Accounting Practice) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3383), dated 7th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo];

(2) Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Disregard and Bringing into Account of Profits and Losses) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3374), dated 7th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo];

(3) Overseas Life Insurance Companies (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3375), dated 7th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis]; and

(4) Research and Development Tax Relief (Definition of “Small or Medium-Sized Enterprise”) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3376), dated 7th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].
2 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3372), dated 6th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Education,—Schools Forums (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3299), dated 30th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

4 Electronic Communications,—Social Security (Electronic Communications) (Miscellaneous Benefits) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3321), dated 1st December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


6 Housing,—(1) Housing Renewal Grants (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3323), dated 29th November 2005; and


Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force relating to Retired Pay and Pensions, dated 24th November 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

10 Animals,—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain for 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6713] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

11 Contingencies Fund, 2004–05,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 755] [John Healey].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [3rd November] from residents of Birkenhead and others in support of the Animal Welfare Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 Reserve Forces,—Reserve Forces (Attributable Benefits etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2005, dated 5th December 2005 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

14 Transport,—Department for Transport: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6708] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Work and Families Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Norman Lamb, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Mark Prisk, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Work and Families Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth, Hugh Bayley and Eric Martlew Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Rights of Savers Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty and Disclosure of Information ) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.
6 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

8 Draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (International Immunities and Privileges, Companies and Adoption) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

9 Draft Animal Health Act 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 2005,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lynne Jones from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Barbara Keeley.

10 Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2005 for the purposes of Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Assessment.

11 Forensic Science Service Trading Fund (Revocation) Order (S.I., 2005, No. 3138),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

European Standing Committees

12 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 5436/05 on the Green Paper on Economic Migration.

13 European Union Document No. 9997/05 relating to the Tackling Organised Crime,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Cunningham and Mr Mark Oaten from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr David Heath and Mr Frank Roy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Governing the Future]; to be printed [No. 756-i] [Tony Wright].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The 2005 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 739-iii] [Mr John McFall].

3 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Incapacity Benefits and Pathways to Work]; to be printed [No. 616-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

Thursday 8th December 2005

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Foreign policy aspects of the war against terrorism—Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Kevin Brennan).

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 13th December.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
Monday 12th December 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty and Disclosure of Information) Order 2005.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2005.

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 Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment) Order 2005.

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

4 European Standing Committee,—Mr Martin Caton reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5436/05, Green Paper on a European Union approach to managing economic migration; and supports the Government’s position in response to it to date.

Resolution 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:

Tax Law Rewrite Bill (Joint Committee),—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of twelve 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 when such procedure differs from that of Select Committees of this House, and shall include the power of the Chairman to select Amendments.

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

7 Armed Forces Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill:

Select Committee

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

2. The Select Committee shall report the Bill to the House on or before Thursday 27th April.

Committee of the whole House, consideration and Third Reading

3. On report from the Select Committee the Bill shall be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

4. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House on re-committal, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed at one day’s sitting.

5. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House 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.
6. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after the commencement of those proceedings or at the moment of interruption on that day, whichever is the earlier.

7. Standing Order No. 83B (Programme committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House and on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

8. 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 Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

8. Armed Forces Bill,—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill:

1. The Committee shall have 14 members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

2. The Committee shall have power—
   (a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place and to report from day to day the minutes of evidence taken before it;
   (b) to admit the public during the examination of witnesses and during consideration of the Bill (but not otherwise); and
   (c) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the provisions of the Armed Forces Bill.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

9. Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—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 Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

11. European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Rosie Cooper be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mrs Sharon Hodgson be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12. Procedure,—Ordered, That Sir Nicholas Winterton be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr Christopher Chope be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13. Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [two Petitions] 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 Vernon Coaker.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th December 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 International Development,—Department for International Development: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [Cm. 6706] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2 Treaty Series (No. 41, 2005),—Agreement, done at London on 13th July 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Georgia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital [Cm. 6714] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th December 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Animals.—Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3394), dated 8th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

   (2) Local Authority (Adoption) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3390), dated 8th December 2005; and

6 Consumer Protection.—Biofuel (Labelling) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3355), dated 2nd December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Criminal Law.—Victims of Violent Intentional Crime (Arrangements for Compensation) (European Communities) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3396), dated 8th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Clarke].

   (2) Education (School Organisation Proposals) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3342), dated 2nd December 2005; and
   (3) Education (Teacher Student Loans) (Repayment etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3309), dated 30th November 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

9 Medicines.—Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3324), dated 2nd December 2005 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10 National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3361), dated 6th December 2005;
   (2) National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3373), dated 7th December 2005; and
   (3) National Health Service (Primary Medical Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3315), dated 1st December 2005 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Pensions.—(1) Occupational Pension Schemes (Cross-border Activities) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3381);
   (2) Occupational Pension Schemes (Internal Controls) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3379);
   (3) Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3378);
   (4) Occupational Pension Schemes (Regulatory Own Funds) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3380); and
   (5) Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Funding) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3377), dated 8th December 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Hutton].


14 Social Security.—Income-related Benefits (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3391), dated 8th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 12th December 2005:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

15 Industrial and Provident Societies.—(1) Draft Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations 2006; and
(2) draft Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2006
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

16 Agriculture (Scotland),—Feeding Stuffs (Application to Zootechnical Additives etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3362), dated 7th December 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


18 Pensions,—Draft Code of Practice No. 3 by the Pensions Regulator on Funding defined benefits [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

19 Social Security,—Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3360), dated 6th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

20 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Amendments to Air Publication 3392—Royal Air Force Manual of Personnel Administration Volume 2, Pay and Personnel (Second Edition) and Volume 3, Allowances (Second Edition); and
(2) Amendments to Joint Service Publication 752—Tri-Service Regulations for Allowances,
dated 21st November 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].


22 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Employers’ perspectives on improving skills for employment [by Act]: to be printed [No. 461] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty and Disclosure of Information) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts and Mr Michael Wills from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Neil Gerrard and John Robertson.

2 Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Burgon from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Michael Connarty.

3 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ben Wallace from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Harper.

4 European Union Document No. 5436/05 relating to the Green Paper on Economic Migration.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker from European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr John Heppell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Schools White Paper]: to be printed [No. 633-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2. Home Affairs and Work and Pensions.—First Joint Report from the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees [Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill] [being the First Report from the Home Affairs Committee and the First Report from the Work and Pensions Committee], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committees; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committees relating to the Report [No. 540-I and -III] [Mr John Denham and Mr Terry Rooney].

3. 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 [Affordability and the Supply of Housing]; to be printed [No. 703-iii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4. Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [South Eastern passenger rail franchise]; to be printed [No. 770-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) the Speaker has nominated Mr Peter Atkinson to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel for the current Parliament and discharged Miss Ann Widdecombe from the Panel [No. 81.]

Tuesday 13th December 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hywel Williams reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (International Immunities and Privileges, Companies and Adoption) Order 2005. 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:
   Estate Agents (Independent Redress Scheme) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Estate Agents Act 1979 to make provision for independent consumer redress in connection with the sale and purchase of residential property, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3. Road Traffic Signs (Enforcement Cameras).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require all road traffic signs which show the routes where enforcement cameras are from time to time in use to include information on the speed limit in force on such routes: And that Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Andrew Tyrie, David Lepper, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Andrew George, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Rob Wilson, Mr Andy Reed and Mr Paul Truswell do prepare and bring it in.

4. Road Traffic Signs (Enforcement Cameras) Bill.—Dr Nick Palmer accordingly presented a Bill to require all road traffic signs which show the routes where enforcement cameras are from time to time in use to include information on the speed limit in force on such routes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 102].

5. Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

6. Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Defence Service 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 12th January 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

7 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] [Money].

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Defence Service 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—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

8 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] it is expedient to authorise provision about contribution orders in relation to rights to representation—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

9 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.

10 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill [Money].

Resolved,—That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.—(Malcolm Wicks.)

11 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 Animal Health Act 1981 (Amendment) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 9th November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

12 London Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Transport for London (Best Value) (Contracting Out of Investment and Highway Functions) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

13 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 Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty and Disclosure of Information) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.
14 Criminal Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

15 Environmental Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 24th November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

16 Tackling Organised Crime,—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. 9997/05 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication: Developing a Strategic Concept on Tackling Organised Crime; supports the Government’s position in welcoming the Commission’s strategic approach to tackling organised crime; and notes that many elements of the strategy are, or will be, the subject of detailed negotiation—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

17 Economic Migration,—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. 5436/05, Green Paper on a European Union Approach to managing economic migration; and supports the Government’s position in response to it it to date—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

18 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the Redcar Business Association and the Redcar Road West Action Group in support of the expansion of Tees Port was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Cattle Compensation (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3433), dated 8th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 National Health Service,—General Dental Services and Personal Dental Services Transitional Provisions Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3435), dated 13th December 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

3 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6719][Secretary Ruth Kelly].

4 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Non-Effective Benefits and Family Pensions) Order November 2005; and

5 Northern Ireland,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Armagh Observatory and Planetarium for 2004-05;
   (2) Health and Safety Executive (Northern Ireland) for 2004-05; and
   (3) Insolvency Service for 2003-04,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 744, 674 and 716] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland),—Reports and Accounts of Waterways Ireland for—
   (1) 2003; and
   (2) 2004,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 757 and 758][Mr Secretary Hain].
Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) First Report from the Administration Committee [Post-election services]; with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 777]; and
   (2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 13th December 2005 [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Compensation culture]; to be printed [No. 754-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Analogue Switch-Off]; to be printed [No. 650-iv] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence,—Second Report from the Defence Committee [Future Carrier and Joint Combat Aircraft Programme]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 554] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Developments in the European Union]; to be printed [No. 768-i] [Mike Gapes].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control]; to be printed [No. 775-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Immigration Control]; to be printed [No. 775-II] [Mr John Denham].

7 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Reconstructing Afghanistan]; to be printed [No. 772-i] [John Battle].

8 Regulatory Reform,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform Committee [Operation of the Regulatory Reform Act 2001]; to be printed [No. 774-i] [Andrew Miller].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Potential Benefits for Scotland of the 2012 Olympics]; to be printed [No. 658-vi] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

10 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Mr Alan Meale reported from the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

11 Trade and Industry,—Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Royal Mail after liberalisation], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 570] [Peter Luff].

12 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [NHS Dentistry in Wales]; to be printed [No. 771-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 81; WH, No. 49]
Tuesday 13th December 2005

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Wednesday 14th December 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Andrew Robathan be added to the Committee.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

2 Work and Families Bill,—Mr Eric Forth reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Work and Families Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 103].

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

3 Rights of Savers Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Rights of Savers Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 7th April; and to be printed [Bill 105].

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

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2005 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 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Forensic Science Service Trading Fund (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3138).

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

6 Housing Development (Infrastructure Requirements),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities and the Government to agree on the infrastructure to be provided for large-scale housing developments; and to determine the allocation of costs in advance of the commencement of building work: And that Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr David Lidington, Andrew Selous, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Mark Francois, Mrs Maria Miller, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Gauke and Peter Viggers do prepare and bring it in.

7 Housing Development (Infrastructure Requirements) Bill,—Mr Mark Hoban accordingly presented a Bill to require local authorities and the Government to agree on the infrastructure to be provided for large-scale housing developments; and to determine the allocation of costs in advance of the commencement of building work: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 104].

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

9 Deferred Divisions,—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

National Health Service,—That the draft National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2005, which were laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.

Ayes: 243.
Noes: 211.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Adjournment (European 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.

11 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Ainsworth be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Tim Yeo be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Administration,—Ordered, That Mr Patrick McLoughlin be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Andrew Robathan be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) constituents of Harrogate and Knaresborough for the immediate availability of
   Herceptin to all NHS patients for whom there would be a clinical benefit;
   (2) residents of Bridgwater and others against the closure of the Royal Ordnance
   factory at Puriton, Somerset;
   (3) villagers of Westonzyzlon, Somerset, for a large and conveniently placed post
   box in the village of Westonzyzlon; and
   (4) residents of North West Leicestershire and nearby areas for continued provision
   of high quality residential mental health care in local community hospitals
   were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest
   campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented; and ordered
   to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)
   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Eight
   o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Representation of the People,—Draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral
   Regions (Wales) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by
   Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Corporation Tax,—Finance Act 2002, Schedule 26 (Parts 2 and 9) (Amendment No. 3) Order
   2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3440), dated 13th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory
   Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

3 Inheritance Tax,—Inheritance Tax (Double Charges Relief) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005,
   No. 3441), dated 14th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by
   Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

4 Local Government,—Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England)
   (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3406), dated 8th December [by Act], with an
   Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Prisons,—Prison (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3437), dated 13th December 2005
   [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of
   Surrey) (Borough of Elmbridge) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3407), dated 8th December
   2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary
   Darling].

7 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2005
   (S.I., 2005, No. 3438), dated 13th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory
   Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

8 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Autumn
   Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6709] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Justice (Northern Ireland),—(1) Inspection of Forensic Science in Northern Ireland; and
   (2) Review of Scientific Support Services in the Police Service of Northern Ireland
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Parliamentary Constituencies,—Boundary Commission for Wales: Fifth Periodical Report
   on Parliamentary Constituencies and First Report on National Assembly for Wales
   Electoral Regions [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 743-I and -II] [Ms Harriet Harman].

11 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the First and Third Reports from the Committee of
   Public Accounts, Session 2005-06 [by Command] [Cm. 6712] [John Healey].
12. Public Petitions.—Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions 27th October [two Petitions], 28th October [two Petitions], 31st October, 1st November, 2nd November; 3rd November [two Petitions]; 7th November [four Petitions]; 8th November; and 9th November [three Petitions] from the Supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords]:
   (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: Vera Baird, Kevin Brennan, Chris Bryant, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Rosie Cooper, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr David Heath, Barbara Keeley, Mr Mark Lancaster, Ian Lucas, Stephen Pound, Bridget Prentice, Chris Ruane, Mark Tami, Angela Watkinson and Jeremy Wright.

2 Draft Industrial and Provident Societies (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Frank Field, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Michael Meacher, Lembt Opik, Richard Ottaway, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Martin Salter, Angela E. Smith (Basildon) and Lynda Waltho.

3 Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Money Laundering Regulations 2003 (Amendment) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Gordon Banks, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Jeremy Browne, Natascha Engel, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garnier, Paul Goggins, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Nick Herbert, Meg Hillier, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Joan Ryan, Sir Peter Soulsby, Mr Gary Streeter and Kitty Ussher.

4 Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3330):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Lyn Brown, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Michael Clapham, Harry Cohen, Mr Philip Dunne, Jeff Ennis, Mr Paul Goodman, Damian Green, John Healey, Susan Kramer, John McDonnell, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Andrew Selous, Mark Tami and Mr Tom Watson.

5 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr David Hamilton and Charles Hendry from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mark Lazarowicz and Jim Sheridan.

6 Draft Climate Change Agreement (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Roger Goddard, John Healey, Chris Huhne, Mr Nick Hurd, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Sadiq Khan, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mrs Linda Riordan, Andrew Selous, Mark Tami, Peter Viggers, Mr Tom Watson and Mrs Betty Williams.

7 Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2005 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin and Mr Bob Laxton from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Government’s assessment) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello and Mr Iain Wright.
8 Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3328):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Greg Clark, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, John Healey, Mr Mark Hoban, Chris Huhne, Mrs Siân C. James, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Susan Kramer, Mr Denis MacShane, Andrew Selous, Alan Simpson, Mr Graham Stuart, Mark Tam and Mr Tom Watson.

9 Forensic Science Service Trading Fund (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3138).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods and Mr David S. Borrow from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne and Kali Mountford.

10 Films (Exclusivity Agreements) (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3098):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Dai Havard, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Jones, Daniel Kawczynski, Robert Key, Mr Paara S. Khabra, Norman Lamb, Ann McKechin, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Alan Reid, Alison Seabeck, Mr Andrew Smith, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

European Standing Committees

11 European Union Document No. 10368/05 relating to Energy Efficiency,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Bone, Colin Burgon, Mr Vernon Coaker, Angela Eagle, Charles Hendry, Mr David Kidney, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Elliot Morley, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Dan Rogerson, John Smith and Sir Robert Smith.

12 European Union Document No. COM (05)/172 relating to the Charter of Fundamental Rights.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Battle, James Brokenshire, Mr Nicholas Brown, Chris Bryant, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Stephen Crabb, Frank Dobson, Ms Harriet Harman, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Heath, Kelvin Hopkins and Angela Watkinson.

13 European Union Document No. 11408/05, relating to the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) Roadmap, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

14 European Union Document Nos. 13700/05 and 13759/05, relating to the strategy for the protection and conservation of the marine environment, have 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 [Schools White Paper], to be printed [No. 633-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Departmental 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. 693]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Environment Agency], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 780-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Housing: a progress report], to be printed [No. 779-i] [Joan Walley].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xiii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Mr Michael Connarty].
5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Education in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 726-iii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue Standard Report: New Tax Credits]; to be printed [No. 782-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Carbon Capture and Storage Technology]; to be printed [No. 578-iii] [Mr Phil Willis].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xiii] [Mr Eric Forth].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Finding a Space for Parking Policy]; to be printed [No. 746-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [European financial services regulation]; to be printed [No. 778-i] [Mr John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Pensions Commission]; to be printed [No. 618] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 82; WH, No. 50]

Wednesday 14th December 2005.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.]

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

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

[No. 83.]

Thursday 15th December 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill.—The London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill.—David Taylor reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 19th December.

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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2006.

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

4 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2005 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.
5 National Insurance Contributions Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Insurance Contributions Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, after the word 'Treasury', to insert the words 'following consultation with the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs.'—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, to leave out the words 'appears to the Treasury to be expedient' and insert the words 'is reasonable', instead thereof.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 44.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Frank Roy: 237.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out lines 10 to 12.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

It being Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [12th October], brought proceedings on consideration of the Bill to a conclusion.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Dawn Primarolo, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

6 Civil Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (International Immunities and Privileges, Companies and Adoption) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved.—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

7 Electoral Commission.—Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon relating to the Electoral Commission shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(Kevin Brennan.)

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 19th December.

[Adjourned at 5.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Intellectual Property.—Draft Artist’s Resale Right Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Companies.—Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3442), dated 14th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Income Tax,—(1) Registered Pension Schemes (Accounting and Assessment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3454);
(2) Registered Pension Schemes and Employer-Financed Retirement Benefits Schemes (Information) (Prescribed Descriptions of Persons) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3455);
(3) Registered Pension Schemes (Audited Accounts) (Specified Persons) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3456);
(4) Registered Pension Schemes (Discharge of Liabilities under Sections 267 and 268 of the Finance Act 2004) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3452);
(5) Registered Pension Schemes (Minimum Contributions) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3450);
(6) Registered Pension Schemes (Prescribed Interest Rates for Authorised Employer Loans) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3449);
(7) Registered Pension Schemes (Prescribed Schemes and Occupations) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3451);
(8) Registered Pension Schemes (Relief at Source) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3448);
(9) Registered Pension Schemes (Restriction of Employers’ Relief) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3458); and
(10) Taxes Management Act 1970 (Modifications to Schedule 3 for Pension Scheme Appeals) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3457), dated 14th December 2005 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

5 Taxes,—Employer-Financed Retirement Benefits Schemes (Provision of Information) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3453), dated 14th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].


Other Papers:

7 Defence,—Paper, entitled Defence Industrial Strategy: Defence White Paper [by Command] [Cm. 6697] [Secretary John Reid].

8 Education and Skills,—Paper, entitled Reducing Re-Offering Through Skills and Employment [by Command] [Cm. 6702] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

9 Export Control,—Paper, entitled Export of Objects of Cultural Interest 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6710] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Community Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 474] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

11 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Office Minutes, concerning proposed contingent liabilities relating to any legal action taken against the Senior Costs Judge of the Supreme Court in consequence of any action or omission in relation to—
(1) the Robert Hamill Inquiry
(2) the Rosemary Nelson Inquiry
[by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister,—Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6722] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


14 Standards in Public Life,—Government Response to the Tenth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life [by Command] [Cm. 6723] [The Prime Minister].

15 Trade and Industry,—Department of Trade and Industry: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6701] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

16 Work and Pensions,—Department for Work and Pensions: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6715] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway and Mr Christopher Chope Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Industrial and Provident Societies (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Money Laundering Regulations 2003 (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3330).—The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

5 Draft Climate Change Agreement (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

6 Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3328).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

7 Films (Exclusivity Agreements) (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3098).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—(1) First Report from the Health Committee [Smoking in Public Places], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 485-I and -III].

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Changes to Primary Care 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. 646];

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Smoking in Public Places]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Changes to Primary Care Trusts]

Mr Kevin Barron]

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Publication of Political Memoirs]; to be printed [No. 689-ii] [Tony Wright].

3 Select Committee (Choice of Chairman).—Mr Tim Yeo reported from the Environmental Audit Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

[No. 83; WH, No. 51]

Thursday 15th December 2005.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Scientific publications: free for all?—Tenth and Fourteenth Reports from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2003–04, and the responses thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Frank Roy);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 10th January.

[Adjourned at 5.44 p.m.]
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:
   Leicester City Council
   Liverpool City Council
   Maidstone Borough Council
   Merseyside Local Authorities (Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Work)
   Transport for London
   Whitehaven Harbour.

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

   and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons:
   Leicester City Council
   Liverpool City Council
   Maidstone Borough Council.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Industrial and Provident Societies (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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5 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.

6 Adjournment (Police restructuring),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell);

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:
   Consolidated Fund Act 2005
   Regulation of Financial Services (Land Transactions) Act 2005

8 Adjournment (Police restructuring),—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
   And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 12th January—
   (1) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Darling relating to the Crossrail Bill not later than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply; and
(2) proceedings on the Motion for the Adjournment in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Security of Energy Supply may continue, though opposed, for three hours or until Six o’clock, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

10 Foreign Affairs.— Ordered, That Mr Andrew Mackay be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr David Heathcoat-Amory be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Armed Forces Bill.— Ordered, That Vera Baird, Mr Simon Burns, Mr David Burrowes, Mr Alan Campbell, Ben Chapman, Mr George Howarth, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Kevan Jones, Robert Key, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Michael Moore, Bob Russell, Jim Sheridan and Mr Don Touhig be members of the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) users of Broseley Leisure Centre for a multi-purpose leisure facility in Broseley, Shropshire;

(2) residents affected by the plan to build an additional twelve flats in May Avenue, Castle Point, Essex, against the planning application;

(3) residents of Essex against the policy of merging police forces and changes to the current format of the Essex Police Force;

(4) residents of Thundersley area and others for improved public toilet facilities in Castle Point, Essex; and

(5) residents of Gloucestershire for the continued independence of the Gloucestershire Constabulary

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

13 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Kevin Brennan);

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-five minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 16th December 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [Cm. 6692] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 16th December 2005 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 National Health Service,—East Sussex County Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3393), dated 7th December 2005 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Paper:

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 19th December 2005:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 European Communities.—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to Combat Fraud) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Representation of the People.—Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


8 Environmental Protection.—Radioactive Contaminated Land (Enabling Powers) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3467), dated 14th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Excise.—Hydrocarbon Oil (Registered Remote Markers) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3472), dated 15th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

10 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 769], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

11 Income Tax.—Income Tax (Building Societies) (Dividends and Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3474), dated 16th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

12 Police.—Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Sites) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3447), dated 14th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Other Papers:

13 Animal Health.—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Exotic Animal Disease Generic Contingency Plan, Covering Foot and Mouth, Avian Influenza, Newcastle Disease and Classical Swine Fever [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

14 Constitutional Affairs.—Department for Constitutional Affairs: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6718] [Ms Harriet Harman].

15 Crown Prosecution Service.—Crown Prosecution Service: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6672] [The Solicitor General].

16 Culture, Media and Sport.—Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6721] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

17 Government Resources and Accounts.—Resource Accounts of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 776] [John Healey].

18 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 719] [Clerk of the House].


20 Home Office.—Home Office Targets: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6707] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

21 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks).—Account of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 784] [Clerk of the House].
22 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Building more affordable homes: Improving the delivery of affordable housing in areas of high demand [by Act]; to be printed [No. 459] [Clerk of the House].

23 National Heritage.—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 705] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

24 Northern Ireland.—(1) Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Department for Social Development, Charitable Donations and Bequests;
   (ii) Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery;
   (iii) Northern Ireland Social Care Council; and
   (iv) Northern Ireland Social Security Agency Social Fund,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 761, 759, 760 and 762];
   (2) Northern Ireland Office: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6720];
   (3) Report and Financial Accounts of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 449]
   [Mr Secretary Hain].

25 Revenue and Customs.—Annual Report of HM Revenue and Customs for 2004–05, with HM Revenue and Customs: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6691] [Dawn Primarolo].

26 Trade and Investment.—UK Trade and Investment: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6726] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

27 Transport.—Reports of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee for—
   (1) 2003–04; and
   (2) 2004–05
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

28 Treasury.—HM Treasury: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6696] [Mr Des Browne].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Industrial and Provident Societies (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson and Mr Michael Meacher from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Miller, Mark Tami and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

2 Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Money Laundering Regulations 2003 (Amendment) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gordon Banks, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Joan Ryan, Sir Peter Soulsby and Kitty Ussher from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Nia Griffiths, Andrew Gwynne, Mr John Heppell, Siobhain McDonagh, Stephen Pound and Ms Gisela Stuart.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Schools White Paper]; to be printed [No. 633-vii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights.—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Third Progress Report], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 787] [Mr Andrew Dismore].
3 Public Accounts,—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving school attendance in England]; to be printed [No. 789];

(2) Nineteenth Report from the Committee [Cancer—improving the patient journey]; to be printed [No. 790];

(3) Twentieth Report from the Committee [The NHS Cancer Plan]; to be printed [No. 791];

(4) Twenty-first Report from the Committee [Skills for Life]; to be printed [No. 792];

(5) Twenty-second Report from the Committee [Maintaining and improving Britain’s railway stations]; to be printed [No. 535]; and

(6) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [National Offender Management Service: Dealing with increased numbers in Custody]; to be printed [No. 788-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 85.]

Tuesday 20th December 2005.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Childcare Bill,—Mr David Amess reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Childcare Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 9th January; and to be printed [Bill 107].

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

2 Fireworks (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill to amend the Fireworks Act 2003; and for connected purposes. And that Mr David Amess, Norman Baker, James Brokenshire, Mr Roger Gale, Dr Brian Iddon, Lynne Jones, Shona McIsaac, Rob Marris, Mr Eric Martlew, Bob Russell, Joan Walley and Miss Ann Widdecombe do prepare and bring it in.

3 Fireworks (Amendment) Bill,—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a bill to amend the Fireworks Act 2003; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 106].

4 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 Alan Campbell).

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

5 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax;

(2) residents of Canvey Island against plans to build twelve flats in May Avenue;

(3) residents of Castle Point and others against undemocratic planning processes in Castle Point Borough Council;

(4) the Canvey Independent Party and others against the closure of public toilets in Castle Point; and

(5) residents of Southend-on-Sea and others for the introduction of replacement bus services in Southend were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [two Petitions] were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 9th January, pursuant to Resolution [16th November].

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Electronic Communications.—Wireless Telegraphy (Inspection and Restrictions on Use of Exempt Stations and Apparatus) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3481), dated 17th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

6. Cabinet Office.—Cabinet Office: Autumn Performance Report 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6725] [Mr Jim Murphy].

7. Charities.—Account of the National Army Museum for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 793] [Clerk of the House].

8. Exchequer and Audit Departments.—Financial Statements for the Building Research Establishment for the period 1st April 1996 to 19th March 1997, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 781] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9. Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—Third Report from the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, Session 2005-06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 783] [The Speaker].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Kevin Brennan, Chris Bryant, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr David Heath, Barbara Keeley, Bridget Prentice and Angela Watkinson 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.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Analogue Switch-Off]; to be printed [No. 650-v] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2. Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Mr George Howarth reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.
Monday 9th January 2006

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member.—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Rachel Squire, Member for Dunfermline and West Fife. 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 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3330).

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

3 Government of Wales Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government of Wales Bill;

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

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

And the Question being proposed;

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Government of Wales Bill because there has been inadequate consultation about the electoral arrangements proposed in the Bill; and because the Bill fails to provide for a referendum on the introduction of the Orders in Council mechanisms for conferring enhanced legislative powers on the National Assembly for Wales', instead thereof.—

(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Vernon Coaker: 341.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

4 Government of Wales Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Government of Wales Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Committee

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in three days.

3. The proceedings shall be taken in the following order: Clauses Nos. 92 and 93, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 94 to 102, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 103 to 107, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 108 to 115, Clauses Nos. 1 and 2, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 3 to 27, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 28 to 58, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 59 to 87, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 88 to 91, Clauses Nos. 116 to 144, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 145 to 148, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 149 to 159, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 160 and 161, Schedule No. 11, Clause No. 162, Schedule No. 12, Clauses Nos. 163 to 165, new Clauses, new Schedules, remaining proceedings on the Bill.

4. The proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the third day.

5. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to the proceedings on the Bill in Committee of the whole House.
Consideration and Third Reading

6. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two days.

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 second day.

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

9. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

10. 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 Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

Government of Wales Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Government of Wales Bill [Money],

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

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department by virtue of the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money provided by Parliament,

(2) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans under the Act, and

(3) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund—(Mr Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Industrial and Provident Societies (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson)—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 and Money Laundering Regulations 2003 (Amendment) Order 2005, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Wednesday 21st December 2005


2 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3515), dated 16th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Harriet Harman].
Thursday 22nd December 2005

3 Children and Young Persons.—(1) Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3504), dated 20th December 2005; and


5 Education.—Education (Grants etc.) (Dance and Drama) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3436), dated 13th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

6 Ministers of the Crown.—Transfer of Functions (Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3429), dated 14th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Harriet Harman].

7 National Health Service.—Health Service Commissioner for England (Special Health Authorities) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3428), dated 14th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


10 Road Traffic.—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of West Sussex) (District of Horsham) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3492); and
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of West Sussex) (District of Mid Sussex) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3494), dated 20th December 2005, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].


Friday 23rd December 2005

12 Agriculture.—Older Cattle (Disposal) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3522), dated 22nd December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Thursday 29th December 2005

13 Defence.—(1) Courts-Martial (Army) (Amendment) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3483);
(2) Courts-Martial (Royal Air Force) (Amendment) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3485);
(3) Courts-Martial (Royal Navy) (Amendment) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3484);
(4) Summary Appeal Court (Air Force) (Amendment) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3488);
(5) Summary Appeal Court (Army) (Amendment) Rules 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3486); and

Friday 30th December 2005


15 Insolvency.—Insolvency Practitioners and Insolvency Services Account (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3524), dated 29th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

16 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Performers Lists) Amendment Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3491), dated 20th December 2005 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
Tuesday 3rd January 2006

17 Education,—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 4) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3479), dated 17th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Wednesday 4th January 2006

18 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (Borough of Hertsmere) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3543), dated 29th December 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Thursday 5th January 2006


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 9th January 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

20 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

21 Employment and Training,—(1) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2006; and
(2) draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

22 Excise,—Draft Duty Stamps (Amendment of paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2A to the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

23 National Lottery,—Draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

24 Pensions,—Draft Pensions Act 2004 (PPF Payments and FAS Payments) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

25 Agriculture,—Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 15), dated 9th January 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

26 Food,—Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 14), dated 9th January 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

27 Public Procurement,—(1) Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 5); and
(2) Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 6), dated 9th January 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

28 Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Alterations to the Northern Ireland Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2002 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

29 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Corporation Tax: companies managed by HM Revenue and Customs’ Area offices; and
(2) Department for Education and Skills: Improving poorly performing schools in England
[by Act], to be printed [Nos. 678 and 679] [Clerk of the House].

30 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland for 2003-04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [No. 746] [Mr Secretary Hain].

31 Nursing and Midwifery,—Accounts of the Nursing and Midwifery Council for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument] [Ms Harriet Harman].
32 Police,—Codes of Practice for use of the Serious Crime Analysis Section [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

33 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [13th December] from the Redcar Business Association and the Redcar Road West Action Group in support of the expansion of Tees Port [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

34 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, dated 4th January 2006 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

35 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:

   Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 4) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3479) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr Christopher Chope.

2 Excise Duties (Surcharge or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3330).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lyn Brown, Mr David Chaytor, Jeff Ennis, John McDonnell, Mrs Madeleine Moon and Mark Tami from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr George Mudie, Stephen Pound, Mr Geoffrey Robinson and David Wright.

3 Draft Climate Change Agreement (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Huhne from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Dan Rogerson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education]; to be printed [No. 649-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

[No. 87.]

Tuesday 10th January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords].—Derek Conway reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Criminal Defence Service 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 lie upon the Table.

2 Health Bill.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Health Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 110].

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3328).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 Bus Services.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to forbid bus companies to reduce bus services without prior consultation; to make provision about services for elderly passengers and passengers with disabilities; and for connected purposes. And that Mr Andrew Miller, John Bercow, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Helen Goodman, Mr Kevan Jones, Dr Ashok Kumar, Andrew Mackinlay, Bob Russell, Ms Angela C. Smith, Angela Eagle and Dr Brian Iddon do prepare and bring it in.

5 Bus Services Bill.—Mr Andrew Miller accordingly presented a Bill to forbid bus companies to reduce bus services without prior consultation; to make provision about services for elderly passengers and passengers with disabilities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 108].

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

7 Animal Welfare Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Animal Welfare 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 26th January 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

8 Animal Welfare Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Animal Welfare Bill [Money],

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

(a) any expenditure under the Act of the Secretary of State; and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of money so provided; and

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any increases attributable to the Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other enactment—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Brighton and others in support of a ban on pet markets; and
(2) R. McQuillan and others in support of the establishment of an independent agency and other measures to ensure that public health laws are enforced 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—(Tony Cunningham);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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:

Other Paper:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3328),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alan Simpson and Mark Tami from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Sion Simon and Mr Iain Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Compensation culture], to be printed [No. 754-iii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Compensation culture]
[Mr Alan Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Analogue Switch-off], to be printed [No. 650-vi] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—(1) Third Report from the Defence Committee [Delivering Front Line Capability to the RAF], together with Appendices to 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) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Delivering Front Line Capability to the RAF]
[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control], to be printed [No. 775-ii] [Mr John Denham].

5 International Development,—Memoranda laid before the International Development Committee [The Autumn Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank; and the UN 2005 World Summit] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Standards and Privileges,—Fifth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Electoral Administration Bill: Simplification of Donation Reporting Requirements], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 807] [Sir George Young].

[No. 87; WH, No. 52]
Tuesday 10th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Watson);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1. Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Climate Change Agreement (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2006.

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

2. Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Films (Exclusivity Agreements) (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3098).

   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:

   Road Safety Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about road traffic, registration plates, vehicle and driver information, trunk road picnic areas and private hire vehicles, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4. Road Safety Bill [Lords].—The Road Safety Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 113].

   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Road Safety Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 113–EN].

5. Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill.—The Order for considering the Northern Ireland (Offences) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, this day was read and discharged.

   Bill withdrawn.

6. Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill.—Mr Jim Murphy, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hutton, Bill Rammell and Jane Kennedy, presented a Bill to enable provision to be made for the purpose of reforming legislation and implementing recommendations of the Law Commission, the Scottish Law Commission and the Northern Ireland Law Commission; to make provision about the exercise of regulatory functions; to make provision about the interpretation of legislation relating to the European Communities and the European Economic Area; to make provision relating to section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, 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 111].

   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill be printed [Bill 111–EN].

7. Care of Older and Incapacitated People (Human Rights).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Human Rights Act 1998 to extend the definition of public authority to include any body that is regulated under the Care Standards Act; to provide for clear nutritional standards to apply in all establishments providing care for older people; to place certain duties on the Food Standards Agency; to make provision in relation to mentally incapacitated persons; to confer new functions on local authorities in relation to persons in need of care or protection; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Paul Burstow, Annette Brooke, Bob Russell, Stephen Williams, Peter Bottomley, Mrs Joan Humble and Mr John Leech do prepare and bring it in.

8. Care of Older and Incapacitated People (Human Rights) Bill.—Mr Paul Burstow accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Human Rights Act 1998 to extend the definition of public authority to include any body that is regulated under the Care Standards Act; to provide for clear nutritional standards to apply in all establishments providing care for older people; to place certain duties on the Food Standards Agency; to make provision in relation to mentally incapacitated persons; to confer new functions on local authorities in relation to persons in need of care or protection; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 112].

9. Electoral Administration Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Electoral Administration Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (NC14) (Repeal of personal identifier provisions)—(Ms Harriet Harman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (NC13) (Reporting donations to members of the House of Commons)—(David Cairns)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC1) (Personal identifiers (absent voters))—(Mr David Heath)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Alan Campbell: 307.

Another Clause (NC2) (Registration officers: general duty)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [25th October].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Jo Swinson: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Tom Watson: 310.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on a new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC5) (Prisoners voting)—(Mrs Eleanor Laing)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Andrew Rosindell: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Tom Watson: 375.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 47 to 52, 18 and 54 to 77) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

10 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 (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3330), dated 5th December 2005, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved—(Kevin Brennan):—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

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 II

Standing Committees

1. Animal Welfare 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: Norman Baker, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Drew, Justine Greening, Nia Griffith, Mr Philip Hollobone, Barbara Keeley, Mr David Kidney, Shona McIsaac, Greg Miahollend, Mr James Paze, Andrew Rosindell, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Anne Snelgrove, Paddy Tipping and Bill Wiggin.

2. Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Motion to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Clive Betts, Liz Blackman, Mr David S. Borrow, Jeremy Corbyn, Nigel Griffiths, Mr David Heath, Mr David Jones, Chris McCafferty, Mrs Theresa May, Mr Michael Meacher, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Andrew Robathan, Grant Shapps, Andrew Stunell, Mr Michael Wills and Jeremy Wright.

3. Draft Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2005:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Lyn Brown, Lorely Burt, James Duddridge, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Doug Henderson, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Alan Meale, Dan Norris, Mark Pritchard, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Iris Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Marsha Singh, Angela E. Smith (Bauldon), Mr Mark Todd, Mr Edward Vaizey and Claire Ward.

4. Draft Climate Change Agreement (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Linda Riordan from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin.

5. Films (Exclusivity Agreements) (Revocation) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3098),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Parmjit Dhanda and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Campbell and Alun Michael.

European Standing Committees

6. European Union Document No. 13413/05 and Addendum 1, relating to the exchange of information between law enforcement authorities, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Special Education Needs], to be printed [No. 478-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Rural Payments Agency], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be printed [No. 812-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3. European Scrutiny,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xiv], and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Mr Jimmy Hood].
4 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Developments in the European Union]; to be printed [No. 768-ii] [Mike Gapes].

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—First Special Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Committee Stage of Public Bills: Consultation on Alternative Options]; to be printed [No. 810] [Mr Geoffrey Hoon].

6 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Consular services to British nationals]; to be printed [No. 813-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Civil Aviation Authority]; to be printed [No. 809-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The administration of tax credits]; to be printed [No. 811-ii] [Mr John McFall].

9 Work and Pensions.—Memoranda laid before the Work and Pensions Committee [Efficiency Savings] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 88; WH, No. 53]

Wednesday 11th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Claire Ward.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]

[No. 89.]

Thursday 12th January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Crossrail Bill [Instruction] (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be a further Instruction to the Select Committee to which the Crossrail Bill is committed—

(1) that it have power to consider—

(a) the extension of permitted development under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 in relation to development which is the subject of environmental assessment in connection with the Bill;

(b) additional power to carry out works for the purpose of reinstating facilities whose operation or use is discontinued because of the exercise of powers conferred by the Bill;

(c) provision relating to the abstraction of water;

(d) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding planning permission for development authorised by the Bill which consists of a work other than a scheduled work;

(e) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding the application of provisions of the Bill to things authorised by an order under section 1 of the Transport and Works Act 1992;

(f) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding any of the following—

(i) a crossover at Farringdon;

(ii) sidings at Westbourne Park;

(iii) diversion of the Moorgate Station Sewer;

(iv) a jetty and conveyor at West India Docks South;

(v) use of the River Lea for barge loading and holding areas;

(vi) realignment of the Docklands Light Railway at Custom House;

(vii) facilities for handling excavated materials at Manor Wharf;

(viii) a shaft at Eleanor Street;

(ix) diversion of the Hackney to Abbey Mills Sewer and the Wick Lane Sewer;

(x) a bridge over Hollow Hill Lane, Langley;
(g) realignments of the proposed running tunnel beneath Shorts Gardens, Camden;
(h) alterations to a ticket hall at the proposed Whitechapel Station;
(i) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding approval in relation to highway accesses;
(j) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding the acquisition of land at Basin Approach, Lowell Street and land at Billingsgate Market;
(k) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding the creation and acquisition of easements or other rights over land;
(l) alterations to the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to the Bill (disapplication and modification of heritage controls), so far as relating to the City of Westminster, the City of London and the London Borough of Tower Hamlets;
(m) the inclusion of additional land within the limits of land to be acquired or used;

and, if it thinks fit, to make amendments to the Bill with respect to any of the matters mentioned above, and for connected purposes;

(2) that any Petition against Amendments to the Bill which the Select Committee to which the Crossrail Bill is committed is empowered to make shall be referred to that Select Committee if—

(a) it is presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the day on which the first newspaper notice of the Amendments was published or, if that period includes any time during which the House is adjourned for more than four days, not later than five weeks beginning with that day, and

(b) it is one in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr Secretary Darling.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Ian Cawsey: 390.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr George Howarth: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

It being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motions relating to the Crossrail Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the remaining Motions, pursuant to Order [19th December].

2 Crossrail Bill [Instruction] (No. 3),—Ordered, That it be a further Instruction to the Select Committee to which the Crossrail Bill is committed that, where a Petition against the Bill which stands referred to the Select Committee raises an issue regarding extension of the railway transport system for which the Bill provides—

(a) from Maidenhead to Reading, or

(b) from Abbey Wood to Ebbsfleet,

it may, if it thinks it appropriate to do so, hear the Petitioner and the Member in charge of the Bill on that issue for the purpose of reporting to the House whether there appears to be a case for such extension being the subject of an application for an order under the Transport and Works Act 1992.

That where the Select Committee to which the Crossrail Bill is committed decides under this instruction to hear the Petitioner and the Member in charge of the Bill on an issue, the Petitioner shall be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

3 Crossrail Bill [Late Petitions],—Ordered, That paragraph (a) of the Order of 19th July 2005 about the Petitions which are to stand referred to the Select Committee (which requires a Petition to have been deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than 16th September 2005) be suspended in the case of the Petitions of the following—

Mr Ayub Ahmed Goga,
Mr A. Hamid,
Mr U. Natta,
Mr Yakub Natta,
Mr Ishak Patel,
Mr Mehmud Patel, and
Mr John Payne.
That those Petitions stand referred to the Select Committee.
That those Petitions be treated as ones in relation to which the Order of 19th July about the entering of appearances on Petitions has effect.
That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr Frank Roy)

4 Adjournment (Security of energy supply).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Frank Roy);
And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, it lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [19th December].

5 National Health Service,—Ordered, That the National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3361), dated 6th December 2005 and the National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3373), dated 7th December 2005, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

6 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of South Derbyshire and others in support of the Animal Welfare Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 16th January.

[Adjourned at 6.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Consultation by Employers and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Information and Consultation of Employees (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Financial Services,—Financial Markets and Insolvency (Settlement Finality) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 50), dated 11th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

4 Pensions,—(1) Occupational Pension Schemes (Consultation by Employers) (Modification for Multi-employer Schemes) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 16); and
(2) Occupational Pension Schemes (Early Leavers: Cash Transfer Sums and Contribution Refunds) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 33), dated 9th January 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:


6 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 794] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Animal Welfare Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Norman Baker, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Tony Cunningham, Barbara Keeley, Mr David Kidney, Andrew Rosindell and Bill Wiggin members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.
2 Animal Welfare Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mrs Joan Humble Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon,—The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Motion.

4 Draft Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order 2005.

European Standing Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 10368/05 on Energy Efficiency.

6 The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. COM(05)172 on the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Commission Legislative Proposals.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Memoranda laid before the Health Committee [NHS Charges]; to be printed [No. 815-II] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Eighth Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Decision to Cease Stormont Prosecutions]; to be printed [No. 814] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

3 Public Administration,—(1) First Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [A Debt of Honour], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 733];

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Tax Credits: putting things right]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 577]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [A Debt of Honour] [Tony Wright].

[No. 89; WH, No. 54]

Thursday 12th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Family Justice: The Operation of the Family Courts—Fourth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2004–05, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 17th January.

[Adjourned at 4.37 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Equality Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Equality Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC9) (Discrimination on grounds of gender reassignment)—(Lynne Jones)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Stunell, Lorely Burt: 138.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Dave Watts: 254.

Another Clause (NC10) (Guidance on the application of prohibition in relation to
school transport)—(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. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 2, to leave out the word
‘particular’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Amendment (No. 11) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause 28 be transferred to the end of line 20 on page 28.—(Meg Munn.)

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 44, to leave out from the word ‘Commission’ to end of line 45 and insert the words ‘shall consider any
application for assistance from an individual and may provide assistance if—’; instead thereof.—(John McDonnell.)

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

It being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [21st November], put
the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be
disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 12, 15 and 14) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 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 Agreement (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell.)—
It was agreed to.

3 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 (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3328), dated 5th December 2005, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell.)—It was agreed to.

4 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Ben Chapman and Mr Andrew Mackay be
discharged from the Committee on Standards and Privileges and Mr David Curry and
Mr Chris Mullin be added.—(Mr John Heppell.)

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That Chris Grayling and Jessica
Morden be discharged from Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of
Commons and Mrs Theresa May and Graham Stringer be added.—(Mr John Heppell.)
6 Defence.—Ordered, That Derek Conway be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Mark Lancaster be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Education and Skills.—Ordered, That Mr David Evennett be discharged from the Education and Skills Committee and Mr Douglas Carswell be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Mrs Theresa Villiers be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Edward Vaizey be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Home Affairs.—Ordered, That Nick Herbert be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr Richard Spring be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—Ordered, That Mr Mark Lancaster be discharged from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee and Mr Greg Hands be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Treasury.—Ordered, That Damian Green be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr Brooks Newmark be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of the Furs Estate, South Woodford, London, and others against the use of enclosed estates as practice areas and test routes for learner drivers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Claire Ward);

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 13th January 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Non-Road Mobile Machinery (Emission of Gaseous and Particulate Pollutants) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 29), dated 9th January 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 16th January 2006:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values etc.) (Coal Staff and Mineworkers’ Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 34), dated 10th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

4 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Register of Judgments, Orders and Fines Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3595), dated 29th December 2005 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:


6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Northern Ireland Policing Board: Best Value Performance Plan for 2005-06 [by Act], to be printed [No. 796] [Clerk of the House].
7 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Fourth, Ninth and Twelfth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6728] [John Healey].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions [10th November [three Petitions]; 14th November [two Petitions]; 15th November [two Petitions]; 16th November [two Petitions]; 23rd November; 30th November; 7th December; 12th December [two Petitions]; and 14th December] from the supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education]; to be printed [No. 649-v] [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 [Affordability and the Supply of Housing]; to be printed [No. 703-iv] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Human Rights,—(1) Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Fourth Progress Report]; with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 829]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Human rights policy]; to be printed [No. 830-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [A safer place for patients: Learning to improve patient safety]; to be printed [No. 831-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 91.]

Tuesday 17th January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir John Butterfill reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon.

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

2 European Standing Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:


   Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill,—The Order for reading the Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill a second time on Friday 20th January was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

4 Opposition Day [11th 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.

   Child Support Agency,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Prime Minister that the Child Support Agency has lost the confidence of the public, that its basic structural problems remain and that it is not properly suited to carry out its task—(Mr David Laws);

   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 with the Prime Minister that the Child Support Agency suffers from basic structural problems and is not properly suited to carrying out its current tasks; accepts the importance of ensuring that more families with children receive the maintenance payments to which they are entitled; and
notes that the Government will shortly set out its conclusions on the right way forward following the Chief Executive’s review of the operation of the Child Support Agency’—(Mr James Plaskitt.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Bob Russell: 69.
Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Tony Cunningham: 306.

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 with the Prime Minister that the Child Support Agency suffers from basic structural problems and is not properly suited to carrying out its current tasks; accepts the importance of ensuring that more families with children receive the maintenance payments to which they are entitled; and notes that the Government will shortly set out its conclusions on the right way forward following the Chief Executive’s review of the operation of the Child Support Agency.

Civil Nuclear Power.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House opposes the construction of a new generation of civil nuclear power plants—(Norman Baker);

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 recent announcement of an energy review to assess future options on both the supply and demand for energy including the role of civil nuclear power; and notes the Government’s energy policy as set out in the 2003 Energy White Paper, to make progress towards the goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 60 per cent. by 2050, to maintain the reliability of energy supplies, to promote competitive markets in the UK and beyond and to ensure that every home is adequately and affordably heated’, instead thereof.—(Malcolm Wicks.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

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, Lorely Burt, Sir Robert Smith: 63.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Gillian Merron: 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, Gillian Merron, Mr Ian Cawsey: 289.

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 recent announcement of an energy review to assess future options on both the supply and demand for energy including the role of civil nuclear power; and notes the Government’s energy policy as set out in the 2003 Energy White Paper, to make progress towards the goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 60 per cent. by 2050, to maintain the reliability of energy supplies, to promote competitive markets in the UK and beyond and to ensure that every home is adequately and affordably heated.

5 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) users of Bridgnorth Community Hospital, Shropshire, against cuts in services or the closure of the hospital; and

(2) users of Ludlow Community Hospital, Shropshire, against cuts in services or the closure of the hospital

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
6 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Claire Ward).
And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Financial Services and Markets,—Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Designated Professional Bodies) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 58), dated 16th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

Other Paper:

3 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [14th December] from constituents of Harrogate and Knaresborough for the immediate availability of Herceptin to all NHS patients for whom there would be a clinical benefit [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts, Mr David S. Borrow and Mr Michael Meacher from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Motion) and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Devine, Andrew Miller and Mark Tami.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 10368/05 relating to Energy Efficiency:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton as an additional Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Document; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker and Gwyn Prosser from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown and Mr Frank Roy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 17th January [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Compensation culture]; to be printed [No. 754-iv] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-i] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Defence,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Afghanistan]; to be printed [No. 558-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent]; to be printed [No. 835] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Environment Agency]; together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 780-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].
6 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control], to be printed [No. 775-iii] [Mr John Denham].

7 International Development.—(1) Second Report from the International Development Committee [Darfur: The killing continues], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 657]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Darfur: The killing continues] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 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 [ODPM Annual Report and Accounts 2005], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 559]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Fire and Rescue Service] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

9 Scottish Affairs.—First Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Work of the Committee in 2005], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 830] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

10 Trade and Industry.—Tenth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Response to the First Report from the Committee, on Security of Gas Supply]; to be printed [No. 833] [Peter Luff].

11 Treasury.—Second Report from the Treasury Committee [The 2005 Pre-Budget 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. 739] [Mr John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Proposed changes to the Police Forces in Wales]; to be printed [No. 751-ii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 91; WH, No. 55]

Tuesday 17th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

[No. 92.]

Wednesday 18th January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee.—Miss Anne Begg reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. COM (2005) 172, Commission Communication on Compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights in Commission legislative proposals; and supports the Government’s position that the communication establishes ways in which the Commission could improve the compliance of its proposals with aspects of community law related to fundamental rights and the Charter remains a non-legally binding showcase of existing rights.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

2 Rehabilitation Leave.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide a statutory right to rehabilitation leave for newly disabled people, and for people whose existing impairments have changed; and for connected purposes: And that John Robertson, Mr Tom Harris, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Jimmy Hood, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Ian Davidson, Rosemary McKenna, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Mr David Hamilton, Ms Dari Taylor, Hywel Williams and Julie Morgan do prepare and bring it in.
3 Rehabilitation Leave Bill.—John Robertson accordingly presented a Bill to provide a statutory right to rehabilitation leave for newly disabled people, and for people whose existing impairments have changed; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 114].

4 Electoral Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) and Order [15th December], That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will re-appoint as Electoral Commissioners, with effect from 19th January 2006:

(1) Jonathan Glyn Mathias for the period of two years; and
(2) Sukhminder Karamjit Singh CBE for the period of four years—(Kevin Brennan).—It was agreed to.

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

5 Work and Families Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Work and Families Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Administration of statutory leave payments)—(Norman Lamb)—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 Roger Williams, Andrew Rosindell: 212.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Alan Campbell: 292.

Another Clause (NC3) (Review of additional paternity leave and pay)—(Mrs Eleanor Laing)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 1) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Secretary Alan Johnson, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.50 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Development.—Draft International Development Association (Fourteenth Replenishment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2 Pensions.—Draft Pension Protection Fund (Risk-based Pension Protection Levy) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 Social Security.—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alan Simpson and Bill Wiggin from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Gregory Barker and Joan Walley.
2 Draft Duty Stamps (Amendment of paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2A to the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr David Anderson, Gordon Banks, Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Mike Hall, John Healey, Mr Nick Hurd, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Michael Meacher, Andrew Selous, Alan Simpson, Mark Tami, Kitty Ussher and Mr Tom Watson.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Alan Beith, Mr Henry Bellingham, Tom Brake, Ms Karen Buck, Jim Cousins, Jeff Emms, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Stephen Hammond, Mr Fraser Kemp, John McDonnell, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Bob Spink, Sir Peter Tapsell and Ms Dari Taylor.

4 European Union Document No. 11408/05 relating to the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) Roadmap. The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Norman Baker, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr David Kidney, Mr Bob Laxton, Tony Lloyd, Mr James Pace, Mr Dan Rogerson, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr David Winnick.

5 European Union Document No. COM (05) 172 relating to the Charter of Fundamental Rights. The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker and Kelvin Hopkins from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham and Mr Jamie Reed.

6 European Union Document No. 12588/05, relating to civil aviation security, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

7 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 19th December 2005, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the 2004 Annual Reports of the European Court of Auditors, has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Documents Nos. 12493/05 and Addendum 1, 12494/05 and Addendum 1, 12712/05 and 13532/05, relating to financial management, already referred to the Committee on 16th November. European Union Documents Nos. 11216/05 and 12492/05 and Addenda 1 and 2 relating to financial management, already referred to the Committee on 19th October.

8 European Union Documents Nos. 15122/05 and 15142/05, relating to access to European databases on asylum, immigration and visas, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-ii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [No. 478-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Fifth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Rural Payments Agency: Interim Report]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 840]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Environment Agency], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 780-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].
4 Environmental Audit.—(1) Second Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Timber], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 607]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Sustainable Housing: a progress report]; to be printed [No. 779-ii]
   [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 European Scrutiny.—(1) Fifteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xv];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Fisheries]; to be printed [No. 838-i]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]
   [Jimmy Hood].

6 Public Accounts.—(1) Twenty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Filing of income tax self assessment returns]; to be printed [No. 681]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Enforcing competition in markets]; to be printed [No. 841-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Chief Executive of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council: Introductory Hearing]; to be printed [No. 808-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

8 Statutory Instruments.—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xiv] [Mr Eric Forth].

9 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Civil Aviation Authority]; to be printed [No. 809-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The administration of tax credits]; to be printed [No. 811-ii] [Mr John McFall].


12 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Efficiency Saving—Jobcentre Plus]; to be printed [No. 834-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 92; WH, No. 56]

Wednesday 18th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.07 p.m.]

[No. 93.]

Thursday 19th January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Dunfermline and West Fife Writ.—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Dunfermline and West Fife, in the room of Rachel Squire, deceased.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.

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:

Commons Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about common land and town or village greens, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Commons Bill [Lords].—The Commons Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 115].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Commons Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 115–EN].

5 National Lottery Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Lottery Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Reports by distributing bodies)—(Mr Don Foster)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Roger Williams: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Watson, Joan Ryan: 271.

Another Clause (NC3) (Duty to consider ease of applications for money)—(Mr Don Foster)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 14, to leave out the word ‘prescribed’.—(Mr Mark Field.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Angela Watkinson: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Frank Roy: 262.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 41, to leave out Clause No. 8.—(Mr Mark Field.)

And it being Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [14th June]—It was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 13, to leave out the words ‘comply with’ and insert the words ‘take account of’, instead thereof.—(Mr Mark Field.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Angela Watkinson: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Frank Roy: 259.

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 Ian Cawsey, Mr Frank Roy: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Michael Fabricant: 159.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

6 Energy Efficiency.—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. 10368/05, Green Paper on Energy Efficiency or ‘Doing More with Less’, and supports the Government’s objective of securing an ambitious, but realistic, Action Plan on Energy Efficiency in 2006.—(Mr Tom Watson.)—It was agreed to.

7 The Speaker’s Absence.—Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Wednesday 1st March for the purpose of attending the opening of the new building of the National Assembly for Wales.—(Mr Tom Watson.)
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts in Liverpool and Salford) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Education,—Draft School Finance (England) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Pensions,—Armed Forces Redundancy Scheme Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 55), dated 12th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

4 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 54), dated 11th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

5 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of Her Majesty’s Courts Service for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 635] [Ms Harriet Harman].

6 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1st October 2004 to 30th September 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6716] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 National Lottery,—(1) Account of the National Lottery Distribution Fund; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of Sport England, for 2004-05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 806 and 302] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petitions—
   (1) [29 November] from the Save the Scottish Regiments Campaign against the Government’s plans to restructure the Scottish infantry regiments; and
   (2) [14 December] from residents of Bridgewater and others against the closure of the Royal Ordnance factory at Puriton, Somerset [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Duty Stamps (Amendment of paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2A to the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Meale and Mr Mark Todd from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Clive Betts and Mr David S Borrow.

4 Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005 No. 3224).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 828-i] [Mr George Howarth].

2 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-iii] [Mr Liddell-Grainger].

3 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [NHS Charges]; to be printed [No. 815-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Publication of Political Memoirs]; to be printed [No. 689-iii] [Tony Wright].

Thursday 19th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Anti-Social Behaviour—Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2004-05, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. (Gillian Merron.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 24th January.

[Adjourned at 5.42 p.m.

Friday 20th January 2006.

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 Motion to sit in private.—Jim Dowd 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 Dowd, Mr Andrew Dismore: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Watson, Tony Cunningham: 80.

So the Question was negatived.
4 International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill,—The International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Breast Cancer Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Breast Cancer 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 3rd March.

6 Humber Bridge Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Humber Bridge Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

7 Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

8 Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

9 Licensing Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

10 Registration Service Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration Service Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd March.

11 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 10th March.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd January.

[Adjourned at 3.01 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 68), dated 17th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Climate Change Levy,—Climate Change Agreements (Eligible Facilities) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 66), dated 18th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—(1) Criminal Appeal (Prosecution Appeals) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 12);

(2) Criminal Appeal (Retrial for Serious Offences) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 11); and


Other Paper:

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [7th December] from supporters of the campaign for justice for Mohan Singh for assistance with the investigation into the murder of Mohan Singh [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Duty Stamps (Amendment of paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2A to the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979) Order 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill.—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd December, That the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill be now read a second time, be resumed on Friday 3rd March.

3 Government of Wales Bill[1st allocated day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Government of Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 92 (Assembly Measures).

Amendment (No. 59) proposed, in page 50, line 5, to leave out the word ‘Assembly’ and insert the word ‘Senedd’.—(Lembit Öpik.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Lorely Burt: 38.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 398.

Another Amendment (No. 161) proposed, in page 50, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ‘following resolutions of each House of Parliament, both prior to and after the enactment of each such measure’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Selous: 160.
Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Ian Cawsey: 314.

Another Amendment (No. 48) proposed, in page 50, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) No Assembly Measure may be introduced unless a majority of voters in a referendum vote in favour of Assembly Measure provisions coming into force’.—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Crispin Blunt: 136.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 304.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 93 (Legislative competence).

Amendment (No. 107) proposed, in page 50, line 21, to leave out from the word ‘competence’ to end of line 4 on page 51 and insert the words ‘unless it relates to one or more of the reserved matters specified in Schedule [Reserved matters]’.—(Mr Roger Williams.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 163) proposed, in page 50, line 31, to leave out from ‘(4)’ to the word ‘or’ in line 32.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 165) proposed, in page 51, line 1, to leave out subsection (7).—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 (Assembly Measures).

Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 108, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

‘Field 5A: energy’.—(Adam Price.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
  Tellers for the Ayes, Hywel Williams, Mark Williams: 45.
  Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Gillian Merron: 391.
Schedule agreed to.
Clause No. 94 (Amendment of Schedule 5).
Amendment (No. 166) proposed, in page 51, line 9, to leave out the words ‘to add a
new field or’.—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave,
withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 168) proposed, in page 51, line 21, to leave out subsection
(4).—(David Mundell.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave,
withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 180) proposed, in page 51, line 26, after the word
‘Assembly’, to insert the words ‘in which the number of Assembly members voting in
favour of it is not less than two thirds of the total number of Assembly seats’.—(Mr
Dominic Grieve.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
And it being Ten o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave
to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Kevin Brennan 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.

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
Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, which was laid before this
House on 7th December, be approved—(Kevin Brennan).—It was agreed to.

5 Charter of Human Rights and Commission Legislative Proposals,—A Motion was made, and
the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European
Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document
No. COM (2005) 172, Commission Communication on Compliance with the Charter of
Fundamental Rights in Commission legislative proposals; and supports the
Government’s position that the communication establishes ways in which the
Commission could improve the compliance of its proposals with aspects of community
law related to fundamental rights and the Charter remains a non-legally binding
showcase of existing rights—(Kevin Brennan).—It was agreed to.

6 Finance and Services,—Ordered, That Charlotte Atkins be discharged from the Finance and
Services Committee and Barbara Keeley be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the
Committee of Selection.)

7 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Mr Tobias Ellwood be discharged from the
Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Graham Stuart be added.—(Joan Ryan, on
behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That Mrs Maria Miller be discharged from the Trade and
Industry Committee and Mr Brian Binley be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the
Committee of Selection.)

9 Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill,—Ordered, That Mr Michael Moore be
discharged from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill and Mr Colin Breed be
added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 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 Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued
for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put,
pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes to Eleven o’clock,
till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Northern Ireland,—Draft Stormont Estate (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].
2. Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Forestry) Order 2006, with a Statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4. Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 819], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

6. National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Department for Work and Pensions: Using leaflets to communicate with the public about services and entitlements; and
   (2) The Wider Markets Initiative [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 797 and 799] [Clerk of the House].
7. School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of—
   (1) North Stockton Education Action Zone for 2004–05; and
   (2) South Bradford Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 844 and 843] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft Duty Stamps (Amendment of paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2A to the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Anderson, Gordon Banks, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hurd, Alan Simpson and Mr Tom Watson from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Pat McFadden, Anne Milton, Mr Simon Simon and Claire Ward.
2. Travel Concession (Extension of Entitlement) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3224),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Tom Brake and Stephen Hammond from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Owen Paterson and Paul Rowen.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Human Rights,—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Government Responses to Reports from the Committee in the last Parliament], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 850] [Mr Andrew Dismore].
2. Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Bus services in England]; to be printed [No. 851-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 24th January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Leicester City Council Bill,—A Bill to confer powers on Leicester City Council for the better control of street trading in the City of Leicester was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

2 Liverpool City Council Bill,—A Bill to confer powers on Liverpool City Council for the better control of street trading in the City of Liverpool was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

3 Maidstone Borough Council Bill,—A Bill to confer powers on Maidstone Borough Council for the better control of street trading in the borough of Maidstone was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3224). 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 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 120].

7 Council Tax Benefit (Pensions Entitlement).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that persons who own their own homes and are in receipt of State Pension should automatically receive Council Tax Benefit; to require local authorities to inform all such persons about their rights to Council Tax Benefit; and for connected purposes: And that Tony Baldry, Tom Brake, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mr Boris Johnson, Grant Shapps and Mr Edward Vaizey do prepare and bring it in.

8 Council Tax Benefit (Pensions Entitlement) Bill,—Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to provide that persons who own their own homes and are in receipt of State Pension should automatically receive Council Tax Benefit; to require local authorities to inform all such persons about their rights to Council Tax Benefit; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 116].

9 Government of Wales Bill [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Government of Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 94 (Amendment of Schedule 5)

Another Amendment (No. 180) proposed, in page 51, line 26, after the word ‘Assembly’, to insert the words ‘in which the number of Assembly members voting in favour of it is not less than two thirds of the total number of Assembly seats’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 187) proposed, in page 51, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(5A) Any draft of an Order in Council laid before Parliament under this section must be accompanied by—

(a) a detailed memorandum setting out the scope of the proposal, its practical effects on Wales and the legislative authority that would pass to the National Assembly, and

(b) a draft of the proposed Assembly Measure.

(5B) Before an Order in Council is subject to a resolution of both Houses of Parliament, the Secretary of State must make a motion to refer the draft of the Order in Council, along with the draft Assembly Measure, to the Welsh Grand Committee for consideration.'
(5C) A report of the debate in the Welsh Grand Committee on the draft Order in Council and Assembly Measure must have been available to both Houses of Parliament for a period of not less than 60 days before any Order in Council is made under this section.'.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 172.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Dave Watts: 328.

Another Amendment (No. 123) proposed, in page 51, line 39, to leave out from the word 'Parliament' to the end of line 1 on page 52.—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hywel Williams, Mr Roger Williams: 206.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Dave Watts: 275.

The Chairman, being of the opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendments proposed thereto, put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 68 (Debate on clause or schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Vernon Coaker: 277.
Tellers for the Noes, Lorely Burt, Mr Roger Williams: 62.

Clause No. 95 (Scrutiny of proposed Orders in Council by Supreme Court).

Amendment (No. 28) proposed, in page 52, line 11, after the words 'Counsel General', to insert the words 'or the Assembly'.—(Hywel Williams.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 188) proposed, in page 52, line 11, to leave out the word 'may' and insert the word 'must'.—(David Mundell.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 96 (Introduction of proposed Assembly Measures).

Amendment (No. 30) proposed, in page 52, line 21, at the end, to insert the words '; or (c) by any committee of the Assembly established under section 28 or section 30.'.—(Hywel Williams.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 97 (Proceedings on proposed Assembly Measures).

Amendment (No. 170) proposed, in page 53, line 5, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 98 and 99 agreed to.

Clause No. 100 (Power to intervene in certain cases).

Amendment (No. 125) proposed, in page 54, line 39, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 158) proposed, in page 54, line 41, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hywel Williams, Adam Price: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 317.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 101 agreed to.

Clause No. 102 (Referendum about commencement of Assembly Act provisions).

Amendment (No. 189) proposed, in page 56, line 24, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Alan Campbell: 313.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed, in page 56, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

'(3A) If a resolution passed by the Assembly under section 103 includes the text of the question which the Assembly proposes should be included on the ballot paper at the referendum, that text shall be included in any recommendation made to Her Majesty in Council to make an Order in Council under subsection (1).'—(Adam Price.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 156) proposed, in page 56, line 28, after the word 'Council', to insert '(a)'.—(Adam Price.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 103 (Proposal for referendum by Assembly).

Amendment (No. 32) proposed, in page 57, line 7, to leave out from the word 'which' to the end of line 9 and insert the words 'a majority of Assembly Members present and voting vote in favour'.—(Hywel Williams.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed, in page 57, line 13, to leave out subsection (3) and insert the words—

'(3) The Secretary of State must—

(a) within the period of 120 days beginning immediately after the day upon which it is received consult upon—

(i) the voting system, and

(ii) the number of Assembly members

of an Assembly after the Assembly Act provisions have come into force, and

(b) within the period of 180 days after the end of the consultation—

(i) lay a draft of a statutory instrument containing on Order in Council under section 102(1) before each House of Parliament, or

(ii) give notice in writing to the First Minister of the Secretary of State's refusal to do so and the reasons for that refusal.'—(Ian Lucas.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr John Heppell 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.

10 Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Duty Stamps (Amendment of paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2A to the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th January, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

11 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 16th February 2006, do adjourn till Monday 27th February 2006—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the Save Stamford Hospital Now Campaign for the expansion of services at Stamford Hospital was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law.—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Representation of the People.—Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Disability Discrimination.—Draft Code of Practice on the provision and use of transport vehicles (Supplement to Part 3 Code of Practice) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Income Tax.—(1) Lloyd’s Underwriters (Conversion to Limited Liability Underwriting) (Tax) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 112); and

(2) Lloyd’s Underwriters (Scottish Limited Partnerships) (Tax) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 111), dated 23rd January 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

5 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification and Minimum Standards of Safety Communications) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 89), dated 18th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 99), dated 23rd January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

7 Brazil (No. 1, 2006).—Treaty, done at London on 7th April 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6734] [Mr Secretary Straw].
8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [20th December] from residents of Southend-on-Sea and others for the introduction of replacement bus services in Southend [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Work and Pensions,—Paper, entitled A new deal for welfare: Empowering people to work [by Command] [Cm. 6730] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers withdrawn:

10 Constitutional Law.—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2006 [laid 9th January].

11 Representation of the People.—Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [laid 19th December].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Travel Concessions (Extension of Entitlement) (England) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3224).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Hamilton, Mr Frank Roy and Ms Dari Taylor from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Campbell, Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Mr Iain Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Administration Committee's discussions at its meeting on 24th January [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Crossrail.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-iv] [Sir Peter Soulsby].

3 Culture, Media and Sport.—First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Broadcasting rights for cricket], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 720] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [MoD Annual Report and Accounts]; to be printed [No. 822] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control]; to be printed [No. 775-iv] [Mr David Winnick].

6 Liaison,—First Report from the Liaison Committee [Government Reply to Annual Report for 2004], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 835] [Mr Alan Williams].

7 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee, and Appendices [The Work of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas)], to be printed [No. 852-i] [Peter Luff].

8 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Inclusion]; to be printed [No. 848-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 96; WH, No. 58]

Tuesday 24th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Claire Ward.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Police and Justice Bill.—Mr Secretary Clarke, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Hazel Blears and Mr David Miliband, presented a Bill to establish a National Policing Improvement Agency; to make provision about police forces and police authorities; to make provision about police powers and about the powers and duties of community support officers, weights and measures inspectors and others; to make further provision for combating crime and disorder, to establish the office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector for Justice, Community Safety and Custody; to amend the Computer Misuse Act 1990; to make provision about the forfeiture of indecent images of children; to provide for the conferring of functions on the Independent Police Complaints Commission in relation to the exercise of enforcement functions by officials involved with immigration and asylum; to amend the Extradition Act 2003; 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 119].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Police and Justice Bill be printed [Bill 119–EN].

2 Palliative Care for the Terminally Ill.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the provision of palliative care for persons suffering from a terminal illness; and for connected purposes: And that Jim Dobbins, Mr Frank Field, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Crausby, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Paul Rowen, Mr David Amess, Mr Julian Brazier, John Robertson and Mr Joe Benton do prepare and bring it in.

3 Palliative Care for the Terminally Ill Bill.—Jim Dobbins accordingly presented a Bill to require the provision of palliative care for persons suffering from a terminal illness; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th March and to be printed [Bill 118].

4 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords].—The Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

5 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Merchant Shipping (Pollution) 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 9th February 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.
6 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

7 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the making of provision under the Act requiring the payment of contributions to an international compensation fund—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Essex and others for improved funding for children’s hospices; and
(2) residents of Essex against the policy of merging police forces and changes to the current format of the Essex Police Force

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

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.12 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton]; and
(2) draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5 Forestry,—Report and Accounts of Forest Research for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 786] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2006 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6732] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

7 Treaty Series (No. 42, 2005),—Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6729] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

European Standing Committees

1. European Union Document No. 15143/05 and Addendum 1, relating to air traffic management, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

2. European Union Document No. 15345/05 and Addendum 1, relating to financial services policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

3. European Union Document No. 15444/1/05, relating to the EC Treaty and criminal law, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

4. European Union Document No. 16106/05 and Addendum 1, relating to competition: maritime transport, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1. Education and Skills,—First Report from the Education and Skills Committee [The Schools White Paper: Higher Standards, Better Schools For All], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 633-I and -II] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Environment Agency]; to be printed [No. 780-iv] [Mr Michael Jack].

3. Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Housing: a progress report]; to be printed [No. 779-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

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. 34-xvi], and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

5. International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Making Trade Work for Development: the WTO Hong Kong Ministerial]; to be printed [No. 730-iv] [Malcolm Bruce].

6. Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Office of Science and Technology Scrutiny Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 490-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

7. Transport,—(1) Second Report from the Transport Committee [Financial Protection for Air Travellers: Second Report Abandoning Effective Protection]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 636]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Civil Aviation Authority]; to be printed [No. 809-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8. Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The administration of tax credits]; to be printed [No. 811-iii] [Mr John McFall].

9. Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Efficiency Savings—Jobcentre Plus]; to be printed [No. 834-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 97; WH, No. 59]

Wednesday 25th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Tony Cunningham);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]
Thursday 26th January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Animal Welfare Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Animal Welfare Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 117].

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

2 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 13th December 2005 (Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords] (Programme )) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order—(Bridget Prentice);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Vernon Coaker: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mark Pritchard: 65.

So the Question was agreed to.

3 Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Power of Court to grant a representation order)—(Mr David Burrowes)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Gillian Merron: 234.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

4 Public Accounts.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 17th and the 20th to the 52nd Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2003–04, the 1st to the 30th Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2005–06, and of the Treasury Minutes and the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on these Reports, Cm. 6271, 6282, 6302, 6303, 6304, 6332, 6355, 6416, 6441, 6458, 6468, 6496, 6577, 6578, 6579, 6609, 6667, 6682, 6689, 6712 and 6724.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

5 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mrs Geraldine Mitchell and others against plans to expand Luton Airport was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to Eight o'clock, adjourned till Monday 30th January.

[Adjourned at 7.39 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Dogs.—Draft Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2. Environmental Protection.—Draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3. Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2006; and
   (2) draft Rates (Capital Values, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4. Representation of the People (Scotland).—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5. Agriculture.—Feeding Stuffs and the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 113), dated 23rd January 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6. Charities.—Draft Charities (Cheadle Royal Hospital, Manchester) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

7. Children and Young Persons.—Local Safeguarding Children Boards Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 90), dated 16th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

8. Food.—Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 120), dated 24th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

   (2) Pension Benefits (Insurance Company Liable as Scheme Administrator) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 136);
   (3) Pension Schemes (Reduction in Pension Rates) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 138);
   (4) Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Member Payments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 137);
   (5) Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Payments) (Transfers to the Pension Protection Fund) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 134);
   (6) Registered Pension Schemes (Co-ownership of Living Accommodation) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 133);
   (7) Registered Pension Schemes (Enhanced Lifetime Allowance) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 131);
   (8) Registered Pension Schemes (Meaning of Pension Commencement Lump Sum) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 135);
   (9) Registered Pension Schemes (Relevant Annuities) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 129); and
   (10) Registered Pension Schemes (Uprating Percentages for Defined Benefits Arrangements and Enhanced Protection Limits) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 130),
dated 25th January 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].
10 Local Government.—(1) Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 69); (2) Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 88); and (3) Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 87), dated 18th January 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11 Rates.—Rates (Regional Rates) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 7), dated 16th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Stamp Duty.—Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Extension of Exceptions relating to Recognised Exchanges) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 139), dated 25th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

Other Papers:


14 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled Target setting and performance management in the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

15 Trunk Road Charging Schemes.—Accounts of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Road User Scheme for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 818] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C; and (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Ed Balls, John Barrett, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Tom Clarke, Michael Connarty, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Mark Lancaster, Tom Levitt, Ann McKechin, Mr George Mudie, Dan Norris, Mark Simmonds, Mr Gareth Thomas and Pete Wishart.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman; and (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Danny Alexander, Roger Berry, Jim Dobbin, Clive Efford, Mr John Heppell, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr David Laws, John McDonnell, Mr Austin Mitchell, Julie Morgan, Mr Brooks Newmark, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Nigel Waterson, Angela Watkinson and Jeremy Wright.

3 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to Combat Fraud) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman; and (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Brian Binley, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Mark Francois, John Healey, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Gordon Marsden, Albert Owen, Mr Lee Scott, Andrew Selous, Clare Short, Mark Tami, Peter Viggers and Mr Tom Watson.

4 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2006, the draft Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006 and the draft Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modification) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Derek Conway Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Russell Brown, David Cairns, Rosie Cooper, Mr David Crausby, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Angus MacNeil, Judy Mallaber, Jessica Morden, Helen Southworth, John Thurso, Mr Dave Watts and Mike Wood.

5 Draft Friendly and Industrial Provident Societies Act 1968 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2006 and the draft Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Peter Bottomley, Jon Cruddas, Mr Philip Dunne, Helen Goodman, Chris Huhne, Glenda Jackson, Susan Kramer, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Ivan Lewis, Kali Mouat, Mr Denis Murphy, Mark Prizrich, Andrew Selous, Mr Mark Todd, Mrs Theresa Villiers and Mr Tom Watson.

6 Draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Mark Field, Paul Flynn, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Huw Irranca-Davies, Daniel Kawczynski, Miss Julie Kirkbride, John Penrose, James Purnell, Alan Simpson, Geraldine Smith, Jo Swinson, Ms Dari Taylor, Keith Vaz, Claire Ward and Derek Wyatt.

7 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2006 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ed Balls, Mr Ian Cawsey, Ben Chapman, Mr David Clelland, Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Evennett, Tim Farron, Mr John Hayes, Phil Hope, Tony Lloyd, Ian Lucas, Anne Moffatt, Margaret Moran, Mr Chris Muffin, Mr Richard Shepherd, David Tredinnick and Mr Tim Yeo.

8 Draft Artist’s Resale Right Regulations 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Eric Forth Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Jeremy Corbyn, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Jim Dowd, Mrs Louise Ellman, Barry Gardiner, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Robert Key, Norman Lamb, Rob Marris, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Dennis Skinner, Ian Stewart, Mr Hugo Swire and Mr Rob Wilson.

European Standing Committee

9 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 11408/05 on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) Roadmap.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, to be printed [828-i] [Mr George Howarth].

2 Crossrail Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill on 25th January 2006; to be printed [No. 837-v]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 837-vi] [Sir Peter Soulsby].

3 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Responsibilities of the Minister of State for Health Services]; to be printed [No. 866] [Mr Kevin Barron].
4 Public Accounts.—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The BBC White City development]; to be printed [No. 652]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 25th January 2006 [Employers' perspectives on improving skills for employment]; to be printed [No. 862-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Governing the Future]; to be printed [No. 756-i] [Tony Wright].

6 Statutory Instruments.—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxv] [Mr Eric Forth].

7 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: appointment hearing for Sir John Gieve]; to be printed [No. 861-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 98; WH, No. 60]

Thursday 26th January 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Strengthening health services in developing countries),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 31st January.

[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]
Monday 30th January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pensions Act 2004 (PPF Payments and FAS Payments) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006, and the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2006.

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

2 European Standing Committee,—Mr David Wilshire reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 11408/05, Communication from the Commission: ‘TSE Roadmap’; and agrees with the Government’s policy of maintaining a set of effective and proportionate TSE controls to protect human and animal health and of securing the long overdue lifting of the EU ban on UK beef exports.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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—

1. the draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

2. the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 7th February at four 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 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))—

( Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

4 Government of Wales Bill [3rd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Government of Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 103 (Proposal for referendum by Assembly).

Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed, in page 57, line 13, to leave out subsection (3) and insert the words—

‘(3) The Secretary of State must—

(a) within the period of 120 days beginning immediately after the day upon which it is received consult upon—

(i) the voting system, and

(ii) the number of Assembly members

of an Assembly after the Assembly Act provisions have come into force, and

(b) within the period of 180 days after the end of the consultation—

(i) lay a draft of a statutory instrument containing on Order in Council under section 102(1) before each House of Parliament, or

(ii) give notice in writing to the First Minister of the Secretary of State’s refusal to do so and the reasons for that refusal.’—(Ian Lucas.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 104 (Commencement of Assembly Act provisions).

Amendment (No. 124) proposed, in page 57, line 38, at the end to add the words—

‘(5) This section is subject to section [Commencement of provisions relating to Welsh language].’—(Hywel Williams.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 105 to 107 agreed to.

Schedule No. 7 (Acts of the Assembly).

Amendment (No. 33) proposed, in page 115, to leave out line 17.—(Hywel Williams.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 108 (Legislative competence: supplementary).

Amendment (No. 159) proposed, in page 59, line 18, after the word ‘Parliament’, to insert the words ‘or

(aa) has been laid before each House of Parliament and has been approved by a resolution of the House of Commons, but has been rejected by the House of Lords.’—(Adam Price.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 109 agreed to.

Clause No. 110 (Proceedings on Bills).

Amendment (No. 192) proposed, in page 60, line 15, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 111 and 112 agreed to.

Clause No. 113 (Power to intervene in certain cases).

Amendment (No. 45) proposed, in page 61, line 38, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 114 and 115 agreed to.

Clause No. 1 (The Assembly).

Amendment (No. 67) proposed, in page 1, line 7, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

‘(1A) The Senedd is to consist of eighty members elected through the single transferable vote from multi-member constituencies.’—(Jenny Willott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Lorely Burt: 46.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Claire Ward: 428.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Power to vary date of ordinary general election).

Amendment (No. 196) proposed, in page 2, line 35, to leave out the words ‘one month’ and insert the words ‘three months’.—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 2, line 40, to leave out the word ‘seven’ and insert the word ‘twenty-one’.—(Hywel Williams.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 69) proposed, in page 3, line 14, to leave out from the word ‘the’ to end of line 15 and insert the words ‘Senedd has passed a resolution in favour with at least two-thirds of the Assembly Members voting to support it.’—(Lembit Opik.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Candidates at general elections).

Amendment (No. 50) proposed, in page 4, line 32, to leave out subsections (5) and (6) and insert the words—

(5) The list must not include a person—
(a) who is included on any other list submitted for the Assembly electoral region or any list submitted for another Assembly electoral region,
(b) who is an individual candidate to be an Assembly member for the Assembly electoral region or another Assembly electoral region,
(c) who is a candidate to be the Assembly member for an Assembly constituency which is not included in the Assembly electoral region,
(d) who is a candidate to be the Assembly member for an Assembly constituency included in the Assembly electoral region but is not a candidate of the party.

(6) A person may not be an individual candidate to be an Assembly member for the Assembly electoral region if he is—
(a) included on a list submitted by a registered political party for the Assembly electoral region or another Assembly electoral region,
(b) an individual candidate to be an Assembly member for another Assembly electoral region,
(c) a candidate to be the Assembly member for an Assembly constituency which is not included in the Assembly electoral region,
(d) a candidate of any registered political party to be the Assembly member for an Assembly constituency included in the Assembly electoral region.

(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 200.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Gillian Merron: 280.

It being after Ten o’clock, the Chairman put the remaining Questions necessary to bring proceedings in the Committee to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [9th January].

Clause and Clauses Nos. 8 to 27, Schedule No. 2 and Clauses Nos. 28 to 58 agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 (Transfer etc. of functions: further provisions).

Amendments (Nos. 220 to 229) made.

Schedule, as amended, and Clauses Nos. 59 to 82 agreed to.

Clause No. 83 (Different exercise of functions by Welsh Ministers etc.).

Amendments (Nos. 230 to 233) made.

Clause, as amended, and Clause No. 84 agreed to.

Clause No. 85 (Laying of reports and statements).

Amendments (Nos. 234 to 237) made.

Clause, as amended, and Clauses Nos. 86 and 87, Schedule No. 4, and Clauses Nos. 88 to 91 and 116 to 123 agreed to.

Clause No. 124 (Annual Budget motions).

Amendment (No. 238) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 125 (Supplementary Budget motions).
Amendment (No. 239) made.
Clause, as amended, and Clause No. 126 agreed to.
Clause No. 127 (Contingencies).
Amendments (Nos. 240 to 243) made.
Clause, as amended, and Clauses Nos. 128 and 129 agreed to.
Clause No. 130 (Welsh Ministers’ accounts).
Amendments (Nos. 253 and 254) made.
Clause, as amended, and Clause No. 131 agreed to.
Clause No. 132 (Accounting officers for Welsh Ministers).
Amendments (Nos. 255 and 256) made.
Clause, as amended, and Clause No. 133 agreed to.
Clause No. 134 (Examinations into Welsh Ministers’ use of resources).
Amendments (Nos. 257 and 258) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 135 (Examinations by Comptroller and Auditor General).
Amendment (No. 259) made.
Clause, as amended, and Clauses Nos. 136 to 144, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 145 to 148, Schedule No. 9, and Clauses Nos. 149 to 159 agreed to.
Schedule No. 10 (Minor and consequential amendments).
Amendment (No. 244) made.
Schedule, as amended, and Clause No. 160 agreed to.
Clause No. 161 (Transitional etc. provision).
Amendment (No. 245) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 11 (Transitional provisions).
Amendments (Nos. 246 to 249) made.
Schedule, as amended, and Clause No. 162 agreed to.
Schedule No. 12 (Repeals and revocations).
Amendment (No. 250) made.
Schedule, as amended, and Clauses Nos. 163 to 165 agreed to.
Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Tom Watson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments (hereunto).

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered to-morrow, and be printed [Bill 121].

5 Business of the House,—Ordered. That, at the sitting on Tuesday 31st January, proceedings on the Motion for the Adjournment of the House in the name of the Prime Minister relating to pensions may continue, though opposed, for three hours or until Ten o’clock, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

6 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax 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—(Joan Ryan);

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

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27th January 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 30th January 2006:

Other Papers:

2 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Account of the Royal Air Force Museum for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 865] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the NHS Pension Scheme and NHS Compensation for Premature Retirement Scheme for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 764] [John Healey].

3 Health.—Paper, entitled Our health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services [by Command] [Cm. 6737] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Electronic Monitoring of Adult Offenders [by Act]; to be printed [No. 800] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Lottery.—Account of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 864] [Clerk of the House].

6 Probation Board (Northern Ireland).—Account of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 863] [Clerk of the House].

7 Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [19th December] from users of Broseley Leisure Centre for a multi-purpose leisure facility in Broseley, Shropshire;

(2) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions [20th December [three petitions]; 17th January] from the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax; and

(3) Observations by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs on the Petition [21st July] from residents of Hullbridge in the County of Essex and others for more frequent police patrols and a regular team of officers to protect the area [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Transport.—Government Response to the First Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2005–06, on UK Transport Security [by Command] [Cm. 6736] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Pensions Act 2004 (PPF Payments and FAS Payments) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006, and the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dobbin, Clive Evers, Mr Austin Mitchell and Julie Morgan from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Ms Sally Keeble, Dr Howard Stoate, Lynda Walto and Mr Iain Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Teaching Children to Read], to be printed [No. 867-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 [The Fire and Rescue Service]; to be printed [No. 872-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Planning Performance] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
3 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Securing strategic leadership in the learning and skills sector], to be printed [No. 602];
   (2) Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee [Assessing and reporting military readiness] to be printed [No. 667]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [HM Customs and Excise Standard Report 2004-05]; to be printed [No. 874-i];
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Mr Stephen Byers (Matter referred on 19 October 2005)], together with Appendices and the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 24th and 29th November, 6th December 2005 and 10th January 2006; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 854]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Mr Stephen Byers (Matter referred on 19 October 2005)] [Sir George Young].

5 Statutory Instruments,—First Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 871-i]; [Mr Eric Forth].

[No. 100.]

Tuesday 31st January 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Leicester City Council Bill,—The Leicester City Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

2 Liverpool City Council Bill,—The Liverpool City Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

3 Maidstone Borough Council Bill,—The Maidstone Borough Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

4 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:
   That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Public Service Vehicles) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 21st November, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.
   That the draft Regulatory Reform (Forestry) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, should be approved.
   The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division

5 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Marshall reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to Combat Fraud) Order 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2006, the draft Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006 and the draft Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modification) Order 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Hywel Williams reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2006 and the draft Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
8 Trade in Endangered Animals on the Internet.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to end the trade in endangered animals on the internet; and for connected purposes: And that Mark Pritchard, Mr Roger Gale, Jeremy Wright, David Howarth, Mr Eric Martlew, Hugh Robertson, Mr David Drew, Michael Fabricant, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr John Randall, David T. C. Davies and Mr Edward Vaizey do prepare and bring it in.

9 Trade in Endangered Animals on the Internet Bill.—Mark Pritchard accordingly presented a Bill to end the trade in endangered animals on the internet; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 122].

10 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 21st June 2005 (Racial and Religious Hatred Bill (Programme)):

**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.

**Subsequent stages**

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr Vernon Coaker and Mr Alan Campbell 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.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Racial and Religious Hatred Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Racial and Religious Hatred Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Paul Goggins);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]:—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions to be decided at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 2

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, Claire Ward, Mr Dave Watts: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Lorely Burt: 288.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly 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—(Paul Goggins);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Claire Ward: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Lorely Burt: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was agreed to.
12 Adjournment (Pensions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Joan Ryan);

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

13 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 6th February, 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 any Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Clarke relating to reports on Police Grant not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion, and shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Prescott relating to reports on Local Government Finance and on Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion, or six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion relating to reports on Police Grant, whichever is the later; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Tony Cunningham.)

14 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Angela Browning be discharged from the Committee on Standards and Privileges and the Hon. Nicholas Soames be added.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electricity.—Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


   (3) Local Government Finance Report (England) for 2005-06: Amending Report 2006; and

   (4) Local Government Finance Report (England) for 2006-07 [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 859, 856, 857 and 858] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


   (2) Police Grant Report (England and Wales) for 2005-06: Amending Report 2005-06; and

   (3) Police Grant Report (England and Wales) for 2006-07 [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 847, 846 and 845] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Animals.—Cattle Compensation (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 168), dated 26th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Child Trust Funds.—Child Trust Funds (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 199), dated 31 January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Des Browne].
7 Education,—Education (Admission of Looked After Children) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 128), dated 25th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

8 Energy Conservation,—Boiler (Efficiency) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 170), dated 26th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

9 Access to Justice (Northern Ireland),—Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission Business Plan for 2005–06 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 805] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Insolvency and the Conduct of Directors [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 816] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the First Report from the House of Lords Review of the BBC Charter Select Committee, on the Review of the BBC’s Royal Charter, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6739] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

12 European Union,—Paper entitled, Prospects for the European Union in 2006, and retrospective of the UK’s Presidency of the EU, 1st July to 31st December 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6735] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 Government Resources and Accounts,—Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Home Office for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 826] [John Healey].

14 Judicial Appointments,—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Appointments for 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6731] [Ms Harriet Harman].

15 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Inspection of the Compensation Agency (Northern Ireland) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to Combat Fraud) Order 2006. —The Committee of Selection has discharged John Healey, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Kevan Jones and Mark Tami from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed and Mr John Spellar.

2 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2006, the draft Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006 and the draft Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modification) Order 2006. —The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Russell Brown and Judy Mallaber from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) Second Report from the Administration Committee [Refreshment Department Services]; 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. 733]; and
(2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 31st January [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Compensation culture], to be printed [No. 754-v] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-vii] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence Industrial Strategy]; to be printed [No. 824-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].
5 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 873-i] [Roger Berry].

6 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Housing: a progress report]; to be printed [No. 779-iv] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 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 and Rescue Service]; to be printed [No. 872-ii]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Ministerial Informal Summit on Sustainable Communities under the UK Presidency]
[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

8 Regulatory Reform.—(1) Second Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Public Service Vehicles) Order 2006]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 879];

(2) Third Report from the Committee [Draft Regulatory Reform (Forestry) Order 2006]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 880]; and

(3) First Special Report from the Committee [Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 878];
[Andrew Miller].

9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade and Investment Opportunities with India]; to be printed [No. 881-i] [Peter Luff].

10 Treasury.—(1) Third Report from the Treasury Committee [The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: appointment hearing for Sir John Gieve], together with the Appendices to Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 861]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Globalisation: the role of the International Monetary Fund]; to be printed [No. 875-i]
[Mr John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales]; to be printed [No. 876-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 100; WH, No. 61]

Tuesday 31st January 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Wednesday 1st February 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2006.

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

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2006 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2006.

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

3 Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect private gardens from housing development which is out of character with the surrounding area; and for connected purposes: And that Greg Clark, Michael Fabricant, Mrs Jacqui Lait, John Penrose, Mr David Burrowes, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mr Gerald Howarth, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mrs Nadine Dorries and Mr John Maples do prepare and bring it in.

4 Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill,—Greg Clark accordingly presented a Bill to protect private gardens from housing development which is out of character with the surrounding area; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 123].

5 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.

Police Amalgamations,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the Home Secretary’s proposals to create regional strategic police forces in England and Wales; further notes the Association of Police Authorities’ estimate that amalgamations could cost £600 million to implement; further notes that none of the proposed amalgamated forces has the unanimous agreement of the police authorities concerned; expresses concern about the implications of mergers for local accountability, neighbourhood policing and the level of police precepts; regrets the unnecessarily tight timetable for consultation; recognises that the potential changes are the most significant for over thirty years; and calls on the Government to consider alternative proposals to strengthen the ability of forces to deal with serious crime, including sharing services, as recommended by the Association of Police Authorities—(David Davis); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the excellent work of Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) in clearly setting out the case for reform of the current structure of policing in England and Wales; thanks police forces and authorities for their hard work in responding to the HMIC findings; congratulates the Government on its commitment to delivering excellent policing at all levels, from vandalism to terrorism, through strategic police forces equipped with dedicated capacity at the neighbourhood level; and endorses the need for reform to move swiftly to minimise uncertainty and damage to morale within a service which has over the past eight years shown itself dedicated to continuous improvement in delivery of a truly locally responsive service’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 311.

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 excellent work of Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) in clearly setting out the case for reform of the current structure of policing in England and Wales; thanks police forces and authorities for their hard work in responding to the HMIC findings; congratulates the Government on its commitment to delivering excellent policing at all levels, from vandalism to terrorism,
through strategic police forces equipped with dedicated capacity at the neighbourhood level; and endorses the need for reform to move swiftly to minimise uncertainty and damage to morale within a service which has over the past eight years shown itself dedicated to continuous improvement in delivery of a truly locally responsive service.

Government’s Ten Year Transport Plan,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that 2006 marks the beginning of the second half of the decade covered by the Government’s Ten Year Plan for Transport; further notes that a substantial proportion of the commitments and specific projects outlined in the document Transport 2010: The Ten Year Plan have subsequently been abandoned; further notes that overcrowding on roads and railways is getting worse; and expresses its concern that, at a time when record amounts of money are being spent on transport, so many of the schemes which could ease overcrowding have been dropped or delayed indefinitely by the Government—(Chris Grayling);

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 importance of providing a clear strategy of sustained long-term investment and forward planning to address decades of under-investment in the transport system; welcomes the further investment and new strategic framework provided by the subsequent Future of Transport White Paper; recognises the achievements since the 10 Year Plan was published, including the highest number of people using the railways since the 1960s and the delivery of major strategic road schemes, with further schemes either under way or due to start before April 2008; acknowledges that one of the main reasons for the continuing pressure on transport networks is that the United Kingdom is enjoying the longest period of sustained economic growth for more than 200 years; and supports the Government’s determination to take the decisions which will be required to meet these pressures and put UK transport on a sustainable footing, including tackling the environmental impacts of transport, trialling road-pricing and building on the improvements in rail performance, as well as planning for long-term transport needs’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Darling.)

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, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Gillian Merron: 318.

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 acknowledges the importance of providing a clear strategy of sustained long-term investment and forward planning to address decades of under-investment in the transport system; welcomes the further investment and new strategic framework provided by the subsequent Future of Transport White Paper; recognises the achievements since the 10 Year Plan was published, including the highest number of people using the railways since the 1960s and the delivery of major strategic road schemes, with further schemes either under way or due to start before April 2008; acknowledges that one of the main reasons for the continuing pressure on transport networks is that the United Kingdom is enjoying the longest period of sustained economic growth for more than 200 years; and supports the Government’s determination to take the decisions which will be required to meet these pressures and put UK transport on a sustainable footing, including tackling the environmental impacts of transport, trialling road-pricing and building on the improvements in rail performance, as well as planning for long-term transport needs.

6 Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pensions Act 2004 (PPF Payments and FAS Payments) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th January, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.

7 Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.
8 Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 11408/05, Communication from the Commission: 'TSE Roadmap'; and agrees with the Government’s policy of maintaining a set of effective and proportionate TSE controls to protect human and animal health and of securing the long overdue lifting of the EU ban on UK beef exports—(Mr Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

9 Companies.—Ordered, That the Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3442), dated 14th December 2005, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

10 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax 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 Tom Watson.)

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

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Pensions,—Personal Pension Schemes (Appropriate Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 147), dated 26th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 142), dated 26th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Disability Discrimination,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Disability Rights Commission’s Code of Practice on the Provision and Use of Transport Vehicles [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Forestry,—Report and Accounts of the Forestry Commission for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 825] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.),—Eighth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 870] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) 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 Henry Bellingham, Liz Blackman, Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Jim Cunningham, Philip Davies, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Paul Rowen, Mr Lee Scott, Alison Seabeck, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Mr Neil Turner, Claire Ward and Mr Anthony Wright.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Colin Breed, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Robert Fijello, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr David Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Barbara Keeley, David Lepper, Judy Mallaber, Rob Marris, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Ben Wallace, Lynda Waltho and Mr Shaun Woodward.
3 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to Combat Fraud) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Tami from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin.

4 Draft School Finance (England) Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Evennett, Mr Nick Gibb, Linda Gilroy, Mr Mike Hall, Mr George Howarth, Mr Brian Jenkins, Laura Moffatt, Julie Morgan, Sandra Osborne, Jacqui Smith, Mark Williams and Mr Rob Wilson.

5 Draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Consultation by Employers and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2006 and the draft Information and Consultation of Employees (Amendment) Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr William Cash, Colin Challen, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr David Drew, Paul Farrelly, Mr John Heppell, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Stewart Jackson, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Alan Keen, Mr David Laws, Mr Nick Raynsford, Alan Simpson, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Nigel Waterson and Angela Watkinson.

6 National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3361) and the National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3373):

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mary Creagh, Clive Efford, Mrs Bruce George, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Philip Hollobone, Gillian Merron, Mr Alan Milburn, Edward Miliband, Anne Milton, Dr Andrew Morrison, Steve Webb, Ms Rosie Winterton and Mr Ian Wright.

7 Draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alan Simpson from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Devine.

8 Draft Rates (Capital Values, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Tim Boswell, Richard Burden, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Greg Hands, Mr John Heppell, David Heyes, Margaret Hodge, Lynne Jones, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Dennis Skinner, Geraldine Smith, Dr Gavin Strang and Angela Watkinson.

9 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2006 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ben Chapman and Tony Lloyd from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Austin Mitchell and Ms Angela C. Smith.

10 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Tim Boswell, Richard Burden, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Greg Hands, Mr John Heppell, David Heyes, Margaret Hodge, Lynne Jones, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Dennis Skinner, Geraldine Smith, Dr Gavin Strang and Angela Watkinson.
11 Draft Artist’s Resale Right Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Barry Gardiner, Rob Marris, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Dennis Skinner and Ian Stewart from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Roger Berry, Barbara Follett, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Shona McIsaac, Alun Michael and Alison Seabeck.

European Standing Committees

12 European Union Document No. 11439/05 relating to Value Added Tax.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Vernon Coaker, Jim Dobbin, Mr Michael Fallon, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Mark Francois, Susan Kramer, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Andrew Selous, Jon Trickett, Peter Viggers, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Richard Younger-Ross.

13 European Union Documents Nos. 13700/05 and 13759/05 relating to a Strategy for the Protection and Conservation of the Marine Environment.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Gordon Banks, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mark Fisher, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr David Kidney, Anne Main, Mr Gordon Prentice, Andrew Rosindell, Matthew Taylor, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 828-iii] [Mr George Howarth].

2 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-vii] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [No. 478-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget 2005]; to be printed [No. 882-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 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. 34-viii]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]
   [Jimmy Hood].

6 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [East Asia], to be printed [No. 860-i] [Mike Gapes].

7 Human Rights.—(1) Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Schools White Paper]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 887]; and

   (2) Tenth Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of this Session: Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Terrorism Bill and related matters], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 888]
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs.—(1) First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Education in Northern Ireland], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 726]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 886-i]
   [Sir Patrick Cormack].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Lost in translation? Responding to the challenges of European law]; to be printed [No. 590].

   (2) Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee [Extending access to learning through technology: Lifelong learning and the learndirect service]; to be printed [No. 706]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 889-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].
10 Science and Technology,—First Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Meeting UK Energy and Climate needs: the Role of Carbon Capture and Storage], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 578-I and -II] [Mr Phil Willis].

11 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xvi]; and
   (2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 871-ii] [Mr Eric Forth].

12 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Civil Aviation Authority]; to be printed [No. 809-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

13 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The administration of tax credits]; to be printed [No. 811-iv] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 101; WH, No. 62]

Wednesday 1st February 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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 half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.]

[No. 102.]

Thursday 2nd February 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Forth reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Artist’s Resale Right Regulations 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Terrorism Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Terrorism Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Terrorism Bill to be considered on Monday 6th February; and to be printed [Bill 124]

4 Adjournment (Defence Procurement),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Dave Watts).

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

5 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from people living around the St. Mary’s Church Conservation Area, Benfleet, Essex, against a planning application for new shops and flats in Benfleet was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell).

   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 Monday 6th February.

[Adjourned at 6.31 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (Continuance in force of sections 1 to 9) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals.—Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 183), dated 30th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Education.—Education (Supply of Student Support Information to Governing Bodies) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 141), dated 25th January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


(2) Pensions Schemes (Application of UK Provisions to Relevant Non-UK Schemes) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 207);

(3) Pension Schemes (Categories of Country and Requirements for Overseas Pension Schemes and Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 206);

(4) Pension Schemes (Information Requirements for Qualifying Overseas Pension Schemes, Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pensions Schemes and Corresponding Relief) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 208);

(5) Pension Schemes (Relevant Migrant Members) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 212);

(6) Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Payments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 209); and

(7) Registered Pension Schemes (Surrender of Relevant Excess) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 211), dated 1st February 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

5 Police.—Police Service of Northern Ireland and Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve (Full-Time) (Severance) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 19), dated 23rd January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


Other Paper:

8 Prevention of Terrorism.—First Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers withdrawn:

9 Representation of the People (Scotland).—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [laid 26th January].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.
2 Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2006,—
The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the First Standing Committee on
Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft School Finance (England) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter
Atkinson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in
respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Consultation by Employers and
Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2006 and the draft Information and
Consultation of Employees (Amendment) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has
appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated
Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005,
No. 3361) and the National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements)
Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3373),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope
Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the
Regulations.

6 Draft Rates (Capital Values, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has
appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated
Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7 Draft Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment)
Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Sixth
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

Grand Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand
Committee in respect of its meeting on 7th February.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [NHS Charges]; to be
printed [No. 815-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public
Administration [Ethics and Standards]; to be printed [No. 884-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 102; WH, No. 63]

Thursday 2nd February 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Employer engagement in further and higher education).—Resolved, That the
sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr John Heppell)

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

[Adjourned at 4.54 p.m.]
Monday 6th February 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2006.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft School Finance (England) Regulations 2006.

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

3 Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2006-07, House of Commons Paper No. 845, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved (Paul Goggins).

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions relating to reports on Police Grant, pursuant to Order [31st January].

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2006-07, House of Commons Paper No. 845, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.

4 Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [31st January], That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2004-05: Amending Report 2005-06, House of Commons Paper No. 847, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Paul Goggins)—It was agreed to.

5 Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [31st January], That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2005-06: Amending Report 2005-06, House of Commons Paper No. 846, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Paul Goggins)—It was agreed to.

6 Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2004-05: Amending Report 2006, House of Commons Paper No 856, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

7 Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2005-06: Amending Report 2006, House of Commons Paper No 857, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

8 Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2006-07, House of Commons Paper No. 858, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

9 Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Alternative Notional Amounts) Report (England) 2006-07, House of Commons Paper No. 859, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

10 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2003 (Consequential Provisions and Modification) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

11 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.
12 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation). That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

13 Industrial and Provident Societies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

14 Industrial and Provident Societies.—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 Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

15 European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation to Combat Fraud) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

16 Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Dr Ian Gibson be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Mr Jim Devine be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

17 Defence.—Ordered, That Mr Desmond Swayne be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Adam Holloway be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.03 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3rd February 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 2006),—International Convention against Doping in Sport, done at Paris on 19th October 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6742] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3rd February 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Tax Credits.—Child Tax Credits (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 222), dated 2nd February 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 6th February 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Civil Aviation (Scotland).—Draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
6 Representation of the People (Scotland).—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Draft Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Agriculture.—Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 225), dated 1st February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


10 National Health Service.—Functions of Primary Care Trusts (Dental Public Health) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 185), dated 26th January 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—(1) Statute, dated 18th August 2005, made by the Governing Body of Downing College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University; and
    (2) Statute, dated 3rd November 2004, made by Oriel College in the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

12 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Departmental Minute, dated 6th February 2006, concerning the gifting of operational ration packs to the Government of the United States of America [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

13 Government Resources and Accounts.—Account of the Fleet Air Arm Museum for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 891] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets: Sale of gas networks by National Grid [by Act]; to be printed [No. 804] [Clerk of the House].

15 Parliamentary and Other Pensions.—Account of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 892] [Clerk of the House].

16 Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs on the Petition [30th November] from Harvey Cedric Alexander for support for sufferers of criminal injuries; and
    (2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [16th January] from residents of the Firs Estate, South Woodford, London, and others against the use of enclosed estates as practices areas and test routes for learner drivers [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

17 Social Security (Administration).—Account of the National Insurance Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 885] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Henry Bellingham, Liz Blackman, Mr Julian Brazier, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Paul Rowen, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Claire Ward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers, Barbara Keeley, Judy Mallaber and Rob Marris from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Natascha Engel, Mr Bob Laxton, Edward Miliband and Paddy Tipping.
3 Draft School Finance (England) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Cawsey, Linda Gilroy, Laura Moffatt and Sandra Osborne from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Neil Gerrard, Stephen Pound, Siôn Simon and Mr Tom Watson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights.—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Fifth Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 899] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

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 [Fire and Rescue Service], to be printed [No. 872-ii]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Local Government Finance]

[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [UK Sport: Supporting elite athletes]; to be printed [No. 898-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Government’s Energy Review]; to be printed [No. 897-i] [Peter Luff].

[No. 104.]

Tuesday 7th February 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords].—Janet Anderson reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

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

2 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee the draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, referred to it on 30th January.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Identity Cards Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the European Union (Accessions) Bill, without Amendment.

4 Identity Cards Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 126].

5 Procurement of Innovative Technologies and Research.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in relation to the awarding by government departments and agencies of research and development contracts for innovative technologies; and for connected purposes: And that Kitty Ussher, Danny Alexander, Janet Anderson, Mr Michael Clapham, Rosie Cooper, Mary Creagh, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Paul Flynn, Mr Shahid Malik, Andrew Miller, Mr Austin Mitchell and Mr Edward Vaizey do prepare and bring it in.

6 Procurement of Innovative Technologies and Research Bill.—Kitty Ussher accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in relation to the awarding by government departments and agencies of research and development contracts for innovative technologies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 125].
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.

Future of Mental Health Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that one in four people will suffer mental health problems; is aware that mental health trusts are facing some of the largest cuts in planned budgets whilst already having to cope with worryingly high recruitment shortages; further notes that patients with mental illness are often denied real choice in their treatments due to long waiting times for referrals and an acute shortage of non-drug therapies such as cognitive behavioural therapy; is alarmed at the particular problems experienced by black and minority ethnic patients in accessing services; is concerned at the continued absence of a Mental Health Bill almost four years after the first draft Bill was published; and calls on the Government to raise the relative importance of mental health within the NHS, making early intervention a priority in order to enable access to a range of appropriate services and urgently to publish a revised Mental Health Bill which recognises the rights and dignity of people with mental illness—(Mr Andrew Lansley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question, and add the words ‘recognises that the Government has made mental health a key priority through the National Service Framework for Mental Health and the NHS plan; welcomes the achievements set out in the National Director’s progress report published in December 2004; further welcomes the record increases in investment and staffing, notes that under this Government there are now over 700 specialised community mental health teams and that suicide rates are the lowest since records began, that there are 1,200 more consultant psychiatrists, over 3,000 more clinical psychologists, and 8,000 more mental health nurses than in 1997; further welcomes the Government’s five year action plan to tackle inequalities in mental health services amongst black and ethnic minority communities and its action to tackle social exclusion in mental health; acknowledges the Government’s commitment to early intervention to support good mental health and improve preventative mental health services in the community, as set out in the recent White Paper “Our health, our care, our say: a new direction for health and care”, including by improving public understanding of mental health issues to counteract stigma and discrimination, expanding access to psychological therapies including cognitive behavioural therapy, promoting the use of information technology recently reviewed by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence which supports people to take charge of their own treatment, and working with health professionals to improve standards in mental health services in the community; and further welcomes the Government’s commitment to reform mental health legislation as soon as parliamentary time permits’, instead thereof.—(Ms Rosie Winterton)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 215.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Claire Ward: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on Amendments)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises that the Government has made mental health a key priority through the National Service Framework for Mental Health and the NHS plan; welcomes the achievements set out in the National Director’s progress report published in December 2004; further welcomes the record increases in investment and staffing, notes that under this Government there are now over 700 specialised community mental health teams and that suicide rates are the lowest since records began, that there are 1,200 more consultant psychiatrists, over 3,000 more clinical psychologists, and 8,000 more mental health nurses than in 1997; further welcomes the Government’s five year action plan to tackle inequalities in mental health services amongst black and ethnic minority communities and its action to tackle social exclusion in mental health; acknowledges the Government’s commitment to early intervention to support good mental health and improve preventative mental health services in the community, as set out in the recent White Paper “Our health, our care, our say: a new direction for community services”, including by improving public understanding of mental health issues to counteract stigma and discrimination, expanding access to psychological therapies including cognitive behavioural therapy, promoting the use of information technology recently reviewed by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence which supports people to take charge of their own treatment, and working with health professionals to improve standards in mental health services in the community, and further welcomes the Government’s commitment to reform mental health legislation as soon as parliamentary time permits.
Reorganisation of Primary Care Trusts, Strategic Health Authorities and Ambulance Trusts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Government’s determination to reform primary care trusts (PCTs) and strategic health authorities (SHAs) to ensure all patients get the services they need, to shift the focus of services more towards prevention and tackling health inequalities, to engage better with GPs in developing services that meet patients’ needs, to reduce bureaucracy and to deliver better value for money for taxpayers; further welcomes the widespread support within PCTs and SHAs for the principles on which Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS has been based; and further welcomes the Government’s consultation on reforming ambulance trusts to ensure more care is provided in the home and at the scene, to give better advice to patients over the telephone and to deliver faster response times to save more lives, in line with the recommendations from the National Ambulance Adviser Peter Bradley’s review “ Taking Healthcare to the Patient: Transforming Ambulance Services ”, 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, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 216.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Dave Watts: 291.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s determination to reform primary care trusts (PCTs) and strategic health authorities (SHAs) to ensure all patients get the services they need, to shift the focus of services more towards prevention and tackling health inequalities, to engage better with GPs in developing services that meet patients’ needs, to reduce bureaucracy and to deliver better value for money for taxpayers; further welcomes the widespread support within PCTs and SHAs for the principles on which Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS has been based; and further welcomes the Government’s consultation on reforming ambulance trusts to ensure more care is provided in the home and at the scene, to give better advice to patients over the telephone and to deliver faster response times to save more lives, in line with the recommendations from the National Ambulance Adviser Peter Bradley’s review “ Taking Healthcare to the Patient: Transforming Ambulance Services ”.

8 Intellectual Property.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Artist’s Resale Right Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 15th December, be approved.— (Joan Ryan);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

9 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 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th January, be approved.— (Joan Ryan).— It was agreed to.
10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents and patients in Staffordshire against the merger of Staffordshire
       Ambulance Service; and
   (2) residents of North West Leicestershire and other areas for bursaries for NHS
       students of midwifery and nursing
   were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan)
   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 Disabled Persons,—Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 458 Vehicles)
   Exemption Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]
   [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes
   (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 239), dated 3rd February 2006 [by Act],
   with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Disability Discrimination,—Draft guidance on matters to be taken into account in
   determining questions relating to the definition of disability [by Act], with an
   Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

4 Education,—Education (Student Support) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 119), dated
   23rd January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]
   [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England)
   with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers' Hours and Working Time (Road Tankers) (Temporary
   Exception) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 244), dated 4th February
   2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of
   with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Town and Country Planning,—Town and Country Planning (General Permitted
   23rd January 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]
   [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Paper:

9 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern
   Ireland on Governance Issues in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment's
   Former Local Enterprise Development Unit [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed
   [No. 817] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs
   Committee [Reform of the coroners system and death certification]; to be printed
   [No. 902-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill;
   to be printed [No. 837-ix] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence Industrial
   Strategy]; to be printed [No. 824-ii] [Mr David Crausby].
4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Bovine TB: badger culling]; together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 905-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 Home Affairs. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Terrorism Detention Powers]; to be printed [No. 910-i] [Mr John Denham].

6 Liaison. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee [The Prime Minister]; to be printed [No. 709-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

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 [Ministerial Informal Summit on Sustainable Communities under the UK Presidency]; to be printed [No. 906] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

8 Procedure. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill]; to be printed [No. 894-i] [Mr Greg Knight].

9 Welsh Affairs. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales]; to be printed [No. 876-ii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 104; WH, No. 64]
Tuesday 7th February 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment. — Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 1.55 p.m.

[No. 105.]
Wednesday 8th February 2006.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Consultation by Employers and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2006 and the draft Information and Consultation of Employees (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

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

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3361) and the National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3373).

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

3 Local Government Referendums.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require a local authority to hold a referendum about a matter of major local importance for which it is responsible if one-tenth of its electorate demand the holding of such a referendum; and for connected purposes—(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 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, Annette Brooke, David Taylor, Mr David Drew, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Michael Clapham, Dr Ian Gibson, Mrs Janet Dean, Paul Rowen, Mr Phil Willis, Paul Holmes and Norman Lamb do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 Local Government Referendums Bill.—Bob Russell accordingly presented a Bill to require a local authority to hold a referendum about a matter of major local importance for which it is responsible if one-tenth of its electorate demand the holding of such a referendum; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th March and to be printed [Bill 127].
5 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Geoffrey Hoon relating to Opposition Parties (Financial Assistance) and Support for Members who have chosen not to take their seats not later than Six o'clock and such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr David Wilshire: 104.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Opposition Parties (Financial Assistance).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of the House,—

(1) Financial assistance should be provided, with effect from 1st November 2005, to any opposition party represented by Members who have chosen not to take their seats and thus do not qualify to participate in the proceedings in Parliament, towards expenses wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred for the employment of staff and related support to Members designated as that party's spokesmen in relation to the party's representative business.

(2) The amount of financial assistance payable to a party under this Resolution shall be calculated and paid by analogy with sub-paragraphs 1(1) to (6) and (8) and 2(1) to (5) of the Resolution of the House of 26th May 1999.

(3) As soon as practicable, but no later than nine months after 31st March each year, a party claiming financial assistance under this resolution shall furnish the Accounting Officer of the House with the certificate of an independent professional auditor, in a form determined by the Accounting Officer, to the effect that all expenses in respect of which the party received financial assistance during the period ending with that day were incurred exclusively in accordance with paragraph (1) of this resolution.

(4) If an audit certificate under paragraph (3) above has not been furnished within the time specified no further financial assistance under this resolution shall be paid until such a certificate is so furnished—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon);

7 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Intellectual Property.—That the draft Artist's Resale Right Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 15th December, be approved.

Ayes: 332.

Noes: 159.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Opposition Parties (Financial Assistance).—The Question being again proposed, That, in the opinion of the House,—

(1) Financial assistance should be provided, with effect from 1st November 2005, to any opposition party represented by Members who have chosen not to take their seats and thus do not qualify to participate in the proceedings in Parliament, towards expenses wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred for the employment of staff and related support to Members designated as that party’s spokesmen in relation to the party's representative business.

(2) The amount of financial assistance payable to a party under this Resolution shall be calculated and paid by analogy with sub-paragraphs 1(1) to (6) and (8) and 2(1) to (5) of the Resolution of the House of 26th May 1999.

(3) As soon as practicable, but no later than nine months after 31st March each year, a party claiming financial assistance under this resolution shall furnish the Accounting Officer of the House with the certificate of an independent professional auditor, in a form determined by the Accounting Officer, to the effect that all expenses in respect of which the party received financial assistance during the period ending with that day were incurred exclusively in accordance with paragraph (1) of this resolution.

(4) If an audit certificate under paragraph (3) above has not been furnished within the time specified no further financial assistance under this resolution shall be paid until such a certificate is so furnished;
And the Question being put;  
The House divided.  

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 315.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 215.  
So the Question was agreed to.  

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the House,—  

(1) Financial assistance should be provided, with effect from 1st November 2005, to any opposition party represented by Members who have chosen not to take their seats and thus do not qualify to participate in the proceedings in Parliament, towards expenses wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred for the employment of staff and related support to Members designated as that party’s spokesmen in relation to the party’s representative business.  

(2) The amount of financial assistance payable to a party under this Resolution shall be calculated and paid by analogy with sub-paragraphs 1(1) to (6) and (8) and 2(1) to (5) of the Resolution of the House of 26th May 1999.  

(3) As soon as practicable, but no later than nine months after 31st March each year, a party claiming financial assistance under this resolution shall furnish the Accounting Officer of the House with the certificate of an independent professional auditor, in a form determined by the Accounting Officer, to the effect that all expenses in respect of which the party received financial assistance during the period ending with that day were incurred exclusively in accordance with paragraph (1) of this resolution.  

(4) If an audit certificate under paragraph (3) above has not been furnished within the time specified no further financial assistance under this resolution shall be paid until such a certificate is so furnished.  

9 Support for Members who have chosen not to take their Seats.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That the Resolution of the House of 10th March 2005 relating to Support for Members who have chosen not to take their Seats be amended by substituting for the words ‘a period of suspension of one year commencing on 1st April’ the words ‘the period 1st April 2005 to 31st October’—(Mr Ian Cawsey),  
The House divided.  

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 329.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 178.  
So the Question was agreed to.  

Resolved, That the Resolution of the House of 10th March 2005 relating to Support for Members who have chosen not to take their Seats be amended by substituting for the words ‘a period of suspension of one year commencing on 1st April’ the words ‘the period 1st April 2005 to 31st October’.  

10 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 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.  

11 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 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.  

12 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from supporters of the Sir Charles Dilke Memorial Hospital for the continued provision of all services at the present hospital site in Cinderford, Gloucestershire, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.  

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)  

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

[Adjourned at 6.49 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Cinemas and Film,—Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2. Ecclesiastical Law,—Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3. Government Resources and Accounts,—Draft Special Health Authorities (Audit) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

4. Pensions,—(1) Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton]; and

   (2) draft Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme) (Rights of Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5. Government Resources and Accounts,—Special Health Authorities (Summarised Accounts) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 250), dated 7th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].


Other Papers:

9. Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 868] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10. National Health Service,—Accounts of NHS Direct for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 484] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [10th January] from residents of Brighton and others in support of a ban on pet markets [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

2. Draft Stormont Estate (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ben Chapman, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Christopher Fraser, Linda Gilroy, Mr Adam Holloway, Barbara Keeley, Kerry McCarthy, Judy Mallaber, Mr Alan Milburn, Lembit Opik, Sandra Osborne, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Angela E. Smith (Basildon), Mr Ben Wallace, Lynda Waltho and Sammy Wilson.
3 Draft Pension Protection Fund (Risk-based Pension Protection Levy) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Greg Clark, Mr Ian Davidson, James Duddridge, Mr John Gummer, Patrick Hall, Mr John Heppell, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr David Laws, Mr Jim McGovern, Rob Marris, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Nigel Waterson, Angela Watkinson and Dr Alan Whitehead.

4 Draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Consultation by Employers and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2006 and the draft Information and Consultation of Employees (Amendment) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Drew and Mr Stephen Timms from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Laura Moffatt and Mr James Plaskitt.

5 Draft International Development Association (Fourteenth Replenishment) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Mr Stephen Byers, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Curry, Andrew George, Mr John Grogan, Tom Levitt, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr John Randall, Joan Ruddock, Mark Simmonds, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Gareth Thomas, Dr Desmond Turner, Mr Edward Vaizey and Dr Rudi Vis.

6 National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3361) and the National Health Service (Personal Dental Services Agreements) Regulations (S.I., 2005, No. 3373),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Milburn from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Laxton.

7 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Michael Connarty, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Nia Griffith, Ms Harriet Harman, Mark Lazarowicz, Martin Linton, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Andrew Love, Steve McCabe, Lembrit Ópik, Albert Owen, Mr John Redwood, Martin Salter, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Angela Watkinson and Jeremy Wright.

European Standing Committees

8 European Union Document No. 13413/05 and Addendum 1 relating to the Exchange of Information between Law Enforcement Authorities,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Vernon Coaker, Harry Cohen, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Frank Field, Paul Goggins, Nick Herbert, Martin Horwood, Stephen Pound, Mark Prichard and Ms Gisela Stuart.

Grand Committees

9 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Robathan from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Andrew Rosindell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-x] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget 2005]; to be printed [No. 882-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Eighteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xvii].
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Current matters relating to the European Union]; to be printed [No. 909-i]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Public Diplomacy]; to be printed [No. 903-i]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Iran]; to be printed [No. 904-i] [Mike Gapes].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xvii] [Mr Eric Forth].

6 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Department for Transport’s Executive Agencies—Driver and Vehicle Operator Group and the Highways Agency]; to be printed [No. 907-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

7 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee on 6th February [Autumn Performance Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 895] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 105; WH, No. 65]

Wednesday 8th February 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

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

[Adjourned at 4.53 p.m.]

[No. 106.]

Thursday 9th February 2006.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Electoral Commission (Answer to Address).—The Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of 18th January, praying that Her Majesty would re-appoint as Electoral Commissioners—
(1) Jonathan Glyn Mathias for the period of two years;
(2) Sukhminder Karamjit Singh CBE for the period of four years;
was presented to Her Majesty, who was graciously pleased to comply with the request; the appointments having become effective from 19th January.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Rates (Capital Values, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Cummings reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

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

4 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill.—The Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

5 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Legislative and Regulatory Reform 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 Thursday 9th March 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Ian Cawsey).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Gillian Merron: 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Andrew Selous: 100.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Legislative and Regulatory Reform 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 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department in consequence of orders under Part 1 of the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to such orders in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided.—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.

7 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—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 Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.

9 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft School Finance (England) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 19th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—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 (Forestry) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.

11 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Ordered. That the Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005, No. 3445), dated 20th December 2005, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)
12 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ian Cawsey);
And it being Six o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 13th February.

[Adjourned at 6.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Town and Country Planning,—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Home Office,—Paper, entitled A Five Year Strategy for Protecting the Public and Reducing Re-offending [by Command] [Cm. 6717] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for International Development on the Petition [19th January] from the Stop AIDS Campaign for better global provision of medicines against AIDS, TB and malaria [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation:
Register of Judgments, Orders and Fines Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3595) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

Papers withdrawn:

6 Government Resources and Accounts,—Draft Special Health Authorities (Audit) Order 2006 [laid 8th February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Stormont Estate (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Pension Protection Fund (Risk-based Pension Protection Levy) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft International Development Association (Fourteenth Replenishment) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
6 Draft Rates (Capital Values, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nia Griffith and Emily Thornberry from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Drew and Dan Norris.

7 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Neil Gerrard and Dr Gavin Strang from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Clapham and Jim Dobbin.

European Standing Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 11439/05 on Value added Tax.

9 The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martleuw Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 13700/05 and 13759/05 on Strategy for the Protection and Conservation of the Marine Environment.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 828-iv] [Mr George Howarth].

2 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xi] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget 2005] to be printed [No. 882-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Health.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [NHS Charges]; to be printed [No. 815-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Services 2005]; to be printed [No. 736-iv] [Mr Kevin Barron].

5 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 8th February [Reducing brain damage: Faster access to better stroke care]; to be printed [No. 911-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Public Administration.—(1) Second Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ministerial Accountability and Parliamentary Questions: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report, Session 2004–05], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 853];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Politics and Administration: Ministers and Civil Servants]; to be printed [No. 660-ii]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Ethics and Standards]; to be printed [No. 884-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 106; WH, No. 66]

Thursday 9th February 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (New developments in sexual health and HIV/AIDS policy—Third Report from the Health Committee, Session 2004–05, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.28 p.m.]
Monday 13th February 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (Petition for Additional Provision) (Standing Orders not complied with),—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, currently before the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with in respect of a Petition for Additional Provision:

   London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].

   Petition for Additional Provision and Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Stormont Estate (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pension Protection Fund (Risk-based Pension Protection Levy) Regulations 2006.

   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 agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Equality Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

5 New Member sworn.—Willie Rennie, Member for Dunfermline and West Fife, was sworn.

6 International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill [Money];

   Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

   (1) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act; and

   (2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr Gareth Thomas.)

7 Identity Cards Bill (Programme) (No. 4),—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Identity Cards Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 28th June, 12th July and 18th October 2005 (Identity Cards Bill (Programme), Identity Cards Bill (Programme) (No. 2) and Identity Cards Bill (Programme) (No. 3)):

   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. The proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table.

   3. Each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

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4. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

5. 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.—(Joan Ryan.)

8 Identity Cards Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 19.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The Speaker then put forthwith the remaining Questions to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 21 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 21 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 20 and 23 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 16.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Clarke);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments Nos. 16 and 22, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Claire Ward: 310.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Sir Robert Smith: 279.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Speaker then put forthwith the remaining Question to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 22.

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, Claire Ward, Mr Ian Cawsey: 310.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Sir Robert Smith: 259.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Andy Burnham);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr John Heppell: 314.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 261.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Speaker then put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendments Nos. 68 to 70 were disagreed to.
An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 68 to 70 disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 4 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 47.
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, Mr John Heppell: 318.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 257.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 48, 50 and 51 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 3.
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, Mr John Heppell: 316.
Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 257.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 3 disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 2, 5 to 15, 17, 18, 24 to 46, 49, 52 to 67, 71 and 72 were agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 4, 16, 22, 47, 48, 50 and 51;
That Vera Baird, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Tony McNulty and Joan Ryan be members of the Committee;
That Mr Tony McNulty be the Chairman of the Committee;
That three be the Quorum of the Committee; and
That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Joan Ryan)—It 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 Information and Consultation of Employees (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 12th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

10 Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Consultation by Employers and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 12th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

11 Treasury,—Ordered, That Mr David Ruffley be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr David Gauke be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Identity Cards Bill,—Mr Tony McNulty reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Identity Cards 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. 4 for the following Reason:
Because the Commons do not consider it appropriate to limit, as provided for by the Amendment, the circumstances in which something is to be regarded as necessary in the public interest.
The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 16 and 22 for the following Reason:
Because the Commons consider it appropriate that a person applying for a designated document be required at the same time to apply to be entered in the Register and to have an ID Card issued to him.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 47, 48, 50 and 51 for the following Reason:
Because it is appropriate for the Secretary of State to appoint the National Identity Scheme Commissioner and to receive his reports.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10th February 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs.—Export Control (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 300), dated 7th February 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Social Security.—(1) Council Tax Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 216);
(2) Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 215);
(3) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 217);
(4) Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 214); and

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 13th February 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

3 Government Resources and Accounts.—Draft Special Health Authorities (Audit) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

4 Income Tax.—Draft Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

5 Social Security.—(1) Draft Child Benefit (Rates) Regulations 2006;
(2) draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2006; and
(3) draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Tax Credits.—Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Agriculture.—Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 301), dated 9th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 Environmental Protection.—Draft Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment List 14 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

10 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Crown Prosecution Service: Effective use of magistrates’ courts hearings; and
   (2) Progress in improving government efficiency, with case studies
   [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 798 and 802-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

11 Tax Credits,—Report from HM Treasury, under section 41 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Cinemas and Film,—Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006 [laid 8th February].

13 Pensions,—Draft Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme) (Rights of Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2006 [laid 8th February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Pension Protection Fund (Risk-based Pension Protection Levy) Regulations 2006,—
The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Davidson from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [No. 478-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 ( Continuance in force of Sections 1 to 9) Order 2006], together with Appendices; to be printed: with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 915] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 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 [Fire and Rescue Service]; to be printed [No. 872-iv] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Excess Votes 2004-05], to be printed [No. 916];
   (2) Thirtieth Report from the Committee [Excess Votes 2004-05 ( Northern Ireland)]; to be printed [No. 917];
   (3) Thirty-first Report from the Committee [Northern Ireland’s waste management strategy]; to be printed [No. 741]; and
   (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Governance issues in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment’s former Local Enterprise Development Unit]; to be printed [No. 918-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Incapacity Benefits and Pathways to Work], to be printed [No. 616-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Tuesday 14th February 2006.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft International Development Association (Fourteenth Replenishment) Order 2006.

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

2 European Standing Committee.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 13759/05, and Addendum, Draft Council Directive establishing a Framework for Community Action in the field of Marine Environmental Policy (Marine Strategy Directive), and No. 13700/05 and Addendum, Commission Communication: Thematic strategy on the protection and conservation of the marine environment; and agrees with the Government’s view that there is considerable uncertainty over the benefits, costs and effectiveness of the proposed Directive.

Resolution 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:

The Lords have agreed to the Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Transport (Wales) Bill, without Amendment.

4 Disabled Children’s Assessment and Services.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the assessment of disabled children’s needs; to amend the law relating to children; to place duties on local authorities and the National Health Service in respect of disabled children and their carers; and for connected purposes: And that Ed Balls, Liz Blackman, Mr Tom Clarke, Annette Brooke, Peter Bottomley, Mr Iain Wright, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Brooks Newmark, Helen Goodman, Tim Loughton and Mr Paul Burstow do prepare and bring it in.

5 Disabled Children’s Assessment and Services Bill.—Ed Balls accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the assessment of disabled children’s needs; to amend the law relating to children; to place duties on local authorities and the National Health Service in respect of disabled children and their carers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 128].

6 Health Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 29th November (Health Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

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 shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times 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 day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced. (Ms Secretary Hewitt)

7 Health Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC5) (Smoke-free premises: exemptions)—(Ms Secretary Hewitt)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Health Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Tony Cunningham: 453.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Frank Roy: 125.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 9, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Caroline Flint.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Tony Cunningham: 384.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Frank Roy: 184.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments to the proposed Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments ((b) to (d)) made to the proposed Clause.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Tony Cunningham: 413.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Frank Roy: 129.

The Deputy Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Questions on the remaining new Clause and Amendments and on a Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Clause (NC6) (Power to amend age for sale of tobacco etc)—(Caroline Flint)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 18 to 20 and 24) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause No. 8 be transferred to the end of line 38 on page 6.—(Caroline Flint.)

Another Clause (NC7) (Enforcement)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(c) require the nomination in each NHS Trust of a Trust Director responsible for cleanliness and health care associated infection control (“the Trust Director”);
(d) provide for the senior infection control nurse to report directly to the Trust Director;
(e) indicate action to be taken by the Trust Director and Trust Board in respect of ward closures on receipt of an adverse report from the senior infection control nurse;
(f) require pre- and post-discharge surveillance for a person undergoing a surgical procedure;
(g) contain requirements relating to infection control nurses;
(h) contain requirements relating to isolation facilities;
(i) define standards relating to cleaning services;
(j) require hospital infection data to be recorded by clinical department.’.—(Dr Andrew Murrison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 and 30 to 32) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 42, to leave out from the beginning to the word ‘products’ in line 43.—(Sandra Gidley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 21) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 58, line 41, after the word ‘section’, to insert ‘2’.—(Dr Andrew Murrison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 22, 26 and 23) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision for the prohibition of smoking in certain premises, places and vehicles and for amending the minimum age of persons to whom tobacco may be sold; to make provision in relation to the prevention and control of health care associated infections; to make provision in relation to the management and use of controlled drugs; to make provision in relation to the supervision of certain dealings with medicinal products and the running of pharmacy premises, and about orders under the Medicines Act 1968 and orders amending that Act under the Health Act 1999; to make further provision about the National Health Service in England and Wales and about the recovery of National Health Service costs; to make provision for the establishment and functions of the Appointments Commission; to make further provision about the exercise of social care training functions; and for connected purposes.

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 Ian Cawsey, Mr Alan Campbell: 364.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 21.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

8 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Gillian Merron):—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 Rates (Capital Values, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Gillian Merron);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

10 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 16th February, 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 Secretary Hutton relating to Social Security and Pensions not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Gillian Merron.)

11 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Cumbria against plans to merge Cumbria police force 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 Ian Cawsey);

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-eight minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Highways.—Crime Prevention (Designated Areas) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006, No. 302), dated 9th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Other Papers:

2 Defence (Votes A), 2006–07.— Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 2007 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 869] [Secretary John Reid].

3 Government Resources and Accounts.—Treasury Minute, dated 14th February 2006, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2006 [by Act] [John Healey].

4 School Standards and Framework.—Account of Speke Garston Education Action Zone for 1st April 2004 to 9th January 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 914] [Clerk of the House].

5 Supply Estimates, 2005–06.—Spring Supplementary Estimates for—
   (1) Central Government for 2005–06 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 827] [John Healey]; and
   (2) House of Commons: Administration for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 908] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft International Development Association (Fourteenth Replenishment) Order 2006,— The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Grogan from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Angela C. Smith.

2 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006,— The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jonathan Djanogly from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Jones.

3 European Union Documents Nos. 13700/05 and 13759/05 relating to a Strategy for the Protection and Conservation of the Marine Environment,— The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Hamilton and Mr David Kidney from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Michael Connarty and Huw Irranca-Davies.

4 European Union Document No. 11439/05 relating to Value Added Tax,— The Committee of Selection has discharged Susan Kramer from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Dr Vincent Cable.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 14th February [Mr Frank Doran]

2 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Compensation culture], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 754-I and -II]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Legal Services Commission]; to be printed [No. 919-i]
   [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Protecting and preserving our heritage]; to be printed [No. 912-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Terrorism Detention Powers]; to be printed [No. 910-ii] [Mr John Denham].

5 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Private Sector Development]; to be printed [No. 921-i] [Malcolm Bruce].
6 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Memorandum laid before the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Buncefield Oil Depot Incident]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Is there a future for Regional Government?]
[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

7 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Putting Citizens First: The Report from the Commission on Boundary Differences and Voting Systems]; to be printed [No. 924-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Sewel Convention: The Westminster Perspective], to be printed [No. 925]
[Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

8 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade and Investment Opportunities with India]; to be printed [No. 881-ii] [Peter Luff].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Inclusion], to be printed [No. 848-ii] [Mr John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs.—Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Proposed Restructuring of the Police Forces 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. 751] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 108; WH, No. 67]
Tuesday 14th February 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Watson.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 109.]
Wednesday 15th February 2006.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill.—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from Standing Committee B. That it had gone through the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:
A Bill to require the Secretary of State to report annually on total expenditure on international aid and on the breakdown of such aid, and in particular on progress towards the target for expenditure on official development assistance to constitute 0.7 per cent. of gross national income; to require such reports to contain information about expenditure by country, about the proportion of expenditure in low income countries and about the effectiveness of aid expenditure and the transparency of international aid; and for connected purposes.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th May; and to be printed [Bill 130].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Energy.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Renewable Energy Authority; to lay upon the Authority a duty to promote the use of renewable energy and energy conservation; and for connected purposes. And that Dr Desmond Turner, Colin Challen, Mr David Chaytor, Robert Key, Dr Ian Gibson, Joan Walley, David Lepper, Helen Goodman and Mr David Amess do prepare and bring it in.

3 Energy Bill.—Dr Desmond Turner accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Renewable Energy Authority; to lay upon the Authority a duty to promote the use of renewable energy and energy conservation; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 129].
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 at this day’s sitting.

2. The proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table.

3. Each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

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4. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

5. 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—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

5 Terrorism Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Terrorism Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 5.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Clarke).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Frank Roy: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 277.

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 consideration of Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put forthwith the remaining Questions to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 11, 15, 28, 31, 32 and 34 were disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 5, 11, 15, 28, 31, 32 and 34 disagreed to.

6 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Northern Ireland,—That the draft Rates (Capital Values, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved.

Ayes: 279.

Noes: 226.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Terrorism Bill,—The House, according to Order, again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Terrorism Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 22.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Hazel Blears).
And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 319.
Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 255.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendments Nos. 23 and 29 were 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—(*Hazel Blears*);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 319.
Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 255.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 26 and 27 were disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (e)) made to the Bill, and to the words restored to the Bill by this House’s disagreement with Lords Amendment No. 28, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 25, 26 and 27 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4, 6 to 10, 12 to 14, 16 to 21, 24, 30, 33 and 35 to 49 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 22, 23 and 29;

That Vera Baird, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Dominic Grieve and Joan Ryan be members of the Committee;

That Mr Secretary Clarke be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee; and

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(*Joan Ryan*)—It was agreed to.

8 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (Continuance in force of sections 1 to 9) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved—(*Hazel Blears*);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (Continuance in force of sections 1 to 9) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.

9 Terrorism Bill.—Mr Secretary Clarke reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Terrorism Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 22, 23 and 29 for the following Reason:

Because the Commons do not consider that it is appropriate that approval of a judge be required before a notice can be served under Clause No. 3.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

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 Stormont Estate (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(*Tony Cunningham*)—It was agreed to.
11 Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pension Protection Fund (Risk-based Pension Protection Levy) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Rosemary Cecilia Spooner and staff, residents, carers and supporters of Orchard Lea Residential Care Home, Cullompton, Devon against the closure of the care home;

(2) the Health Service Journal and staff and managers in NHS organisations against any weakening of a comprehensive ban on smoking in enclosed public places; and

(3) the Association of Directors of Public Health and its members against any weakening of a comprehensive ban on smoking in enclosed public places were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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 Cinemas and Film,—Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Pensions,—Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 Social Security,—Draft Employment Zones (Allocation to Contractors) Pilot Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Bee Diseases,—Bee Diseases and Pests Control (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 342), dated 11th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

8 National Lottery etc,—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Arts Council of Wales for 2004-05, with Summary Financial Statement of the Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution Account for 2004-05 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Overseas Territories,—Uzbekistan (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 310), dated 14th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Thirteenth to Seventeenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005-06 [by Command] [Cm. 6743] [John Healey].
11 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions [30th January and 1st February] from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006, with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

13 Terrorism.—Report on the Operation in 2005 of Part 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

14 United Nations,—Lebanon and Syria (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 311), dated 14th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Legislative and Regulatory Reform 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: Gordon Banks, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Christopher Chope, Rosie Cooper, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Mark Harper, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Heath, Meg Hillier, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, David Howarth, Barbara Keeley, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Jim Murphy, Alison Seabeck and Angela Watkinson.

2 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2006, and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Mr David Burrowes, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Ian Davidson, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr David Hamilton, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Dai Havard, Mr David Heath, Mark Lazarowicz, Martin Linton, Mike Penning, Geraldine Smith, John Smith, Emily Thornberry, John Thurso, Angela Watkinson, Mrs Betty Williams, Hywel Williams and Pete Wishart.

3 Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhand, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Nigel Evans, Dr Ian Gibson, Charles Hendry, Helen Jones, Anne Milton, Mr George Mudie, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Dan Rogerson, Mr Dennis Skinner, Sir Robert Smith, Graham Stringer and Malcolm Wicks.

4 Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts in Liverpool and Salford) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Kevin Brennan, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr John Grogan, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr David Heath, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Sadiq Khan, Martin Linton, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Michael Meacher, Dr Doug Naysmith, John Penrose, Mr Graham Stuart, Andrew Stunell, Mr Ian Taylor and Angela Watkinson.

5 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Lorely Burt, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Gauke, Susan Kramer, Mr Pat McFadden, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Jamie Reed, Andrew Selous, Mr Andrew Smith, Kitty Ussher, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Michael Wills.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 12588/05 relating to Civil Aviation Security,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Henry Bellingham, Tom Brake, Lyn Brown, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Mark Lancaster, Chris McCarthy, Patrick Mercer, Paul Rowen, Mr Lee Scott and Mr Andrew Slaughter.

7 European Union Document No. 16106/05 and Addendum 1 relating to Competition: Maritime Transport,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Crispin Blunt, Peter Bottomley, Colin Burgon, Mr Vernon Coaker, Angela Eagle, Mr Robert Goodwill, Katie Hoey, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Alan Reid, Sir Robert Smith, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

8 European Union Document No. 9606/05 and Addendum 1, relating to protection of chickens kept for meat production, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

9 European Union Document No. 5198/06, relating to adoption by co-decision of measures relating to maintenance obligations, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Fourth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Response to the Second Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on the Reform of the EU Sugar Regime], to be printed [No. 927] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xix], and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report 2005], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 574]; and
   (2) Second Report from the Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2004–05], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 522] [Mike Gapes].

5 International Development,—(1) First Special Report from the International Development Committee [Delivering the goods: HIV/AIDS and the provision of anti-retrovirals: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 922]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Conflict and development: peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction]; to be printed [No. 923-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Work of the Committee in 2005], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 928]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 886-ii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].
7 Public Accounts.—(1) Thirty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Working with the voluntary sector]; to be printed [No. 717]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Resource Accounts 2004-05]; to be printed [No. 933-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [900-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-viii] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Department for Transport’s Executive Agencies—Driver and Vehicle Operator Group and the Highways Agency]; to be printed [No. 907-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Child Support Agency]; to be printed [No. 920] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 109; WH, No. 68]

Wednesday 15th February 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 5.42 p.m.]

Thursday 16th February 2006.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 European Standing Committee.—Hywel Williams reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:
That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 11439/05, draft Council directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC as regards the place of supply of services; and welcomes the principle that tax is due in the country where the service is consumed and that there is a need to create a level playing field for businesses engaged in cross border transactions of services which are subject to VAT.
Resolution 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:
Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to establish and make provision about the office of Commissioner for Older People in Wales; to make provision about the functions of the Commissioner for Older People in Wales; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords].—The Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 27th February and to be printed [Bill 132].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 132-EN].

5 Bus Services Bill.—The Order for reading the Bus Services Bill a second time on Friday 12th May was read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th October.
6 Palliative Care for the Terminally Ill Bill.—The Order for reading the Palliative Care for the Terminally Ill Bill a second time on Friday 17th March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

7 Professional Football (Supporter Involvement) Bill.—The Order for reading the Professional Football (Supporter Involvement) Bill a second time on Friday 3rd March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10th March.

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:

- Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006
- European Union (Accessions) Act 2006
- Equality Act 2006
- Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Act 2006

9 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Clarke, Secretary Alan Johnson and Mr David Hanson, presented a Bill to make provision about registration of electors and the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland; to amend the Northern Ireland Act 1998; to make provision about donations for political purposes; to extend the amnesty period for arms decommissioning in Northern Ireland; and to make miscellaneous amendments in the law relating to Northern Ireland. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 27th February and to be printed [Bill 131].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be printed [Bill 131–EN].

10 Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

11 Pensions.—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

12 Adjournment (Tackling health inequalities).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Caroline Flint);

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

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 Development Association (Fourteenth Replenishment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved.—(Gillian Merron)—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Humberstone, Leicester against the decision of St. Mary’s Parochial Church Council preventing visitors from placing flowers and mementoes at grave sites was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 27th February, pursuant to Order [24th January].

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Measures passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled—

(1) Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure; and
(2) Pastoral (Amendment) Measure

[by Act], to be printed [Nos. 931 and 929] [Clerk of the House].

2 Health and Safety.—Draft Railway Safety Levy Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
3 Highways,—Draft Restricted Byways (Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

4 Competition,—(1) Enterprise Act 2002 (Enforcement Undertakings and Orders) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 355), dated 13th February 2006; and

5 Health and Safety,—Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 336), dated 13th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

**Other Papers:**

6 Armed Forces' Pay,—Report of the Armed Forces' Pay Review Body for 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6740] [Secretary John Reid].

7 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Reports by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the—
   (1) Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure; and
   (2) Pastoral (Amendment) Measure
   [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 932 and 930] [Clerk of the House].

8 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 849] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

9 Human Rights,—Proposal for a draft Marriage Act 1949 (Remedial) Order 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

10 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (1) National Maritime Museum;
   (2) National Museum of Science and Industry; and
   (3) Wallace Collection,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 336, 277 and 832] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

11 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Armouries for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 357] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

12 Police,—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 842] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

13 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Fourth Report of the House of Lords Science and Technology Select Committee, Session 2005–06, on Pandemic Influenza [by Command] [Cm. 6738] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

**APPENDIX II**

**Standing Committees**

1 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Heath, Barbara Keeley, Mr Jim Murphy, Alison Seabeck and Angela Watkinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Mr Martin Caton Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2006 and draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations and Order.
4 Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts in Liverpool and Salford) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 11439/05 relating to Value Added Tax,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Jabez Foster from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Ann Keen.

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 13413/05 and Addendum I on Exchange of Information between Law Enforcement Authorities.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, to be printed [No. 828-v] [Robert Key].

2 Health,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [NHS Charges]; to be printed [No. 815-iv], and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Independent Sector Treatment Centres]; to be printed [No. 934-II]
[Mr Kevin Barron]

[No. 110; WH, No. 69]

Thursday 16th February 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Cash Machine Charges—Fifth Report from the Treasury Committee, Session 2004–05, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ivan Lewis.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 28th February.

[Adjourned at 4.32 p.m.]
Monday 27th February 2006

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence. — The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from the sittings of the House this week.

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 Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill. — The Order for reading the Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill a second time on Friday 3rd March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10th March.

4 Government of Wales Bill (Programme) (No. 2). — A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 9th January 2006 (Government of Wales Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 6 to 8 shall be omitted.
2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two days.
3. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of those days as shown in the first column of the Table and in the order so shown.
4. Each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in relation to it in the second column of the Table.
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 day.

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—(Nick Ainger);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Vernon Coaker, Mr. Dave Watts: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 148.

So the Question was agreed to.
Government of Wales Bill [1st allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Government of Wales Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 36, to leave out subsections (5) and (6) and to insert the words—

'(5) The list must not include a person—
(a) who is included on any other list submitted for the Assembly electoral region or any list submitted for another Assembly electoral region,
(b) who is an individual candidate to be an Assembly member for the Assembly electoral region or another Assembly electoral region,
(c) who is a candidate to be the Assembly member for an Assembly constituency which is not included in the Assembly electoral region, or
(d) who is a candidate to be the Assembly member for an Assembly constituency included in the Assembly electoral region but is not a candidate of the party.

(6) A person may not be an individual candidate to be an Assembly member for the Assembly electoral region if he is—
(a) included on a list submitted by a registered political party for the Assembly electoral region or another Assembly electoral region,
(b) an individual candidate to be an Assembly member for another Assembly electoral region,
(c) a candidate to be the Assembly member for an Assembly constituency which is not included in the Assembly electoral region, or
(d) a candidate of any registered political party to be the Assembly member for an Assembly constituency included in the Assembly electoral region.', instead thereof.—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for the Order relating to Government of Wales Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 205.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Dave Watts: 283.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment selected by the Deputy Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 43, to leave out subsection (8).—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 204.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Dave Watts: 289.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments Nos. 32 and 33 made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 15, after the word ‘affirmation’, to insert the words ‘or in the form of the Assembly Oath set out in subsection (1A)’.—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 17, at the end, to insert the words ‘not belonging to the same political group.’.—(Lembit Öpik.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Roger Williams: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr John Heppell: 269.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 14, to leave out subsections (2) to (9) and insert the words—

‘(1A) The standing orders shall include provision for ensuring that in apportioning Members to committees and sub-committees regard is had to the balance of political parties represented in the Assembly.', instead thereof.—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Roger Williams: 181.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr John Heppell: 270.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 40, to leave out from the word 'effect,' to the word 'to' in line 41 and insert the words 'save in exceptional cases where it is not reasonably possible to do so', instead thereof.—(Hywel Williams.)

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Ordered, That Mr Tim Yeo be discharged from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee and Philip Davies be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Castle Point, Essex, and others against the removal of the bus service from Pitsea to Benfleet; and
(2) residents of Canvey Island, Essex, and others for a pedestrian crossing on Furtherwick Road
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.07 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):

Monday 20th February 2006

1 Treaty Series (No. 1, 2006),—Amendments, done at Geneva on 16th May 1998, to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization [Cm. 6748] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 24th February 2006

2 Slovak Republic (No. 1, 2006),—Agreement, done at Bratislava on 25th March 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Slovak Republic concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6750] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Treaty Series (No. 2, 2006),—Exchange of Notes, done at The Hague on 28th January and 7th June 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands amending the Agreement of 6th October 1965 relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf under the North Sea between the Two Countries as amended by the Protocol of 25th November 1971 [Cm. 6749] [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 17th February 2006

4 Income Tax,—(1) Registered Pension Schemes (Modification of the Rules of Existing Schemes) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 364); and
(2) Registered Pension Schemes (Unauthorised Payments by Existing Schemes) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 365), dated 16th February 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Ivan Lewis].
### Monday 20th February 2006


### Wednesday 22nd February 2006

7 Housing,—(1) Housing (Empty Dwelling Management Orders) (Prescribed Exceptions and Requirements) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 367);

- (2) Housing (Interim Management Orders) (Prescribed Circumstances) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 369);

- (3) Housing (Management Orders and Empty Dwelling Management Orders) (Supplemental Provisions) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 368);

- (4) Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Houses (Miscellaneous Provisions) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 373);

- (5) Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Prescribed Descriptions) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 371);

- (6) Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 372); and


9 National Health Service,—Public Benefit Corporation (Register of Members) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 361), dated 15th February 2006 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


### Thursday 23rd February 2006

11 Immigration,—Immigration Services Commissioner (Designated Professional Body) (Fees) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 400), dated 20th February 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Clarke].

12 Transport,—Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 397), dated 16th February 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

### Friday 24th February 2006

13 Copyright,—Copyright and Performances (Application to Other Countries) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 316), dated 14th February 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 International Immunities and Privileges,—Commonwealth Countries and Ireland (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 309), dated 14th February 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Straw].

15 Medicines,—Medicines (Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products for Human Use) (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 395), dated 14th February 2006 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

16 National Health Service,—(1) Health Service Commissioner for England (Special Health Authorities) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 305), dated 14th February 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum; and

- (2) National Health Service (Functions of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and Administration Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 359), dated 14th February 2006 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

17 Patents,—Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 315), dated 14th February 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].
Friday 24th February 2006


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 27th February 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

19 Constitutional Law.—(1) Draft Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006;
   (2) draft Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2006; and
   (3) draft Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

20 International Immunities and Privileges.—Draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

21 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

22 Pensions.—Occupational Pension Schemes (Republic of Ireland Schemes Exemption (Revocation) and Tax Exempt Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments)) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 467), dated 23rd February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

   (3) Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Duration of Licence) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 427), dated 15th February 2006; and

Other Papers:

24 Constitutional Affairs.—Government Response to the First Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on The Courts: small claims [by Command] [Cm. 6754] [Ms Harriet Harman].

25 House of Commons Members Estimate.—Concordance of Resolutions: List of Provisions of the Resolutions of the House relating to expenditure charged to the Estimate for House of Commons: Members, as codified and modified pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 152D [by Standing Order], to be printed [No. 950] [Mr Geoffrey Hoon].

26 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Department for International Development: Tsunami: Provision of Financial Support for Humanitarian Assistance;
   (2) Ministry of Defence: Progress in Combat Identification;
   (3) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Enhancing Urban Green Space; and
   (4) Tackling Child Obesity—First Steps [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 803, 936, 935 and 801] [Clerk of the House].

27 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [No. 913] [Mr Secretary Hain].

28 Prisons.—Report of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales for 2004–05 [by Act], to be printed [No. 883] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
29 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions [19th December] from residents of Thundersley area and others for improved toilet facilities in Castle Point, Essex; and [20th December] from the Canvey Independent Party and others against the closure of public toilets in Castle Point [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Campbell from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Implementation of Strasbourg Judgments: First Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 954]; and
(2) Fourteenth Report from the Committee [Legislative Scrutiny: Sixth Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 955]
[Mr Andrew Dismore]

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Royal Parks and the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain]; to be printed [No. 644];
(2) Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee [Returning failed asylum applicants]; to be printed [No. 620];
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Improving Poorly Performing Schools in England]; to be printed [No. 956-i];
(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [National Audit Office Supply Estimate 2006–07]; to be printed [No. 957-i]; and
(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Northern Ireland Audit Office Supply Estimate 2006–07]; to be printed [No. 958-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh]

3 Work and Pensions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Incapacity Benefits and Pathways to Work]; to be printed [No. 616-iii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Incapacity Benefits and Pathways to Work]
[Mr Terry Rooney]

Tuesday 28th February 2006.

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

1 The Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 27th February of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, Sir Alan Haselhurst, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

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2 The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

3 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee C. That it had gone through the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the title as follows:

A Bill to make provision about the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases, the alleviation of fuel poverty, the promotion of microgeneration and the use of heat produced from renewable sources, the renewables obligation relating to the generation and supply of electricity and the adjustment of transmission charges for electricity; and for connected purposes.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th March; and to be printed [Bill 133].

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

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2006, and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

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

5 European Standing Committee.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13413/05 and ADD 1, Draft Framework Decision on the exchange of information under the principle of availability; and supports the Government in welcoming the general application of the Principle of Availability to the exchange of information between law enforcement authorities, subject to detailed consideration of the adequacy of data protection and other safeguards and of the cost and technical feasibility of specific proposals.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

6 Education and Inspections Bill.—Secretary Ruth Kelly, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Secretary Ham, Mr David Miliband, Mr Secretary Hutton and Jacqui Smith, presented a Bill to make provision about primary, secondary and further education and about training; to make provision about food or drink provided on school premises or in connection with the provision of education or childcare; to provide for the establishment of an Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills and the appointment of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills and make provision about the functions of that Office and that Chief Inspector; to provide for the amendment of references to local education authorities and children’s services authorities; to amend section 29 of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 in relation to university bodies; 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 134].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Education and Inspections Bill be printed [Bill 134–EN].

7 Trespass with a Vehicle (Offences).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to create an offence of criminal trespass with a vehicle; and for connected purposes: And that Mr James Paice, Mr Peter Ainsworth, David T. C. Davies, Mr Dominic Grieve, Gregory Barker, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Mark Prisk, Andrew Selous, Mr Andrew Turner and Bill Wiggin do prepare and bring it in.

8 Trespass with a Vehicle (Offences) Bill.—Mr James Paice accordingly presented a Bill to create an offence of criminal trespass with a vehicle; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 135].

9 Government of Wales Bill [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Government of Wales Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 32, to leave out the words ‘Assembly Government’ and insert the word ‘Executive’, instead thereof.—(David Mundell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 25, to leave out Clause No. 51.—(David Mundell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 27, to leave out Clause No. 60.—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 28, after the word ‘anything’, to insert the words ‘within their powers’—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 282.

Amendment (No. 62) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 7, to leave out Clauses Nos. 92 to 101—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr David Evennett: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 337.

Another Amendment (No. 34) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 51, line 38, to leave out subsections (7) and (8) and insert—

‘(7) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 30 days beginning immediately after the day on which notice of the Assembly’s resolution is received, submit the draft to the Clerk.

(8) It is for the Clerk to submit draft Orders in Council for approval by Her Majesty in Council; instead thereof.—(Jenny Willott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Adrian Sanders, Lorely Burt: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr John Heppell: 275.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35 to 40, 67 and 41 to 55) made to the Bill.

A Clause (NC2) (Referendum not to be held more than ten years after passing of Act)—(David Mundell)—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, Michael Fabricant: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 324.

Another Clause (NC11) (Allocation of funds)—(Lembit Öpik)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Stunell, Lorely Burt: 44.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 281.

And it being after half-past Eight o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on a new Clause selected by the Deputy Speaker for separate decision, pursuant to Order [27th February].

Another Clause (NC12) (Business scheme)—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—brought up, read the first time, and added 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 Frank Roy, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 143.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

10 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 14th December, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.
11 Value Added Tax,—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. 11439/05, draft Council directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC as regards the place of supply of services; and welcomes the principle that tax is due in the country where the service is consumed and that there is a need to create a level playing field for businesses engaged in cross border transactions of services which are subject to VAT.—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.


13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Serious Organised Crime Agency,—Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Application and Modification of Certain Enactments to Designated Staff of SOCA) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Health and Safety,—Management of Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 438), dated 23rd February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

4 National Health Service,—Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 401), dated 19th February 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:


6 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland, entitled Into the West (Tyrone and Fermanagh) Ltd: Use of Agents [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 877] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Education and Skills,—Government Response to the First Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2005–06, on The Schools White Paper: Higher Standards, Better Schools For All [by Command] [Cm. 6747] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

8 Northern Ireland,—Report of the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company for 2004–05 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Pensions,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Code of Practice No. 3 by the Pensions Regulator on Funding defined benefits, and the Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Funding) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3377) [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

10 Terrorism,—Draft Code of Practice for the detention, treatment and questioning of detained persons and for the identification of persons by police officers under the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11 Water Industry,—Security and Emergency Measures (Water Undertakers) Direction 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Papers withdrawn:

12 Pensions. —Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Code of Practice No. 3 by the Pensions Regulator on Funding defined benefits [laid 9th December], and the Occupational Pension Schemes (Scheme Funding) Regulations 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3377) [laid 12th December] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2006, and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006. —The Committee of Selection has discharged Kevin Brennan, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mark Lazarowicz, John Smith and Hywel Williams from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Miller, Adam Price, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Antony Wright (Great Yarmouth) and David Wright.

2 European Union Document No. 13413/05 and ADD 1 relating to the exchange of information between Law Enforcement Authorities. —The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham and Ms Gisela Stuart from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Siobhain McDonagh and John Robertson.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration. —Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 28th February [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs. —(1) Fourth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Legal Services Commission: removal of Specialist Support 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. 919]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Department for Constitutional Affairs: key policies and priorities]; to be printed [No. 566-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill. —Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xii] [Sir Peter Soulsby].

4 Defence. —(1) Second Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Response to the Second Report of the Committee, Session 2003-06: Future Carrier and Joint Combat Aircraft Programme]; to be printed [No. 926]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Defence Industrial Strategy]; to be printed [No. 824-iii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Home Affairs. —(1) Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Draft Sentencing Guideline: Robbery]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 947]; and
(2) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Terrorism Detention Powers]; to be printed [No. 910-iii] [Mr John Denham].

6 Trade and Industry. —(1) Eleventh Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Responses to the Second Report from the Committee, on Royal Mail after liberalisation]; to be printed [No. 960]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Trade and Investment Opportunities with India]; to be printed [No. 881-iii] [Peter Luff].

7 Treasury. —Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Inclusion]; to be printed [No. 848-iii] [Mr John McFall].

8 Welsh Affairs. —Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales]; to be printed [No. 876-iii] [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 28th February 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

Wednesday 1st March 2006.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 27th February of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, Sir Alan Haselhurst, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

2 The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

3 Spoliation Advisory Panel,—Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there will be laid before this House a Return of the Report from the Right Honourable Sir David Hirst, Chairman of the Spoliation Advisory Panel, in respect of a painting held by the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.—(Tony Cunningham.)

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006.

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 insist on certain of their Amendments to the Terrorism Bill, to which this House has disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reasons; they agree without Amendment to certain Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of certain Lords Amendments to which this House has disagreed; they disagree to the remaining Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of certain Lords Amendments to which this House has disagreed, for which disagreement they assign their Reasons.

NHS Redress Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about arrangements for redress in relation to liability in tort in connection with services provided as part of the health service in England or Wales; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Terrorism Bill,—Lords Reasons for insisting on certain Lords Amendments and disagreement to certain Commons Amendments in lieu to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 138].

7 NHS Redress Bill [Lords].—The NHS Redress Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 137].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the NHS Redress Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 137–EN].

8 Video Games,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Video Recordings Act 1984 to extend certain provisions of that Act to video games and to make provision about the labelling of video games: And that Keith Vaz, Annette Brooke, Mrs Betty Williams, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, Mrs Iris Robinson, Jessica Morden, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Mike Hancock, Sir Nicholas Winterton, Mr Stephen Crabb and Derek Wyatt do prepare and bring it in.

9 Video Games Bill,—Keith Vaz accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Video Recordings Act 1984 to extend certain provisions of that Act to video games and to make provision about the labelling of video games: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 136].
10 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.

Dentistry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the achievement of good oral health through the provision and control of NHS dentistry; calls, therefore, on the Government to fulfil its commitment that everyone should have access to NHS dentistry, is alarmed that the British Dental Association regards the new dental contract as 'a shambles' and is concerned that many dentists will reduce their commitment to NHS dentistry; and further calls on the Government to withdraw the National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts) Regulations 2005 and the National Health Service (Personal Dental Service Agreements) Regulations 2005 and immediately to re-open negotiations with the dental profession on dental services contracts which are piloted and linked to patient registration and capitation payments, support for preventative work and the achievement of good oral health—(Mr Andrew Lansley),

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s Oral Health Plan for England, which builds on major oral health improvements in the last 30 years, and the additional £368 million for improving dental services in England announced in July 2004; recognises the Government’s substantial achievements in improving the short and longer term supply of dentists for the NHS including recruiting the equivalent of an extra 1,459 whole-time dentists between April 2004 and October 2005, compared to the 1,000 extra dentists promised, and funding an additional 170 training places; further recognises that the Government is investing £80 million in improving dental school facilities, and has approved the establishment of a new dental school in the South West Peninsula; notes that the total number of primary care dentists in the NHS had increased to more than 21,000 by the end of October 2005, compared with 16,700 in 1997; further welcomes the reduction in the maximum patient charge from £384 to £189 from 1st April; further welcomes the new ways of working tested through Personal Dental Services pilots; supports the framework for new dental contracts which will free up significantly more time to provide preventative care, remove the requirement for NHS dentists to treat patients on a fee for service basis and ensure that a committed NHS dentist can expect to earn on average around £80,000 a year; and further welcomes the fact that, where dentists do not take up new contracts, primary care trusts will commission replacement services from other dentists, instead thereof.—(Ms Rosie Winterton.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Henry Bellingham: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Claire Ward: 287.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—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 Oral Health Plan for England, which builds on major oral health improvements in the last 30 years, and the additional £368 million for improving dental services in England announced in July 2004; recognises the Government’s substantial achievements in improving the short and longer term supply of dentists for the NHS including recruiting the equivalent of an extra 1,459 whole-time dentists between April 2004 and October 2005, compared to the 1,000 extra dentists promised, and funding an additional 170 training places; further recognises that the Government is investing £80 million in improving dental school facilities, and has approved the establishment of a new dental school in the South West Peninsula; notes that the total number of primary care dentists in the NHS had increased to more than 21,000 by the end of October 2005, compared with 16,700 in 1997; further welcomes the reduction in the maximum patient charge from £384 to £189 from 1st April; further welcomes the new ways of working tested through Personal Dental Services pilots; supports the framework for new dental contracts which will free up significantly more time to provide preventative care, remove the requirement for NHS dentists to treat patients on a fee for service basis and ensure that a committed NHS dentist can expect to earn on average around £80,000 a year; and further welcomes the fact that, where dentists do not take up new contracts, primary care trusts will commission replacement services from other dentists.
Future of cancer services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises that there have been improvements in the provision of cancer care due to the extra investment in the NHS and the hard work and dedication of NHS staff, but notes that a different approach is now needed to raise standards of treatment throughout the entire patient pathway to the best levels achieved in other European countries; believes that more should be done to end the postcode lottery in drugs and treatments; wishes to see more done to raise awareness of the risk factors and symptoms of cancer; further believes that cancer is increasingly a long-term condition and that there should now be a greater recognition of the importance of quality of life issues; and calls on the Government to give the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence a much stronger role in establishing holistic standards and entitlements to care covering the entire patient pathway.—(Mr John Baron);

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 the Government has made the improvement of cancer services a key priority through the implementation of the NHS Cancer Plan which sets out to reorganise and rejuvenate cancer services and has provided the NHS with investment to modernise these services; welcomes the achievements set out in the Twentieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, the NHS Cancer Plan: a progress report, which acknowledged that significant progress has been made across the country; notes that the total death rate for cancer in people under 75 has fallen by 14 per cent. since 1996; acknowledges that under this Government unprecedented investment in equipment is helping to improve both access to, and reliability of, diagnosis and treatment; further notes that specialist teams have been established across the country to help deliver co-ordinated care to patients in hospitals; further welcomes the fact that the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence is introducing a new fast track assessment process to enable them to issue binding advice to the NHS on the most important new drugs within weeks of them receiving a licence; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to continuing to deliver the commitments in the NHS Cancer Plan", instead thereof.—(Ms Secretary Hewitt.)

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, Andrew Rosindell: 228.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Ian Cawsey: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House recognises that the Government has made the improvement of cancer services a key priority through the implementation of the NHS Cancer Plan which sets out to reorganise and rejuvenate cancer services and has provided the NHS with investment to modernise these services; welcomes the achievements set out in the Twentieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, the NHS Cancer Plan: a progress report, which acknowledged that significant progress has been made across the country; notes that the total death rate for cancer in people under 75 has fallen by 14 per cent. since 1996; acknowledges that under this Government unprecedented investment in equipment is helping to improve both access to, and reliability of, diagnosis and treatment; further notes that specialist teams have been established across the country to help deliver co-ordinated care to patients in hospitals; further welcomes the fact that the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence is introducing a new fast track assessment process to enable them to issue binding advice to the NHS on the most important new drugs within weeks of them receiving a licence; further notes that this Government has commissioned research to enable initiatives to raise awareness of the symptoms of cancer to be targeted on people most at risk; further notes that there has been a 43 per cent. increase in cancer consultants since 1997; acknowledges that there has been a 40 per cent. increase in cancers detected through breast screening; and further welcomes the Government’s commitment to continuing to deliver the commitments in the NHS Cancer Plan.
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 (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

12 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

13 Representation of the People (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the UK against discrimination that prevents parents from feeding their babies in public places;
(2) Brighton and Hove Chinese Society against the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill; and
(3) residents of Canvey Island and others against an application to build twelve flats at the corner of Somnes Avenue and Maple Avenue

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

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.) 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 Insolvency,—Draft Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Lord Chancellor,—Draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

3 Pensions,—Draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

4 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (Northern Ireland),—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Revised Code of Practice for the Identification of Persons by Police Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Electricity,—Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 56), dated 16th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Immigration,—(1) Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 493), dated 27th February 2006 [by Act]; and (2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 949], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

8 Insolvency,—(1) Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I), 2006, No. 23), dated 2nd February 2006;
   (2) Insolvency (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I), 2006, No. 54), dated 16th February 2006; and
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 5th December 2005, made by the Governing Body of Emmanuel College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

10 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong: July–December 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6751] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [26th January] from Mrs Geraldine Mitchell and others against plans to expand Luton Airport [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Reserve Forces,—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order for Sierra Leone and the Congo under section 56(1) of that Act, dated 1st March 2006 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

13 Spoliation Advisory Panel,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report from the Right Honourable Sir David Hirst, Chairman of the Spoliation Advisory Panel, in respect of a painting held by the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 890] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

14 Supply Estimates, 2004–05,—Statement of Excesses for 2004–05 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 896] [John Healey].

15 Treaty Series (No. 3, 2006),—Exchange of Notes, done at Jakarta on 21st and 29th September 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Indonesia Debt Agreements No. 2 (1998), No. 3 (2000) and No. 4 (2002) Amendment) [by Command] [Cm. 6753] [Mr Secretary Straw].

16 Work and Pensions,—Reports by the Government Actuary and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the draft of the Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6758] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 and the draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, John Batten, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mrs Ann Cryer, Tony Cunningham, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Fabian Hamilton, David Howarth, Mr David Kidney, Anne Main, Mr Dan Rogerson, Andrew Rosindell, Clare Short, Ms Gisela Stuart and Bill Wiggin.

2 Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Parmjit Dhanda from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Campbell.

3 Draft Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendment) Order 2006:
   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Bone, Kevin Brennan, James Brokenshire, Chris Bryant, Jim Cousins, Frank Dobson, Angela Eagle, Jeff Ennis, Mr David Heath, Mr Doug Henderson, Martin Horwood, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Bridget Prentice, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Angela Watkinson and Jeremy Wright.
4 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2006:
   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Charlotte Atkins, Philip Davies, Mr Philip Dunne, Helen Goodman, Mr John Heppell, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr David Jones, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Laws, Mr Gordon Marsden, Helen Southworth, Mr John Spellar, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Nigel Waterson and Angela Watkinson.

European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 15143/05 and Addendum 1 relating to Air Traffic Management,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David S. Borrow, Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Nicholas Brown, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr John Leech, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Mr Mark Todd.

6 European Union Document No. 5130/06 and Addendum 1, relating to the promotion of clean road vehicles, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 828-vi] [Mr George Howarth].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xiv] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Education and Skills,—(1) Second Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Public Expenditure], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 479]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [No. 478-vii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Response to the Fourth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on The Departmental Annual Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 966]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Climate change: role of bioenergy], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 965-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 Environmental Audit,—Third Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Procurement: The Way Forward], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 740] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twentieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xx]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

7 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Connecting Parliament with the Public]; to be printed [No. 951-i] [Mr Geoffrey Hoon].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland], to be printed [No. 886-iii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

9 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Corporation Tax]; to be printed [No. 967-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].
11 Statutory Instruments.—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xix] [Mr Eric Forth]

[No. 113; WH, No. 71]

Wednesday 1st March 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 5.13 p.m.]

[No. 114.]

Thursday 2nd March 2006.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 27th February of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee the following Resolution:
That, in the case of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the parties be permitted to insert their Additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill thinks fit.

The Resolution was agreed to.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts in Liverpool and Salford) Order 2006.

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

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2006.

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

6 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords],—The Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Children and Adoption 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 16th March 2006.
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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

8. Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] [Money],

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Children and Adoption 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 John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

9. Exchange of Information between Law Enforcement Authorities.—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. 13413/05 and ADD 1, Draft Framework Decision on the exchange of information under the principle of availability; and supports the Government in welcoming the general application of the principle of availability to the exchange of information between law enforcement authorities, subject to detailed consideration of the adequacy of data protection and other safeguards and of the cost and technical feasibility of specific proposals—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

10. Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Middleton, Felpham, Bognor Regis and others against a proposal for a Vodafone base station site at Middleton Road, Felpham was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11. Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

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

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

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 6.18 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Children and Young Persons.—Draft Information Sharing Index (England) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—(1) Gaming Act 1968 (Variation of Fees) (England and Wales) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 543);

(2) Gaming Act 1968 (Variation of Fees) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 541); and

(3) Lotteries (Gambling Commission Fees) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 542), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereto [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


4. Pensions.—(1) Draft Code of Practice No. 5 by the Pensions Regulator on Reporting late payment of contributions to occupational money purchase schemes; and

(2) Draft Code of Practice No. 6 by the Pensions Regulator on Reporting late payment of contributions to personal pensions [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
Other Papers:

5 Constitutional Law,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2006 [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [19th January] from residents and businesses of Hartlepool and others for a direct rail link from Hartlepool to London [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

7 Constitutional Law,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2006 [laid 28th February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 and draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

2 Draft Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendment) Order 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts in Liverpool and Salford) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Harriet Harman and Dr Doug Naysmith from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Huw Irranca-Davies and Bridget Prentice.

4 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order 2006.

5 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andy Reed and Mr Michael Wills from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello and Mark Tami.

European Standing Committees

6 The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 16106/05 and Addendum 1 on Competition: Maritime Transport.

7 The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 12588/05 on Civil Aviation Security.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, to be printed [No. 828-vii] [Mr George Howarth].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Politics and Administration: Ministers and Civil Servants], to be printed [No. 660-iii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 114; WH, No. 72]

Thursday 2nd March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Lone parent employment),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.]
[No. 115.]

Friday 3rd March 2006.

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 Motion to sit in private,—Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That the House sit in private.

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Barbara Keeley: 0.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Adrian Bailey, Nia Griffith: 38.

   So the Question was negatived.

4 Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill,—The Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill;

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

   And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 10th March.

6 Local Government and Planning (Parkland and Windfall Development) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government and Planning (Parkland and Windfall Development) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

7 Breastfeeding Etc. Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Breastfeeding Etc. Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

8 Care of Older and Incapacitated People (Human Rights) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Care of Older and Incapacitated People (Human Rights) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

9 Breast Cancer Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Breast Cancer Bill be now read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 10th March.

10 Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th March.

11 Registration Service Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration Service Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

12 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd December, That the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill be now read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 12th May.

13 Procurement of Innovative Technologies and Research Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Procurement of Innovative Technologies and Research Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.
14 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Bexleyheath and Crayford in support of the Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill 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 four minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th March.

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Hill Farm Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 518), dated 27th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Competition,—Enterprise Act 2002 (Water Services Regulation Authority) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 522), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Consumer Protection,—Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts (Amendment) and Water Act 2003 (Transitional Provision) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 523), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Education,—(1) Education (Designated Institutions in Further Education) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 408); and

(2) Workers’ Educational Association (Designated Institution in Further Education) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 409),
dated 23rd February 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Fees and Charges,—Medicines for Human Use and Medical Devices (Fees Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 494), dated 27th February 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (Fees) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 515), dated 28th February 2006 [by Statutory Instrument] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 National Health Service,—Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Membership and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 486), dated 24th February 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Social Care,—Commission for Social Care Inspection (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 517), dated 28th February 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Social Security,—(1) Social Security Pensions (Low Earnings Threshold) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 500); and

(2) Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 496),
dated 27th February 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Paper:

10 Treaty Series (No. 4, 2006),—Amendments, done at London on 5th June 2003, to the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 6756] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers withdrawn:

MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2006

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from the sittings of the House this week.

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 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 and the draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2006.

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

4 European Standing Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 16106/05 and Addendum, Draft Council Regulation repealing Regulation (EEC) No. 4056/86 laying down detailed rules for the application of Articles 85 and 86 to maritime transport, and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1/2003 as regards the extension of its scope to include cabotage and international tramp services; and endorses the Government’s intention to support the Commission’s proposal to repeal Regulation 4056/86, whilst encouraging the Commission in its ongoing discussions with the liner shipping industry and its customers.

Resolution 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:

Consolidation Bills,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of twelve Lords to join with a Committee of this House as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills; that they have ordered that the Committee have the power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; and that the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee shall, if the Committee think fit, be printed.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill to which this House has disagreed and agree without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of certain of the Lords Amendments, but they insist on their remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reasons.

6 Identity Cards Bill,—Lords Reasons for insisting on certain Lords Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 139].

7 Police and Justice Bill,—The Police and Justice Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Police and Justice Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Police and 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 Tuesday 28th March 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

9 Police and Justice Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Police and Justice Bill [Money];

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

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act;
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided;

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Alan Campbell).—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 Community Order (Review by Specified Courts in Liverpool and Salford) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 19th January, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

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 (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

12 Electricity,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

13 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 7th March, 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 Mr Ivan Lewis to take note of various European Union documents relating to financial management not later than three hours after their commencement; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

14 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Mrs Madeline Moon be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Albert Owen be added.—(Joan Ryan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.41 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electronic Communications,—Draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty for Persistent Misuse of Network or Service) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Coroners,—Gloucestershire (Coroners’ Districts) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 544), dated 16th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].


5 Education,—Education (Budget Statements) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 511), dated 27th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

6 Insolvency,—Insolvency Proceedings (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 561), dated 2nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 80); and (2) Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 79), dated 18th February 2006 [by Statutory Instrument], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].


11 Regulatory Reform,—Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Subordinate Provisions Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 484), dated 23rd February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Other Papers:

13 Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 6th March 2006, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2006 [by Act] [Mr Des Browne].
14 Home Office.—Paper, entitled A Points-Based System: Making Migration Work for Britain [by Command] [Cm. 6741] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

15 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Delivering Efficiently: Strengthening the links in public service delivery chains; and
   (2) HM Prison Service: Servicing Time: Prisoner Diet and Exercise [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 940 and 939] [Clerk of the House].

16 Supply Estimates, 2005–06.—Revised Spring Supplementary Estimate for Central Government for 2005–06 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 972] [Mr Des Browne].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill.—The Deputy Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C.

2 Draft Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 and the draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts and Mr Fabian Hamilton from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbins and Mr Tom Harris.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Document No. 16106/05 and Addendum 1 relating to Competition: Maritime Transport.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Eagle from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Ms Sally Keeble.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [UK Compliance with the UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT)]; to be printed [No. 701-iii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

2 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 [Re-licensing]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 606];
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Affordability and the Supply of Housing]; to be printed [No. 703-II];
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Is there a future for Regional Government?]; to be printed [No. 977-II]; and
   (4) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Concessionary Bus Fares] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [UK Sport: Supporting elite athletes]; to be printed [No. 898-ii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Progress in improving government efficiency]; to be printed [No. 978-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Incapacity Benefits and Pathways to Work]; to be printed [No. 616-iv] [Mr Terry Rooney].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 6th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendment) Order 2006.

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

4 European Standing Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12588/05, Draft regulation to replace Regulation 2320/02 on civil aviation security; welcomes the Commission’s initiative in producing a clearer, shorter text which will give more legal certainty; and endorses the Government’s intention to work with the Presidency, the European Parliament and other Member States to resolve outstanding areas of difficulty.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

5 Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Exemption from Regulation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt small and medium-sized enterprises from regulation; and for connected purposes: And that Nick Herbert, Mr Richard Benyon, James Brokenshire, Greg Clark, Mr David Gauke, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Nick Hurd and Mr Shailesh Vara do prepare and bring it in.

6 Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Exemption from Regulation) Bill,—Nick Herbert accordingly presented a Bill to exempt small and medium-sized enterprises from regulation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 140].

7 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 25th January (Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.
2. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.
3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.—(Dr Stephen Ladyman.)

8 Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Report on breaches of Annex VI)—(Paul Rowen)—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 9, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(c) “international agreement” means any agreement adopted by the International Maritime Organisation.’.—(Mr Julian Brazier.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.
9 European Union Financial Management.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. OJ C 301, the European Court of Auditors 2004 Annual Report; No. 11216/05, European Court of Auditors Special Report; No. 1/2005 concerning the management of the European Anti-Fraud Office; No. 11452/05 and Addenda 1 and 2, Protection of the financial interests of the Communities: fight against fraud, Commission’s annual report 2004; No. 12493/05 and Addendum 1, Commission Report: follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions—Council recommendations; No. 12494/05 and Addendum 1, Commission Report: follow-up to 2003 Discharge Decisions—European Parliament Resolutions; No. 12712/05, Commission Staff Working Document: follow-up to the 2003 European Court of Auditors Annual Report; and No. 13532/05, Member States’ replies to the Court of Auditors 2003 Annual Report; and supports the Government’s promotion of measures to improve the level of assurance given on the Community budget—(Mr Ivan Lewis);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [6th March]:—It was agreed to.

10 Strategy for the Protection and Conservation of the Marine Environment.—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. 13759/05, and Addendum 1, Draft Council Directive establishing a Framework for Community Action in the field of Marine Environmental Policy (Marine Strategy Directive); and No. 13700/05 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication: Thematic strategy on the protection and conservation of the marine environment; and agrees with the Government’s view that there is considerable uncertainty over the benefits, costs and effectiveness of the proposed Directive—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.20 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education.—(1) Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 483), dated 26th February 2006;

(2) Student Fees (Inflation Index) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 507), dated 27th February 2006; and

(3) Student Fees (Qualifying Courses and Persons) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 482), dated 26th February 2006

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Other Papers:

6 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on the Department for Social Development: Social Security Agency—Third Party Deductions from Benefit and the Funding of Fernhill House Museum [by Statutory Instrument]: to be printed [No. 901] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Closure of MG Rover [by Act]: to be printed [No. 961] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendment) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Cousins, Angela Eagle and Mr Doug Henderson from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello, Andrew Gwynne and Chris Ruane.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 12588/05 relating to Civil Aviation Security.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris McCaffery from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Bruce George.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Afghanistan]; to be printed [No. 558-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Home Affairs.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control], to be printed [No. 775-v] [Mr John Denham].

3 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [February 2006 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 973-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 117; WH, No. 73]

Tuesday 7th March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Dawn Primarolo);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 118.]

Wednesday 8th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 6th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 HBOS Group Reorganisation 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 HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2006.

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 Council Tax (New Valuation Lists for England) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
6 Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (Information).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require any medical practitioner who diagnoses a terminal illness in a patient to inform the Secretary of State; to require the Secretary of State to give the patient information about his entitlement to, and a claim form for, attendance allowance and disability living allowance; and for connected purposes: And that Anne Main, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jim Dobbin, Mr Frank Field, Mike Penning, Andrew Selous and Grant Shapps do prepare and bring it in.

7 Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (Information) Bill.—Anne Main accordingly presented a Bill to require any medical practitioner who diagnoses a terminal illness in a patient to inform the Secretary of State; to require the Secretary of State to give the patient information about his entitlement to, and a claim form for, attendance allowance and disability living allowance; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 142].

8 Road Safety Bill [Lords].—The Road Safety Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

9 Road Safety Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Road Safety 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 20th April 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

10 Road Safety Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Road Safety Bill [Lords] [Money]:

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

(1) expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided in consequence of any other Act—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

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

(1) the making of the provision for financial penalty deposits and provision for imposing fees and charges, and

(2) the making of payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

12 Dogs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.
13 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 Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

14 Competition.—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. 16106/05 and Addendum I, Draft Council Regulation repealing Regulation (EEC) No. 4056/86 laying down detailed rules for the application of Articles 85 and 86 to maritime transport, and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1/2003 as regards the extension of its scope to include cabotage and international tramp services; and endorses the Government’s intention to support the Commission’s proposal to repeal Regulation 4056/86, whilst encouraging the Commission in its ongoing discussions with the liner shipping industry and its customers—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

1 residents of Wroughton Road and Croft Road, Swindon, and others for an alternative route for the Croft Road to Hay Lane Link,
2 residents of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and others against planned cuts to fast and semi-fast train services between London and Maidenhead and Twyford,
3 residents of Mayfield and Ellastone, Staffordshire, against proposals to reorganise ambulance services; and
4 residents of Bedwyn, West Berkshire, against planned cuts in the fast and semi-fast train services between London and Bedwyn

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

16 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell);
And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Electronic Communications,—Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 619), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Environmental Protection,—Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 537), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Fees and Charges,—Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 604), dated 6th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Insolvency,—Insolvent Partnerships (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 622), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Local Government,—(1) Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 521), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott]; and
(2) Local Government (General Grant) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 39), dated 10th February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].
7 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Local Pharmaceutical Services etc.) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 552), dated 2nd March 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Pensions.—Occupational Pension Schemes (Fraud Compensation Levy) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 558), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

9 Social Security.—Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 551), dated 2nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

10 Civil List.—List of new and supplementary pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 2004–05 [by Act] [John Healey].

11 Health.—Government Response to the Second Report from the Health Committee, Session 2005–06, on Changes to Primary Care Trusts [by Command] [Cm. 6760] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Home Affairs and Work and Pensions.—Government Reply to the First Joint Report from the Home Affairs and Work and Pensions Committees, Session 2005–06, on the Draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill [by Command] [Cm. 6755] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

13 Home Office.—Home Office Minute, dated 8th March 2006, concerning the gifting of helicopters to the Pakistan Anti-Narcotics Force [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

14 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Ninth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 969] [Mr Secretary Hain].

15 Treaty Series (No. 5, 2006).—Protocol, done at Aarhus on 24th June 1998, to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants [by Command] [Cm. 6757] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Annette Brooke, Colin Burgen, Mr Ian Cawsey, Ann Coffey, Maria Eagle, Mr David Evennett, Sandra Gidley, Mr John Grogan, Beverley Hughes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Kidney, Tim Loughton, Mrs Maria Miller, Christine Russell and Jeremy Wright.

2 Police and Justice Bill:
   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Hazel Blears, James Brokenshire, Mr Douglas Carswell, Michael Fabricant, Lyneke Featherstone, Mr Robert Flello, Andrew Gwynne, Nick Herbert, Martin Horwood, Siobhain McDonagh, Fiona Mactaggart, Jessica Morden, Stephen Pound, Mark Pritchard, Joan Ryan and Derek Wyatt.

3 Draft Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Lorely Burt, Dr Vincent Cable, Jeremy Corbyn, Natascha Engel, Mr Mike Hall, Mr George Howarth, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Ivan Lewis, Edward Miliband, Mr Nick Raynsford, Andrew Selous, Sir John Stanley, Mark Tami, Mr Shasle Vara, Mrs Theresa Villiers, Mr Charles Walker and Mr Tom Watson.

4 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Adam Afriyie, Danny Alexander, Mr David Burrowes, Greg Clark, Mr John Heppell, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr David Laws, Mark Lazarowicz, Chris McCafferty, Ann McKechin, Dr Doug Naysmith, Joan Ruddock, Graham Stringer, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Nigel Waterson and Angela Watkinson.
5 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Sally Keeble from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Dan Norris.

6 Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2006:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Battle, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Clive Bets, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Stephen Crabb, Frank Dobson, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Stephen Hammond, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Derek Twigg and Mr Michael Wills.

7 Draft Restricted Byways (Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions) Regulations 2006:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ian Austin, Mr David S. Borrow, Jim Cousins, Tony Cunningham, Mr Doug Henderson, Chris Huhne, Mr Stewart Jackson, Daniel Kawczynski, Robert Key, Mr David Kidney, Jim Knight, Tony Lloyd, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr James Pauce, Mr Dan Rogerson, Andrew Rosindell and John Smith.

8 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Crausby, Jon Cruddas, Jim Fitzpatrick, Michael Gove, David Howarth, Mark Hunt, Mr Peter Lilley, John McDonnell, Mr Michael Mates, Chris Mole, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Dave Watts and Mr David Winnick.

9 Draft Special Health Authorities (Audit) Order 2006:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Lordly Burt, John Healey, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Austin Mitchell, Anne Moffat, Mr Chris Mullen, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mark Pritchard, Andrew Selous, Mark Tami, Mr Dari Taylor, Keith Vaz, Mr Tom Watson, Stephen Williams and Mike Wood.

10 Draft Employment Zones (Allocation to Contractors) Pilot Regulations 2006:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Roger Berry, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr David Clelland, Mr Jim Devine, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr John Heppell, Margaret Hodge, Glenda Jackson, Eric Joyce, Mr David Laws, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Margaret Moran, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Mr Ian Taylor and Angela Watkinson.

11 Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ed Balls, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Brian Jenkins, David Lepper, Andrew Mackinlay, Julie Morgan, Mr Malcolm Moss, James Parnell, Mr Adrian Sanders, Alison Seabeck, Mr Richard Shepherd, David Tredinnick, Mr Edward Vaizey, Claire Ward and Angela Watkinson.


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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Kevin Brennan, Mr Chris Bryant, Colin Challen, Mary Creagh, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Clive Efford, Paul Farrelly, Mr Neil Gerrard, David Howarth, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Simon Hughes, Alan Keen, Bridget Prentice, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Robert Walter and Angela Watkinson.
13 Draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2006:
   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Peter Bottomley, Mr Julian Brazier, Ms Karen Buck, Richard Burden, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr David Drew, Lynne Jones, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr John Leech, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Jo Swinson and Joan Walley.

   (1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Christopher Frasier, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Stephen Hepburn, David Heyes, Mr Piers S. Khabra, Shona McIsaac, Rob Marris, Alan Michael, Mr Alan Milburn, John Penrose, Mr Alan Reid, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr Paul Truswell.

European Standing Committees

15 European Union Document No. 15345/05 and Addendum 1 relating to Financial Services Policy,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Lorely Burt, Dr Vincent Cable, Ben Chapman, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Ivan Lewis, Mr Jim McGovern, Judy Mallaber, Mr John Redwood, Andrew Selous, Mr Gary Streeter, Mark Tami, Mrs Theresa Villiers and Dr Alan Whitehead.

16 European Union Documents Nos. 5973/06 and 6426/06, relating to Future European Union Finances, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [No. 478-viii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Sixth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Bovine TB: culling]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 905]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Climate Change: role of bioenergy], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 965-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport]; to be printed [No. 981-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty First Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxi], and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [East Asia]; to be printed [No. 860-ii] [Mike Gapes].

6 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [UK Compliance with the UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT)]; to be printed [No. 701-iv] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 886-iv] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Effective use of magistrates' courts hearings]; to be printed [No. 982-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
9 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 7th March [The Sewel Convention: The Westminster Perspective], to be printed [No. 983-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

10 Statutory Instruments.—Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be printed [No. 35-xx] [Mr Eric Forth].

11 Transport.—(1) Third Report from the Transport Committee [Going for Gold: Transport for London’s 2012 Olympic Games], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 588].

(2) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on European Community Competence and Transport]; to be printed [No. 976]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Traffic Policing and Technology: getting the balance right]; to be printed [No. 975-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Work and Pensions.—Second Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Efficiency Savings in Jobcentre Plus], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 834] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 118; WH, No. 74]

Wednesday 8th March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.]

[No. 119.]

Thursday 9th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 6th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 141].

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

4 Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill.—The Order for resuming on Friday 10th March the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 3rd March, That the Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill be read a second time, was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 20th October.

5 Management of Energy in Buildings Bill.—The Order for resuming on Friday 10th March the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th November 2005, That the Management of Energy in Buildings Bill be read a second time, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
6 Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Amendment) Bill.—Keith Vaz presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Justice Act 1988 to establish a right of appeal in relation to the amount of compensation payable under section 133 of that Act and to make provision about the procedure for the assessment of such amounts. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th March and to be printed [Bill 143].

7 Childcare Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Childcare Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Power of constable to assist in exercise of powers of entry)—(Maria Eagle)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Provision of information about young children: England)—(Beverley Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC3) (Provision of information about young children: transitory provision)—(Beverley Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC4) (Provision of information about children: Wales)—(Beverley Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Disqualification for registration under Children Act 1989)—(Maria Eagle)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC6) (Best value: code of practice)—(Mr Paul Goodman)—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 7, to leave out the words ‘reduce inequalities between’ and insert the words ‘show how it is raising the quality of outcomes of the most disadvantaged’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Maria Miller.)

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

Amendment (No. 15) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 16, to leave out from the word ‘which’ to the word ‘and’ in line 17 and insert the words ‘young children should experience and learn, appropriate to their age, ability’, instead thereof.—(Annette Brooke.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 25, 16 to 28, 17 and 29) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision about the powers and duties of local authorities and other bodies in England in relation to the improvement of the well-being of young children; to make provision about the powers and duties of local authorities in England and Wales in relation to the provision of childcare and the provision of information to parents and other persons; to make provision about the regulation and inspection of childcare provision in England; to amend Part 10A of the Children Act 1989 in relation to Wales; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 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 Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

9 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

10 Civil Aviation 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. 12588/05; draft regulation to replace Regulation 2320/02 on civil aviation security; welcomes the Commission’s initiative in producing a clearer, shorter text which will give more legal certainty; and endorses the Government’s intention to work with the Presidency, the European Parliament and other Member States to resolve outstanding areas of difficulty.—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

11 Estimates.—Ordered, That, in the current Session of Parliament, Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) shall apply as if the words ‘18th March’ in line 18 were replaced by the words ‘20th March’.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
12 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill.— Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 20th March, any Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill ordered to be brought in and read the first time shall be proceeded with as if its Second Reading stood as an Order of the Day, and Standing Order No. 56 ( Consolidated Fund Bills) shall apply.— ( Mr Alan Campbell.)

13 Adjournment.— Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— ( Mr Alan Campbell.)

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

[ Adjourned at 5.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment and Training,—Draft Employment Equality ( Age) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [ Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,— (1) Gambling Act 2005 ( Licensing Authority Policy Statement) ( England and Wales) Regulations 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 636); and

3 Competition.— Competition Act 1998 ( Public Policy Exclusion) Order 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 605), dated 6th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [ Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 European Communities,— European Communities ( Designation) Order 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 608), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [ Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Food,— Fish Labelling ( Amendment) ( England) Regulations 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 506), dated 27th February 2006 [by Act][ Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Health and Safety,— Health and Safety ( Enforcing Authority for Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems) Regulations 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 557), dated 2nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Land Drainage,— Environmental Impact Assessment ( Land Drainage Improvement Works) ( Amendment) Regulations 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 618), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [ Secretary Margaret Beckett].


10 Police,— (1) Police ( Recruitment) ( Amendment) Regulations ( Northern Ireland) 2006 ( S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 69), dated 23rd February 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and


12 Road Traffic,— (1) Motor Cars ( Driving Instruction) ( Amendment) Regulations 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 525); and
(2) Motor Vehicles ( Driving Licences) ( Amendment) Regulations 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 524), dated 27th February 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
13 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 559), dated 2nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

14 Transport,—Railways Act 2005 (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 556), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

15 Universities and Colleges (Trusts),—Scheme, made by the Governing Body of St John’s College in the University of Cambridge, amending the scheme of the College for the administration of certain trust funds, dated 19th May 2005 [by Act] [Bridget Prentice].

Other paper:

16 Overseas Territories,—Ivory Coast (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 610), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Ann Coffey, Maria Eagle, Mr David Evennett, Mrs Maria Miller and Christine Russell members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords],—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood and Mr Mike Hancock Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

3 Police and Justice Bill,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Derek Conway and Mr Greg Pope Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2006:

   (1) The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Diane Abbott from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Fabian Hamilton.

6 Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2006:

   (1) The Deputy Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Diane Abbott.

7 Draft Restricted Byways (Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions) Regulations 2006:

   (1) The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Meacher from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Denis Murphy.

8 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006:

   (1) The Deputy Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Denis Murphy from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Meacher.

9 Draft Special Health Authorities (Audit) Order 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

10 Draft Employment Zones (Allocation of Contractors) Pilot Regulations 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.
11 Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

12 Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3445).—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

13 Draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.


European Standing Committees

15 The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 15143/05 and Addendum 1 on Air Traffic Management.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xv] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Independent Sector Treatment Centres]; to be printed [No. 934-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Politics and Administration: Ministers and Civil Servants]; to be printed [No. 660-iv] [Dr Tony Wright].

Thursday 9th March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Violence against women).—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 14th March.

Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Friday 10th March 2006.

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 European Communities Act 1972 (Disapplication) Bill.—The Order for reading the European Communities Act 1972 (Disapplication) Bill a second time on Friday 17th March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16th June.

4 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Local authorities: duty to consider measures to alleviate climate change and fuel poverty)—(Gregory Barker)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC3) (Annual report on energy production)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC4) (Local authorities to have regard to information on energy measures in exercising functions)—(Malcolm Wicks)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Building regulations relating to emissions and use of fuel and power: time limit for prosecutions)—(Yvette Cooper)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Watson, Joan Ryan: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 2.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC6) (Building regulations relating to emissions and use of fuel and power: report regarding compliance)—(Malcolm Wicks)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 35) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words, 'and after consultation with such public and private sector bodies as he considers appropriate'.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being half past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 17th March.

5 Fireworks (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fireworks (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

6 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 12th May.

7 Energy Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Energy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

8 Breast Cancer Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Breast Cancer Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 17th March.

9 Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crime Prevention and the Built Environment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th March.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th March.

Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Olympic Lotteries (Payments out of Fund) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 655), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary Tessa Jowell]
2 Children and Young Persons.—National Care Standards Commission (Commission for Social Care Inspection) (Fees) (Adoption Agencies, Adoption Support Agencies and Local Authority Fostering Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 578), dated 6th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3 Cinemas and Film.—Films (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 642), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Corporation Tax.—Pension Protection Fund (Tax) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 575), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

5 Education.—Isle College (Dissolution) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 555), dated 2nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

6 Environmental Protection.—Joint Waste Disposal Authorities (Recycling Payments) (Disapplication) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 651), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Food.—Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 589), dated 6th March 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Government Trading Funds.—Driving Standards Agency Trading Fund (Maximum Borrowing) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 623), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


(2) Registered Pension Schemes and Overseas Pension Schemes (Electronic Communication of Returns and Information) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 570);

(3) Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Member Payments) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 571);

(4) Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Payments—Arrears of Pension) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 614);

(5) Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Surplus Payments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 574);

(6) Registered Pension Schemes (Prescribed Manner of Determining Amount of Annuities) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 568);

(7) Registered Pension Schemes (Provision of Information) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 567);

(8) Registered Pension Schemes (Splitting of Schemes) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 569); and


11 Local Government.—(1) Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 564), dated 3rd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott];

(2) Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 593), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and

(3) Local Government (Best Value) Performance Indicators and Performance Standards (Amendment) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 553), dated 2nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

12 Mental Health.—Court of Protection (Amendment) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 653), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].
13 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 649), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

14 National Health Service.—(1) Functions of Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities and the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Primary Dental Services) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 596), dated 3rd March 2006;


(3) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) and (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 675), dated 10th March 2006;

(4) National Health Service (General Dental Services Contracts and Personal Dental Services Agreements) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 563), dated 3rd March 2006;

(5) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 479), dated 23rd February 2006;

(6) National Health Service (Pension Scheme, Injury Benefits and Additional Voluntary Contributions) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 600), dated 7th March 2006;

(7) NHS Blood and Transplant (Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau’r GIG) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 640), dated 9th March 2006;


(10) NHS Pensions Agency (Asiantaeth Pensiynau’r GIG) Abolition Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 634), dated 8th March 2006; and

(11) Special Health Authorities Abolition Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 635), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

15 National Lottery.—National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (Amendment of Section 23) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 654), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

16 Pensions.—(1) Pension Protection Fund (General and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 580), dated 6th March 2006; and

(2) Pension Protection Fund (Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities of the Pension Protection Fund) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 597), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

17 Plant Breeders’ Rights.—Plant Breeders’ Rights (Naming and Fees) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 648), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

18 Police.—Police Authorities (Best Value) Performance Indicators (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 620), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

19 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Bracknell Forest) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 592), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

20 Social Security.—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 576), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo];

(2) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 586), dated 5th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton]; and

(3) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 588), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
21 Transport,—Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Authority (Increase in Number of Members) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 582), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

22 Water Resources,—Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 641), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

23 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Gaming Act 1968 (Variation of Fees) (England and Wales) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 543), the Gaming Act 1968 (Variation of Fees) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 541), and the Lotteries (Gambling Commission Fees) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 542) [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


26 Nicaragua (No. 1, 2006),—Agreement, done at Managua on 6th September 2005, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Nicaragua on the Transfer of Prisoners [by Command] [Cm. 6761] [Mr Secretary Straw].

27 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [27th February] from residents of Canvey Island, Essex, and others for a pedestrian crossing on Furtherwick Road [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sandra Gidley from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mark Williams.

2 Police and Justice Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Hazel Blears, Mr Nick Clegg, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Gwynne, Nick Herbert, Stephen Pound and Joan Ryan members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

3 Police and Justice Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Martin Horwood from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Clegg.
Monday 13th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from the sittings of the House this week.

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 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Forth reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2006.

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

5 European Standing Committee.—Mr David Marshall reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15143/05 and Addendum, Commission Communication and Draft Council Regulation on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR), and endorses the Government’s prudent approach to the Commission’s proposals, as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

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

The Lords agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Criminal Defence Service Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

7 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill:

Committal

1. The following shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House—
   (a) Clauses Nos. 1 to 7;
   (b) Clauses Nos. 10 to 12;
   (c) Clauses Nos. 19 to 22;
   (d) Schedule No. 2;
   (e) any new Clauses, other than any new Clauses relating to Part 2 or 4 of the Bill;
   (f) any new Schedules, other than any new Schedules relating to Part 2 or 4 of the Bill.

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

Proceedings in Committee

3. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in two days.

4. The proceedings shall be taken in the following order: Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, new Clauses relating to Part 1 of the Bill, new Schedules relating to Part 1 of the Bill, Clauses Nos. 10 to 12, new Clauses relating to Part 3 of the Bill, new Schedules relating to Part 3 of the Bill, Clause No. 19, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 20 to 22, new Clauses relating to Part 5 of the Bill, new Schedules relating to Part 5 of the Bill, other new Clauses, other new Schedules.
5. The proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second day.

6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to the proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

**Proceedings in Standing Committee**

7. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 27th April 2006.

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

**Proceedings after Committee**

9. 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 from the Standing Committee.

**Consideration and Third Reading**

10. 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.

11. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

12. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

**Other proceedings**

13. 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 Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Money]:

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

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money provided by Parliament,

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of that Fund,

(3) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of that Fund, and

(4) the payment of sums into the National Loans Fund—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business). That at this day’s sitting, proceedings on the Lords Message relating to the Identity Cards Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

11 Identity Cards Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [6th March] relating to the Identity Cards Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 16 and 22 but proposes the following Amendment in lieu thereof:

Page 4, line 45, after the word ‘include’, to insert the words ‘or be accompanied by’.—

(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Ian Cawsey: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 277.

So the Question was agreed to.
12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) Robin Barwell and staff, residents, carers and supporters of Barnhaven Residential Care Home, Bampton, Devon against the closure of Barnhaven;
   (2) residents of South Essex and others for the retention of the cancer centre at Southend Hospital [three petitions];
   (3) residents of Thundersley, Castle Point, Essex, and others against any loss of green belt land to development in Castle Point; and
   (4) residents of Benfleet, Essex and others against the removal of the bus service from Tarpots, Benfleet, to Pitsea
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Development,—(1) Draft African Development Bank (Tenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2006;
   (2) draft Asian Development Bank (Eighth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2006; and
   (3) draft Caribbean Development Bank (Sixth Replenishment of the Unified Special Development Fund) Order 2006
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Credit Unions,—(1) Credit Unions (Deposits and Loans) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 78);
   (2) Credit Unions (Limit on Membership) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 76); and
   (3) Credit Unions (Limit on Shares) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 77),
dated 2nd March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


5 Employment,—(1) Gangmasters (Appeals) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 662);
   (2) Gangmasters (Licensing Conditions) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 660); and
   (3) Gangmasters Licensing (Exclusions) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 658),
dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Housing,—Social Housing (Grants to Bodies other than Registered Social Landlords) (Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 383), dated 3rd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 974], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


12 Pensions.—Pension Protection Fund (Provision of Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 595), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

13 Social Security.—Housing Benefit (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 644), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

14 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Department for Work and Pensions: Delivering effective services through contact centres; and (2) The office accommodation of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and its sponsored bodies [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 941 and 942] [Clerk of the House].

15 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [27th February] from residents of Castle Point, Essex, and others against the removal of the bus service from Potters Bar to Benfleet [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

16 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006, with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

17 Tax Credits.—Report by the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue under section 40 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers withdrawn:

18 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006, with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry [laid 15th February].

19 Terrorism.—Draft Code of Practice for the detention, treatment and questioning of detained persons and for the identification of persons by police officers under the Terrorism Act 2000 [laid 28th February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Burgon from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Margaret Moran.

2 Police and Justice Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Lynne Featherstone in place of Mr Nick Clegg as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.
3 Police and Justice Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Clegg from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Martin Horwood.

4 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Doug Naysmith from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David Clelland.

5 Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson, Mr Marsha Singh and Mr Andrew Slaughter from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Anne Coffey, Mr David Drew and Sandra Osborne.

6 European Union Document No. 15143/05 and Addendum 1 relating to Air Traffic Management.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David S. Borrow and Mr Mark Todd from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr David Kidney and Mr Chris Mullin.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 873-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committees [Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 873-iii]

[Mr Roger Berry].

2 Human Rights.—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Humans Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Seventh Progress Report]; together with the Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 989] [Mr Andrew Dismore].


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Is there a future for Regional Government?]; to be printed [No. 977-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Fire and Rescue Service]; to be printed [No. 872-II]

[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Progress in combat identification]; to be printed [No. 990-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
[No. 122.]

Tuesday 14th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 13th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Restricted Byways (Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions) Regulations 2006.

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 Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006.

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

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Special Health Authorities (Audit) Order 2006.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 145].

9 International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill,—The Order for reading the International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill a second time on Friday 17th March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

10 Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill,—The Order for reading the Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill a second time on Friday 17th March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

11 Licensing of Child Location Services,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a licensing regime for the sale or promotion of any service providing data on the location of children where these data have been derived from any mobile telephone network, satellite system or other electronic or communications medium: And that Judy Mallaber, Kali Mountford, Annette Brooke, Margaret Moran, Derek Wyatt, Mrs Betty Williams, Paddy Tipping, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Ian Taylor, Siobhain McDonagh, Roger Berry and Mary Creagh do prepare and bring it in.

12 Licensing of Child Location Services Bill,—Judy Mallaber accordingly presented a Bill to establish a licensing regime for the sale or promotion of any service providing data on the location of children where these data have been derived from any mobile telephone network, satellite system or other electronic or communications medium: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 144].

13 Animal Welfare Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 10th January 2006 (Animal Welfare Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

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 shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times 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. —(Mr Ben Bradshaw.)

14 Animal Welfare Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Animal Welfare Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC8) (Docking of dogs' tails)—(Mr Ben Bradshaw)—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 Animal Welfare Bill Programme (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Kevin Brennan: 476.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr James Gray: 63.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Deputy Speaker for separate decision.

Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 13, to leave out subsections (3) to (6).—(Tony Cunningham.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Kevin Brennan: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr James Gray: 278.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on the new Clause to a conclusion.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC9) (Improvement notices)—(Mr Ben Bradshaw)—brought up, read the first and second time.

Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 2, to leave out the word 'may' and insert the word 'must', instead thereof.—(Bill Wiggin.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Gillian Merron: 342.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Sale of animals on the Internet)—(Mark Pritchard)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mike Penning, Bob Spink: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Vernon Coaker: 280.

And it being more than Five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Animal Welfare Bill Programme (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 38, 62 to 70, 82 to 84, 79, 80, 71, 85, 72, 73, 86, 74, 75, 39, 40, 87 and 88) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Deputy Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 3, to leave out from the word ‘liable’ to the end of line 7 and insert the words

‘(a) on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, or

a fine not exceeding £20,000, or to both;
(b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding £20,000, or to both.’, instead thereof.—(Bill Wiggin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mike Penning, Mr Brian Binley: 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 325.

The Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 41 to 44, 89 to 91, 76, 45, 46, 93, 77, 94, 47, 95, 48, 96 to 105, 81, 49, 61 and 50 to 60) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Secretary Margaret Beckett, 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 the same as it shall think fit.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

15 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 Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.

16 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.

17 Air Traffic Management.—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. 15143/05 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication and draft Council Regulation on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR); and endorses the Government’s prudent approach to the Commission’s proposals, as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.

18 Adjournment (Easter).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 30th March 2006, do adjourn till Tuesday 18th April 2006—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).—It was agreed to.

19 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of the Review of Public Administration in Northern Ireland be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 28th March at half-past four 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 and a half 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 Parmjit Dhanda.)

20 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Llanelli and others for the referral of the sentencing guidelines for manslaughter to the Sentencing Guidelines Council was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Insolvency,—(1) Insolvency (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 735); and (2) Insolvency (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 734), dated 13th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Pensions,—Draft Code of Practice No. 4 by the Pensions Regulator on Early leavers—reasonable periods [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 Social Security,—Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 638), dated 7th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Other Papers:

5 Culture, Media and Sport,—Paper, entitled A public service for all: the BBC in the digital age [by Command] [Cm. 6763] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The restructuring of British Energy [by Act], to be printed [No. 943] [Clerk of the House].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Sixth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on Trusting in the pensions promise: Government bodies and the security of final salary occupational pensions [by Act]; to be printed [No. 984] [Clerk of the House].

8 Terrorism,—Draft Code of Practice for the detention, treatment and questioning of detained persons and for the identification of persons by police officers under the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Restricted Byways (Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Austin, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr David Kidney and John Smith from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ms Diane Abbott, Jim Dobbin, Nia Griffith, Mr Mark Hendrick and Mr Jamie Reed.

2 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Anderson, Mr David Crausby, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr David Winnick from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Stephen Hesford, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Andrew Miller and Siobhan McDonagh.

3 Draft Special Health Authorities (Audit) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Keith Vaz from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Khalid Mahmood.

4 Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Watkinson from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Tobias Ellwood.

5 Draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Julian Brazier from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Stephen Hammond.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) Memorandum laid before the Administration Committee [Star Chamber Covered Walkway: Report from the National Audit Office]; and
   (2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 14th March
   [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Freedom of Information—one year on]; to be printed [No. 991-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Freedom of Information—one year on]
   [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xvi] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Protecting and preserving our heritage]; to be printed [No. 912-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Protecting and preserving our heritage]; to be printed [No. 912-II]
   [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence,—(1) Fourth Report from the Defence Committee [Costs of peace-keeping in Iraq and Afghanistan: Spring Supplementary Estimate 2005–06], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 980]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: Strategic Context]; to be printed [No. 986-i]
   [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Environmental Audit,—Fourth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget 2005: Tax, Economic Analysis, and Climate Change], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 882] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Procedure,—First Report from the Procedure Committee [Legislative and Regulatory Reform 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. 894] [Mr Greg Knight].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Sewel Convention: The Westminster Perspective]; to be printed [No. 983-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade and Investment Opportunities with India]; to be printed [No. 881-xv] [Peter Luff].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Inclusion]; to be printed [No. 848-iv] [Mr John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales]; to be printed [No. 876-xv] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 122; WH, No. 76]

Tuesday 14th March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

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

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

1 The Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 13th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Weir reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006.

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

4 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—David Taylor reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Employment Zones (Allocation to Contractors) Pilot Regulations 2006.

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

5 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Ann Winterton reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006.

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

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

   The Lords have agreed to the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

   The Lords insist on their Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill in respect of which this House has insisted on their disagreement, and disagree with this House in their Amendments in lieu, for which insistence and disagreement they assign their Reasons.

7 London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Bill.—Lords Amendments to the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 146].

8 Identity Cards Bill.—Lords Reasons for insisting on certain Lords Amendments and disagreeing to a Commons Amendment in lieu to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 148].

9 Water and Sewerage Charges (Limit on Household Expenditure).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a limit on the percentage of household income spent on water and sewerage charges; to provide for the capping of domestic water and sewerage charges so that the percentage limit is not exceeded; and for connected purposes—(Mr Adrian Sanders); and the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).—It was agreed to.

   Ordered, That Mr Adrian Sanders, Andrew George, Matthew Taylor, Mr Dan Rogerson, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Richard Younger-Ross, Nick Harvey, Mr Anthony Steen and Angela Browning do prepare and bring in the Bill.

10 Water and Sewerage Charges (Limit on Household Expenditure) Bill.—Mr Adrian Sanders accordingly presented a Bill to establish a limit on the percentage of household income spent on water and sewerage charges; to provide for the capping of domestic water and sewerage charges so that the percentage limit is not exceeded; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th March and to be printed [Bill 147].
11 Education and Inspections Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education and Inspections 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, Joan Ryan, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 458.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

12 Education and Inspections Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Education and Inspections Bill:

Committee
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 11th May 2006.
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 and Third Reading shall be completed in two days.
5. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours before the moment of interruption on the second day of the proceedings.
6. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
7. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Ian Cawsey);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 300.
Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 290.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 Education and Inspections Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education and Inspections 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 Education and Inspections Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) expenditure incurred by virtue of the Act by the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills or by a Minister of the Crown, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.

14 Education and Inspections Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Education and Inspections Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the payment of fees by local authorities to Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills, and
(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.

15 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the Order of 2nd March 2006 (Children and Adoption Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be varied by the substitution in paragraph 2 (time for conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee) for the words ‘Thursday 16th March 2006’ of the words ‘Tuesday 21st March 2006’—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.
16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) traders and residents of Billericay and others against increases in business rates;
(2) Jean Weatheritt and others for free residential care;
(3) Winchester Voice for Refugees for short term work permits for asylum seekers;
(4) the National Federation of Private Pet Crematoria against the classification of pet crematoria as landfill sites; and
(5) narrow boat owners from the canals of the UK and others for the continuation of the red diesel derogation
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from British Somalilanders and friends of Somaliland for Somaliland’s recognition as a state was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till six minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.06 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (Northern Ireland),—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Revised Code of Practice for the Identification of Persons by Police Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Building and Buildings,—Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 652), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Constitutional Law,—Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (Notices in the Interests of National Security) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 661), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

4 Employment,—Information and Consultation of Employees (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 86), dated 6th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5 Highways,—Dartford–Thurrock Crossing (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 585), dated 1st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


7 Insolvency (Scotland),—Energy Administration (Scotland) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 772), dated 13th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

8 Intellectual Property,—Patents, Trade Marks and Designs (Address for Service and Time Limits, etc) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 760), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid]; and

9 National Assistance Services,—National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 674), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10 Pensions,—(1) Armed Forces Pension Scheme etc. (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 717), dated 13th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid]; and
(2) Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 741), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Des Browne].

11 Police,—Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 740), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
12 Race Relations.—Race Relations Code of Practice relating to Employment (Appointed Day) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 630), dated 6th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

13 Social Security.—(1) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 663), dated 9th March 2006; and
(2) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 769), dated 15th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

14 Stamp Duty.—Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Definition of Unit Trust Scheme and Open-ended Investment Company) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 746), dated 15th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

15 Tax Credits.—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 765), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


17 Trade Marks.—Trade Marks (International Registration) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 765), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

18 Urban Development.—West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (Planning Functions) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 616), dated 3rd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Paper:

19 Development of Tourism.—Statement, dated 15th March 2005, of the appointment and salary of Janis Kong as a Board Member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Road Safety Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Deputy 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 Alistair Carmichael, Stephen Hammond, Mr Tom Harris, Dr Brian Iddon, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Kidney, Mr Greg Knight, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Pat McFadden, Rosemary McKenna, Sandra Osborne, Mr Owen Paterson, Dr John Pugh, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Lee Scott and Mr Andrew Slaughter.

2 Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill: Mr Adrian Bailey, Derek Conway, Mr Andrew Dismore, Clive Efford, Nia Griffith, Nick Herbert, Ann Keen, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Fiona MacTaggart, Mike Penning, Stephen Pound, Emily Thornberry, Kitty Ussher, Angela Watkinson, Mr Alan Williams, Stephen Williams and Richard Younger-Ross.

3 Draft Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jeremy Corbyn, Mr George Howarth, Mr Kevin Jones and Edward Miliband from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ian Austin, Alan Keen, Mr Andy Reed and Mr Simon Simon.

4 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Application and Modification of Certain Enactments to Designated Staff of SOCA) Order 2006:
(1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Clive Betts, Angela Eagle, Michael Fabricant, Lyne Featherstone, Paul Goggins, Mr Doug Henderson, Nick Herbert, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr George Howarth, Mark Hunter, Stephen Pound and Joan Ryan.

5 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Chaytor, Frank Dobson, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Bill Etherington, Mr Mark Field, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Mr Adam Holloway, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr David Lammy, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Adrian Sanders, Claire Ward, Mr David Winnick and Mr Tim Yeo.

6 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Gordon Banks, Mr Colin Breed, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Tom Clarke, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Mark Francois, Meg Hillier, Mr Nick Hurd, Steve McCabe, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Alan Milburn, Edward Miliband, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Andrew Scouls, Peter Viggers and Mr Tom Watson.

7 Draft Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Bone, Lorely Burt, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Andrew Love, Mr John MacDougall, Andrew Mackinlay, Mrs Maria Miller, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Ken Purchase, Ian Stewart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mrs Betty Williams.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr David Burrowes, Tony Cunningham, Mr John Gummer, Patrick Hall, Mr Mark Hendrick, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr James Pace, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, Martin Salter, Dr Desmond Turner, Keith Vaz, Jeremy Wright and Dr Tony Wright.

9 Draft Railway Safety Levy Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Stephen Crabb, Jeff Ennis, Mr Bruce George, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Denis MacShane, Greg Mulholland, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Mr Andrew Smith, Ms Gisela Stuart, Derek Twigg, Kitty Ussher and Mr David Wilshire.

10 Draft Employment Zones (Allocation to Contractors) Pilot Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sarah McCarthy-Fry and Margaret Moran from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello and Siobhain McDonagh.

11 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Hanson, Daniel Kawczynski, Lembli Opik, Albert Owen, Mark Prichard, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, Emily Thorrold and Jon Trickett.

12 Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Mackinlay from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Kevin Barron.
13 Draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2006:
(1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Brian Binsley, Kevin Brennan, James Brokenshire, Colin Burgon, Michael Connarty, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Frank Field, Simon Hughes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr George Mudie, Bridget Prentice, Andrew Stunell, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Angela Watkinson, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Rob Wilson.

14 Draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006:
(1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, John Battle, Lyn Brown, Mr Philp Dunne, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr John Heppell, Nick Herbert, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr David Laws, John Penrose, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Nigel Waterson, Angela Watkinson and Mr Michael Wills.

15 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2006:
(1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Harry Cohen, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Charles Hendry, David Howarth, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Peter Lilley, Ann McKeunch, Anne Main, Mr Humfrey Malins, Anne Moffat, Dr Nick Palmer, Joan Ruddock and Malcolm Wicks.

(1) The Deputy Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Mr Russell Brown, David Cairns, Jon Cruddas, Jim Dowd, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Greg Hands, Helen Jones, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Tony Lloyd, Chris McCafferty, Mr Michael Meacher, Gillian Merron, Anne Milton, Mr Denis Murphy, Mike Penning, Mr John Redwood, Mr Dennis Skinner, Geraldine Smith, Jo Swinson and Pete Wishart.

European Standing Committees

17 European Union Documents Nos. 15122/05 and 15142/05 relating to Access to European Databases on Asylum, Immigration and Visas.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Andy Burnham, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Michael Fabricant, Daman Green, Nia Griffith, Mark Hunter, Mr Mark Lancaster, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Gary Streeter.

18 European Union Document No. 15444/1/05 relating to the EC Treaty and Criminal Law.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Nick Clegg, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garnier, Justine Greening, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Chris Mullin, Stephen Pound, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Dave Watts and Mike Wood.

19 European Union Document No. 14775/05, relating to Democracy, Dialogue and Debate, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

20 European Union Document No. 6520/06, relating to cooperation on asylum policy and practice, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 828-viii] [Mr George Howarth].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xvii] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Education and Skills,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [No. 478-ix]; and
       (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Further Education]; to be printed [No. 649-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty-Second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxii]; and
       (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jim Dobbin].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 573-iv] [Mike Gapes].

6 International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Making Trade Work for Development: The WTO Hong Kong Ministerial]; to be printed [No. 730-x]; and
       (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [DFID Departmental Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 998] [Malcolm Bruce].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Electronic monitoring of adult offenders]; to be printed [No. 997] [Mr Richard Bacon].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Research Council support for knowledge transfer]; to be printed [No. 995-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxi] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Transport,—(1) Ninth Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on Financial Protection for Air Travellers: Second Report Abandoning Effective Protection]; to be printed [No. 996]; and
       (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Traffic Policing and Technology: getting the balance right]; to be printed [No. 975-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 123; WH, No. 77]

Wednesday 15th March 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Alan Campbell);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 5 p.m.
Thursday 16th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 13th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3445).

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

4 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2006.

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


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

6 Liaison,—Sir George Young 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):

That, pursuant to the Order of the House of 9th March, a day not later than 20th March be allotted for the consideration of the following Supplementary Estimates for the financial year 2005–06:

Ministry of Defence, in so far as it relates to costs of peace-keeping in Iraq and Afghanistan.
Department of Health, in so far as it relates to NHS financial deficits.

Report to lie upon the Table.

7 Computer Misuse Bill,—The Order for reading the Computer Misuse Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

8 Estimates,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [this day] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Tom Watson)—It was agreed to.

9 Identity Cards Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [15th March] relating to the Identity Cards Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 16 and 22 but does not insist on its Amendment No. 22C and proposes the following Amendments in lieu.:—

Page 7, line 38, after ‘accompanies’ insert ‘or includes’.

Page 7, line 43, leave out from ‘manner’ to the end and insert ‘ensure that an application to be issued with such a card accompanies or is included’.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

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 [13th February].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Dave Watts: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Selous, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 241.

So the Question was agreed to.
10 Terrorism Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [1st March] relating to the Terrorism Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 5, 11, 31 and 34 and insists on its Amendment No. 28 but does not insist on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment No. 28 and proposes the following Amendment in lieu—

Page 6, line 24, at end insert—

'(8A) The reference in subsection (8) to something that is likely to be understood as an indirect encouragement to the commission or preparation of acts of terrorism or Convention offences includes anything which is likely to be understood as—

(a) the glorification of the commission or preparation (whether in the past, in the future or generally) of such acts or such offences; and

(b) a suggestion that what is being glorified is being glorified as conduct that should be emulated in existing circumstances.'.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 4, to leave out from the word ‘following’ to the end of the Question, and insert the words—

‘Amendments in lieu:—

Page 2, line 1, leave out subsection (4) and insert—

"( ) for the purposes of this section, ‘indirect encouragement’ comprises the making of a statement referring to terrorism in such a way that the listener, reader or viewer would infer that he should emulate it.”.

Page 6, line 24, at end insert—

"(8A) The reference in subsection (8) to something that is capable of being understood as an indirect encouragement to the commission or preparation of acts of terrorism or Convention offences comprises the making of a statement referring to terrorism in such a way that the listener, reader or viewer would infer that he should emulate it.”., instead thereof.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [15th February].

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Roger Williams: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Tony Cunningham: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Claire Ward: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Williams, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 237.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be considered to-morrow.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.13 p.m.]
### APPENDIX I

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

1. Dogs.—(1) Controls on Dogs (Non-application to Designated Land) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 779); and  
   (2) Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 798), dated 10th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2. Education.—Teachers’ Pensions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 736), dated 13th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

   (5) Statutory Nuisances (Artificial Lighting) (Designation of Relevant Sports) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 781), dated 10th March 2006; and  
   (6) Statutory Nuisances (Insects) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 770), dated 10th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4. European Communities.—Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 657), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


   (2) Charges for Inspections and Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 756), dated 12th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


8. Housing.—(1) Houses in Multiple Occupation (Specified Educational Establishments) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 647); and  
   (2) Housing (Approval of Codes of Management Practice) (Student Accommodation) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 646), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


10. Legal Aid and Advice.—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 118); and  
    (2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 117); and
11 Legal Services Commission.—Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 713), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].


(3) Judicial Pensions (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 749), dated 13th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman];


(5) Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 778), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(6) Occupational Pension Schemes (Member-nominated Trustees and Directors) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 714), dated 13th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(7) Occupational Pension Schemes (Modification of Schemes) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 759), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(8) Occupational Pension Schemes (Payments to Employer) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 802), dated 16th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(9) Occupational Pension Schemes (Trustees' Knowledge and Understanding) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 686), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton]; and

(10) Pension Protection Fund (Reviewable Matters and Review and Reconsideration of Reviewable Matters) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 685), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

14 Petroleum.—Petroleum Licensing (Exploration and Production) (Seaward and Landward Areas) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 784), dated 15th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

15 Police.—(1) Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 748); and

(2) Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Registration) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 750), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

16 Social Security.—(1) Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 712); and


Other Papers:

19 Northern Ireland.—Final Report by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland on the investigation into the Children’s Law Centre and Northern Ireland Office [by Act], to be printed [No. 959] [Mr Secretary Hain].

20 Trade and Industry.—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 16th March 2006, concerning the Medical Research Council—transfer of MRC geneservice assets to Geneservice [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Road Safety Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Tom Harris, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Frank Roy and Mr Andrew Slaughter members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Road Safety Bill [Lords].—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Janet Anderson Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Application and Modification of Certain Enactments to Designated Staff of SOCA) Order 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

4 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

6 Draft Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

7 Cattle Compensation (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 168).—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

8 Draft Railway Safety Levy Regulations 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

9 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

10 Draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

11 Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I., 2005, No. 3445).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Farrelly and Alan Keen from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris and Lynda Waltho.

12 Draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

13 Draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Drew and Mr Brian H. Donohoe from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mary Creagh and Edward Miliband.
14 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2006.—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

15 Companies Act 1985 (Operating and Financial Review) (Repeal) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005 No. 3442).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Shona McIsaac and Mr Alan Milburn from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Sioin Simon and Mr Mark Todd.


European Standing Committees

17 The Deputy Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 15345/05 and Addendum 1 on Financial Services Policy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xviii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Independent Sector Treatment Centres]; to be printed [No. 934-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Public Administration.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Ethics and Standards]; to be printed [No. 884-iii], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Publication of Political Memoirs]; to be printed [No. 689-iv] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 124; WH, No. 78]

Thursday 16th March 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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


And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 21st March.

[Adjourned at 5.40 p.m.]
Friday 17th March 2006.

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 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Friday 10th March on consideration of the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Amendment (No. 7) be made,

Which Amendment was, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words ‘, and after consultation with such public and private sector bodies as he considers appropriate’.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 36 to 40) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 15, to leave out Clause No. 9.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 2.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Watson, Claire Ward: 72.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 27, after the word ‘Britain’, to insert the words ‘, and to the costs of installation of the equipment required, together with the likely resultant pay-back period.’.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 80) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) In the exercise of his duty under subsection (1) the Secretary of State must consult—

(a) such body or bodies as appear to him to be representative of local authorities;

(b) such distributors and suppliers of electricity as he considers relevant; and

(c) the Health and Safety Executive.’.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 to 57) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended as follows: A Bill to make provision about the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases, the alleviation of fuel poverty, the promotion of microgeneration and the use of heat produced from renewable sources, compliance with building regulations relating to emissions of greenhouse gases and the use of fuel and power, the renewables obligation relating to the generation and supply of electricity and the adjustment of transmission charges for electricity; 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 half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 12th May.

4 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vehicle Registration Marks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th June.
5 Family Law (Property and Maintenance) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Family Law (Property and Maintenance) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th April.

6 Humber Bridge Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Humber Bridge Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th June.

7 Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

8 Licensing Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th June.

9 Breast Cancer Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Breast Cancer Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 24th March.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 20th March.

[Adjourned at 2.49 p.m.]

APPEPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety,—Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 599), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Immigration,—Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 733), dated 13th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Pensions,—(1) Pensions Increase (Armed Forces Pension Schemes and Conservation Board) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 801), dated 16th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Des Browne]; and

(2) Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 765), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].


5 Transport,—Railways (Access to Training Services) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 598), dated 9th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Paper:

6 Netherlands (No. 1, 2006),—Convention on Social Security, done at The Hague on 21st December 2005, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of The Netherlands, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6765] [Mr Secretary Straw].
[No. 126.]

Monday 20th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from the sittings of the House this week.

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 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Application and Modification of Certain Enactments to Designated Staff of SOCA) Order 2006.

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 Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2006.

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

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2006.

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

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Marshall reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006.

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

7 European Standing Committee.—Sir John Butterfill reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No.15345/05 and Addendum, the European Commission's White Paper: Financial Services Policy 2005–2010; and agrees with the UK's five priorities for the future approach to financial services in the EU.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the National Insurance Contributions Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords disagree to the Amendments made by this House to the Identity Cards Bill but propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of this House; and they do not insist on the remainder of their Amendments.

9 Identity Cards Bill.—Lords disagreement to Commons Amendments and Amendments in lieu to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 150].

10 Estimates (2nd allotted day).—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [16th March], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 2005–06 (Ministry of Defence).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2006, for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £1,776,067,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 827.

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,889,814,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and
The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

Supplementary Estimates, 2005–06 (Department of Health).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2006, for expenditure by the Department of Health—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £1,785,769,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 827,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £2,364,998,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and

(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid—(Mr Ian Cawsey);

And it being Ten 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 Supplementary Estimates, 2005–06.

Supplementary Estimates, 2005–06: Ministry of Defence

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2006, for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £1,776,067,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 827,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,889,814,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and

(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid—(Jane Kennedy);

Supplementary Estimates, 2005–06: Department of Health

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2006, for expenditure by the Department of Health—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £1,785,769,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 827,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £2,364,998,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and

(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.

Estimates, 2006–07 (Navy) Vote A

Resolved, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2007, a number not exceeding 42,050 all ranks be maintained for Naval Service and that numbers in the Reserve Naval and Marine Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in House of Commons Paper No. 869 of this Session.

Estimates, 2006–07 (Army) Vote A

Resolved, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2007, a number not exceeding 126,945 all ranks be maintained for Army Service and that numbers in the Reserve Land Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in House of Commons Paper No. 869 of this Session.

Estimates, 2006–07 (Air) Vote A

Resolved, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2007, a number not exceeding 52,110 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service and that numbers in the Reserve Air Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts 1, 3, 4 and 5 of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in House of Commons Paper No. 869 of this Session.

Estimates, Excesses, 2004–05

Resolved, That, for the year that ended with 31st March 2005, resources, not exceeding £188,157,000.00, be authorised for use to make good excesses of certain resources for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 896.
Supplementary Estimates, 2005-06

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2006—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £6,385,504,000, be authorised for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 827, 908 and 972,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £3,382,915,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services as so set out; and

(3) limits as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 827 and 972 be set on appropriations in aid.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Supplementary Estimates, 2005-06, and Excesses, 2004-05, and the Resolution of 8th December relating to Supplementary Estimates, 2005-06. And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Des Browne, John Healey, Dawn Primarolo and Mr Ivan Lewis do prepare and bring it in.

12 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill.—John Healey accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the years ending with 31st March 2005 and 31st March 2006 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending with 31st March 2006; and to appropriate the supply authorised in this Session of Parliament for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2005 and the further supply authorised in this session of Parliament for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2006. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed [Bill 149].

13 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Order [9th March], That the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill be read a second time;

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.

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 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Friends of Grizedale Forest against plans to redevelop the Grizedale Visitor Centre, Cumbria; and

(2) residents of Bassetlaw for retaining a link between Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust and Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals Trust

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

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—( Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Land Drainage,—General Drainage Charges ( Anglian Region) Order 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 826), dated 16th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


(2) Social Security ( Miscellaneous Amendments)( No. 2) Regulations 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 832), dated 20th March 2006;


(4) Statutory Sick Pay ( General) Amendment Regulations 2006 ( S.I., 2006, No. 799), dated 15th March 2006; and
(5) Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 738), dated 13th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Football Spectators (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 761), dated 14th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

4 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on The PFI Contract for Northern Ireland’s New Vehicle Testing Facilities [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 952] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5 Australia (No. 1, 2006),—Supplementary Agreement, done at Canberra on 3rd November 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia concerning the Anglo-Australian Optical Telescope, at Siding Spring, New South Wales, Australia, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6767] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Food Standards,—Paper, entitled Food Law—Practice Guidance (England) [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Low Pay Commission,—Paper, entitled National Minimum Wage: Low Pay Commission Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6759] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Improving the efficiency of postal services procurement in the public sector, with case studies and a good practice guide;
(2) Re-opening the post: Postcomm and the quality of mail services; and
(3) Second Validation Compendium Report: 2003–06 PSA data systems [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 946-I, -II and -III, 944 and 985] [Clerk of the House].

9 Pensions,—Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 606), dated 8th March 2006 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Road Safety Bill [Lords],—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr John Pugh from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Paul Rowen.

2 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Application and Modification of Certain Enactments to Designated Staff of SOCA) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Anderson, Mr Clive Betts and Mr George Howarth from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Mr Anthony Wright.

3 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson, Mr Peter Kilfoyle and Claire Ward from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Dr Ian Gibson, Eric Joyce and Mr Frank Roy.

4 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Nicholas Hurd, Steve McCabe, Kerry McCarthy and Mr Alan Milburn from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin, Mr Michael Foster, Mr David Gauke, Kali Mountford and Mr Simon Simon.

5 Draft Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John MacDougall, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Austin Mitchell and Mr Ken Purchase from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Dr Ashok Kumar, Chris Mole, John Robertson and Joan Ruddock.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 15345/05 and ADD 1 relating to Financial Services Policy,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ben Chapman and Dr Alan Whitehead from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Pat McFadden and Mr Iain Wright.
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Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Protecting and preserving our heritage]; to be printed [No. 912-iii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

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 [Is there a future for regional Government?]; to be printed [No. 977-ii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The closure of MG Rover]; to be printed [No. 1003-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

Tuesday 21st March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 20th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill.—Ordered, That the HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 28th March.

4 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords].—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Children and Adoption Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

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

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Cattle Compensation (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 166).

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

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Railway Safety Levy Regulations 2006.

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

7 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2006.

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

8 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hywel Williams reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2006.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consumer Credit Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

10 Consumer Credit Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Consumer Credit Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 153].

11 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—Ordered, That the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill, as amended on consideration, be printed [Bill 152].
12 Bishops (Consecration of Women).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 so as to remove the bar on the consecration of women as bishops, and for connected purposes—(Mr Andy Reed);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business)—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Andy Reed, Robert Key, Mr Tim Boswell, Simon Hughes, John Bercow, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Julie Morgan, Bob Russell, Susan Kramer, Stephen Hammond, Mrs Ann Cryer and Barbara Keeley do prepare and bring in the Bill.

13 Bishops (Consecration of Women) Bill.—Mr Andy Reed accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 so as to remove the bar on the consecration of women as bishops, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 151].

14 Armed Forces Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Armed Forces Bill [Money].

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Armed Forces Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in connection with the establishment of a body whose primary function is to investigate matters relating to the mental or physical wellbeing of members of the armed forces or the operation of that body.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

15 Identity Cards Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [20th March] relating to the Identity Cards Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House does not insist on its Amendments Nos. 22E and 22F but disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 22G and 22H.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

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 [13th February]. The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Henry Bellingham: 241.

So the Question was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 22G and 22H;

That Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr John Heppell, Mr Tony McNulty and Mr Khalid Mahmood be members of the Committee;

That Mr Tony McNulty be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee; and

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

16 London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions). That the following provisions shall apply to the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 21st July 2005:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.
Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any further question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—

(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

17 Identity Cards Bill,—Mr Tony McNulty reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 22G and 22H for the following Reason:

Because the Commons do not consider it appropriate to delay until 1st January 2012 the commencement of the rule that a person applying for a designated document must at the same time apply to be entered in the Register and to have an ID Card issued to him.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

18 London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 20 were agreed to.

19 Adjournment (Points-based system for managed migration).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tony McNulty);

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

20 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Tony Cunningham);

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

22 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Tony Cunningham);

And the Motion having been made at Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax,—Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Disregard and Bringing into Account of Profits and Losses) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 843), dated 21st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 10th October 2005, made by the Governing Body of Queen’s College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

3 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petitions [5th March]—

(1) from residents of Bedwyn, West Berkshire, against planned cuts in the fast and semi-fast train services between London and Bedwyn; and
(2) from residents of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and others against planned cuts to fast and semi-fast train services between London and Maidenhead and Twyford

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

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Standing Committees

1 Cattle Compensation (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 168),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Dr Tony Wright from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Sir Gerald Kaufman and Mr Austin Mitchell.

2 Draft Railway Safety Levy Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Jeff Ennis, Mr Bruce George and Mr Frank Roy from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David Anderson, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Peter Kilfoyle and Claire Ward.

3 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin and Mr Michael Foster from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Hendrick and Lynda Waltho.

4 Draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Alan Whitehead from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Mackinlay.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Fifth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Compensation culture: NHS Redress Bill], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1009];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Asylum and Immigration Tribunal: the appeals process]; to be printed [No. 1006-i]; and

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Compensation culture]

[Mr Alan Beith].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xxi] [Mr Brian Binley].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Analogue Switch-Off], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 650] [Mr John Whittingdale].


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: The Strategic Context]; to be printed [No. 986-ii]

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environmental Audit,—Fifth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Housing: A Follow-Up 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. 779] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Memorandum from the Home Office: Progress in implementing accepted Committee recommendations 2001–05]; to be printed [No. 1007], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Terrorism Detention Powers]; to be printed [No. 910-iv]

[Mr John Denham].
7 International Development.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Private Sector Development]; to be printed [No. 923-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Reconstructing Afghanistan]
[Malcolm Bruce].

8 Regulatory Reform.—(1) Fourth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Subordinate Provisions Order 2006]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1005]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s First Special Report: Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1004]
[Andrew Miller].

9 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Second Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Meeting Scotland’s Future Energy Needs: the Westfield Development Centre]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1010];

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Meeting Scotland’s Future Energy Needs: the Westfield Development Centre]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Sewel Convention: the Westminster perspective]; to be printed [No. 983-iii]
[Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) Twelfth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Response to the First Report from the Committee, on Security of gas supply]; to be printed [No. 992];

(2) Thirteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2004–05, on Coal Health Compensation Schemes]; to be printed [No. 993]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Trade and Investment Opportunities with India]; to be printed [No. 881-v]
[Peter Lilf]

11 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales]; to be printed [No. 876-v]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Energy in Wales]
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 127; WH, No. 79]
Tuesday 21st March 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began 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 it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Deputy Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No.2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
Wednesday 22nd March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 20th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Terrorism Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they agree without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu.

4 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2006, as laid before this House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

5 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) Rates of duty on wine and made-wine (Motion No. 4);
(d) Vehicle excise duty (rates) (Motion No. 8);
(e) Stamp duty land tax (unit trust schemes) (Motion No. 61):—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to.

6 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That,—

(1) 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);

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.12 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Northern Ireland,—Draft Local Government (Boundaries) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7. Social Security,—(1) Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 87), dated 6th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and

   (2) Social Security Contributions (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 883), dated 22nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


   (2) Value Added Tax (Consideration for Fuel Provided for Private Use) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 868), dated 22nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey];

   (3) Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 876), dated 22nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey]; and

   (4) Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 869), dated 22nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:


11. Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report,—Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2006, entitled A strong and strengthening economy: Investing in Britain’s future [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 968] [Mr John Healey].

12. Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for Budget 2006 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 937] [Clerk of the House].

13. Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 948] [Mr Secretary Hain].
14 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Eighteenth to Twenty-first Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6766] [John Healey].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Education and Inspections Bill:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Chaytor, Mr James Clappison, Mary Creagh, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr David Evennett, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr John Hayes, Mr John Heppell, Meg Hillier, Phil Hope, Mr Edward Leigh, Laura Moffatt, Jessica Morden, Greg Mulholland, Jonathan Shaw, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Jacqui Smith, Anne Snelgrove, Sarah Teather and Mr Rob Wilson.

2 Draft Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr Crispin Blunt, Loredy Burt, Mr James Clappison, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Quentin Davies, Frank Dobson, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr John Heppell, Mr George Howarth, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Ken Purchase, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

3 Draft Information Sharing Index (England) Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Annette Brooke, Lyn Brown, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Curry, James Duddridge, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Jeff Ennis, Mr David Evennett, Mr Bruce George, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Beverley Hughes, Mr Michael Meacher, Mrs Maria Miller, Margaret Moran, Mr Denis Murphy, Christine Russell and Sarah Teather.

4 Draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2006, the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and the draft Child Benefit (Rates) Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Vincent Cable, Rosie Cooper, Mr David Crausby, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Roger Goddard, Mr James Gray, Mr Michael Jack, Helen Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr David Laws, Mr Humfrey Malins, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Andrew Selous, Alan Simpson, John Smith and Mr Tom Watson.

5 Draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Paul Farrell, Paul Flynn, Linda Gilroy, Patrick Hall, Mr Greg Hands, Dr Kim Howells, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Michael Moore, Mark Pritchard, John Robertson, Mr Keith Simpson and Mr Shailesh Vara.

6 Draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty for Persistent Misuse of Network or Service) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Loredy Burt, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Mark Fisher, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Dai Havard, Charles Hendry, Mr Adam Holloway, Shona McIsaac, Mr Denis MacShane, Alun Michael, Mr George Mudie, Clare Short, Mr Gary Streeter and Peter Viggers.

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ben Chapman, Mr Stephen Crabb, Tony Cunningham, Bill Etherington, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr John Grogan, Martin Horwood, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr David Kidney, Steve McCabe, Mr Gordon Marsden, Anne Milton, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr James Paise, Mr Jamie Reed, Andrew Rosindell and Mr Roger Williams.

8 Draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lyn Brown, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Roger Godsiff, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Ms Diana R. Johnson and Mr Michael Wills from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Ed Balls, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Angela Eagle, Ian Lucas and Anne Snelgrove.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Special Educational Needs]; to be printed [No. 478-x][Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [East Asia]; to be printed [No. 860-ii][Mike Gapes].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 886-v][Sir Patrick Cormack].

4 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-ii][Mr Phil Willis].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxii][Mr Eric Forth].

6 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Pensions Regulator and Pension Protection Fund]; to be printed [No. 1008][Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 128; WH, No. 80]

Wednesday 22nd March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.58 p.m.]
Thursday 23rd March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 20th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Hugh Bayley reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006.

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

4 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Ann Winterton reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2006.

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


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

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, That—

(1) 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 on Monday 27th March.

7 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Canvey and others for a new pelican crossing on High Road, Canvey Island 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 Parmjit Dhanda.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 27th March.

[Adjourned at 6.26 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Housing,—(1) Residential Property Tribunal (Fees) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 830); and
   (2) Residential Property Tribunal Procedure (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 831),
   dated 17th March 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2. Pensions,—Draft Code of Practice No. 7 by the Pensions Regulator on Trustee knowledge and understanding [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Other Papers:


5. Pensions,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 778) [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Education and Inspections Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Evennett, Mr John Hayes, Laura Moffat, Ms Angela C. Smith and Jacqui Smith members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

2. Education and Inspections Bill,—The Deputy Speaker has nominated Frank Cook and Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

3. Draft Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4. Draft Information Sharing Index (England) Regulations 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

5. Draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-Rating Order 2006, draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-Rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and draft Child Benefit (Rates) Regulations 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders and Regulations.

6. Draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7. Draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty for Persistent Misuse of Network or Service) Order 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nigel Waterson from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Tim Boswell.

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Ian Gibson and Joan Ruddock from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution John Austin and Dr Alan Whitehead.

Draft Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006, and the draft Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and the draft Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Helen Jones, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Denis Murphy and Geraldine Smith from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Paddy Tipping.

Grand Committees

The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 28th March.

European Standing Committees

The Deputy Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 15122/05 and 15142/05 on Access to European Databases on Asylum, Immigration and Visas.

The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 15444/1/05 on EC Treaty and Criminal Law.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xx] [Mr Brian Binley].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [The Role of DfID]; to be printed [No. 1014-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Independent Sector Treatment Centres]; to be printed [No. 934-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 International Development,—(1) Second Special Report from the International Development Committee [Darfur: The killing continues: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1017]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Conflict and development: peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction]; to be printed [No. 923-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].
Monday 27th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from the sittings of the House this week.

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 Report of a Review by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.—Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report dated 27th February 2006 of the Review by the Independent Police Complaints Commission into the events leading up to and following the death of Christopher Alder on 1st April 1998.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006.

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

5 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Information Sharing Index (England) Regulations 2006.

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

6 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2006, the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and the draft Child Benefit (Rates) Regulations 2006.

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

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 2006.

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

8 European Standing Committee.—Hugh Bayley reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 15122/05, Commission Communication on improved effectiveness, enhanced interoperability and synergies among European databases in the area of Justice and Home Affairs, and No. 15142/05, Draft Decision on access for consultation of the Visa Information System by the Authorities of Member States responsible for internal security and by Europol for the purpose of prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and other serious criminal offences; and supports the Government’s view that law enforcement access to the VIS may provide useful information that could assist in the course of investigations into specific cases related to serious criminal or terrorist offences, but that this access must be subject to appropriate standards of data protection and that any future legislative proposals, that could be brought forward as a result of Council Document 15122/05, must first be considered carefully, with full consideration given to the impact that they might have on personal privacy.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill with Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Compensation Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to specify certain factors that may be taken into account by a court determining a claim in negligence or breach of statutory duty; and to make provision for the regulation of claims management services; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
10 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 156].

11 Compensation Bill [Lords].—The Compensation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 155].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Compensation Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 155–EN].

12 Identification and Support of Carers (Primary Health Care).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require that general practitioners or Primary Health Care teams identify certain patients who are carers or who have a carer; to require identified carers to be referred to sources of advocacy, help and support; to require that carers’ needs are taken into account in relation to the allocation of appointments, procedures for issuing prescriptions, and waiting room arrangements; to make provision for routinely checking the physical and emotional health of carers; and for connected purposes: And that Barbara Keeley, Dr Hywel Francis, Meg Hillier, Alison Seabeck, Ed Balls, Tony Baldry, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Paul Burstow, Lady Hermon, Helen Goodman, Lynda Waltho and Ms Diana R. Johnson do prepare and bring it in.

13 Identification and Support of Carers (Primary Health Care) Bill.—Barbara Keeley accordingly presented a Bill to require that general practitioners or Primary Health Care teams identify certain patients who are carers or who have a carer; to require identified carers to be referred to sources of advocacy, help and support; to require that carers’ needs are taken into account in relation to the allocation of appointments, procedures for issuing prescriptions, and waiting room arrangements; to make provision for routinely checking the physical and emotional health of carers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 154].

14 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd March, That—

(1) 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 Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

15 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 29th March, 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.—(Tony Cunningham.)

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.24 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th March 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (Borough of Surrey Heath) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 851), dated 16th March 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 27th March 2006:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Pensions.—Occupational Pension Schemes (Cross-border Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 925), dated 27th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

4 Education and Skills.—Paper, entitled Further Education: Raising Skills, Improving Life Chances [by Command] [Cm. 6768] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Report of a Review by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report dated 27th February 2006 of the Review by the Independent Police Complaints Commission into the events leading up to and following the death of Christopher Alder on 1st April 1998 [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 971-I, -II and -III] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for—
   (1) 2003–04; and
   (2) 2004–05,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1018 and 1019] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Financial management in the European Union; and
   (2) Smarter food procurement in the public sector, with case studies and a good practice guide
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 999 and 963-I, -II and -III] [Clerk of the House].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [13th March] from residents of Benfleet, Essex and others against the removal of the bus service from Tarpots, Benfleet, to Pitsea [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Education and Inspections Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Heppell from Standing Committee E (ominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne.

2 Draft Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson, Mr Ken Purchase and Ian Stewart from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (ominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Shona McIsaac.

3 Draft Information Sharing Index (England) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Margaret Moran and Christine Russell from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (ominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Jonial Shaw, Ms Angela C. Smith and Jon Trickett.

4 Draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2006, the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and the draft Child Benefit (Rates) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Kevan Jones and Alan Simpson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (ominated in respect of the draft Order and Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr John Spellar, Mark Tami and Mr Iain Wright.

5 Draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Farrelly, Linda Gilroy, Mr John MacDougall and John Robertson from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (ominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Ian Davidson, Helen Goodman and Dr Ashok Kumar.

6 European Union Documents Nos. 15122/05 and 15142/05 relating to Access to European Databases on Asylum, Immigration and Visas.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers from the European Standing Committee (ominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Wayne David.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights.—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Proposal for a Draft Marriage Act 1949 (Remedial) Order 2006], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1022]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK Compliance with the UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT)]; to be printed [No. 701-v]

[Mr Andrew Dismore]

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 [Is there a future for Regional Government?]; to be printed [No. 977-iii];
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Coastal Towns]; to be printed [No. 1023-II]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Planning Gain Supplement]; to be printed [No. 1024-II]

[Mr Clive Betts]

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The refinancing of the Norfolk and Norwich PFI Hospital]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 694];
(2) Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee [Tackling the complexity of the benefits system]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 765];
(3) Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee [Inland Revenue Standard Report: New Tax Credits]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 782];
(4) Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee [Channel Tunnel Rail Link]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 727];
(5) Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee [Consular services to British nationals]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 513]; and
(6) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The restructuring of British Energy]; to be printed [No. 1025-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh]

4 Public Administration.—Third Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Inquiry into the Scrutiny of Political Honours], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1020] [Dr Tony Wright]

5 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Changes to chemistry provision at the University of Sussex]; to be printed [No. 1011-i] [Mr Phil Willis]

6 Treasury.—(1) Third Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on The 2005 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 1013]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [2006 Budget]; to be printed [No. 994-i]

[Mr John McFall]

POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS ACT 2000

Mrs Angela Browning has resigned from the committee, known as the Speaker’s Committee, established by section 2(1) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

The Prime Minister has, by virtue of the provisions of section 2(3) of the Act, appointed Mr Phil Woolas to serve on the Speaker’s Committee.

The Speaker has, by virtue of the provisions of section 2(4) of the Act, appointed Mr Gary Streeter to serve on the Speaker’s Committee.
Tuesday 28th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 27th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill,—Ordered, That the HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill be read the third time on Wednesday 19th April.

4 Police and Justice Bill,—Mr Greg Pope reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Police and Justice Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

   A Bill to establish a National Policing Improvement Agency; to make provision about police forces and police authorities; to make provision about police powers and about the powers and duties of community support officers, weights and measures inspectors and others; to make further provision for combating crime and disorder; to establish the office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector for Justice, Community Safety and Custody; to amend Part 12 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003; to amend the Computer Misuse Act 1990; to make provision about the forfeiture of indecent images of children; to provide for the conferring of functions on the Independent Police Complaints Commission in relation to the exercise of enforcement functions by officials involved with immigration and asylum; to amend the Extradition Act 2003; and for connected purposes.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 158].

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

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Forth reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty for Persistent Misuse of Network or Service) Order 2006.

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

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Review of Public Administration in Northern Ireland, referred to it on 14th March.

7 European Standing Committee,—Mr David Marshall reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15444/1/05 Rev 1, Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implications of the Court’s judgment of 13th September 2005 (Case C-178/03 Commission v Council); notes that the judgment will have an impact on criminal law measures agreed in support of community objectives; and supports the Government’s view that as a general rule criminal law should remain within Third Pillar competence.

   Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

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

   The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill to which this House has disagreed, and propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of this House.

   The Lords have agreed to the Civil Aviation Bill with Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Identity Cards Bill,—Lords non-insistence and Amendments in lieu to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 158].

10 Civil Aviation Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Civil Aviation Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 162].
11 Aid Effectiveness (Independent Evaluation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State, when reporting on departmental expenditure, to publish an independent evaluation and measurement of the effectiveness of United Kingdom bilateral aid projects in reducing poverty and a comparison of the effectiveness of different projects and forms of aid in reducing poverty; to require the Secretary of State to redirect resources towards the most effective projects and forms of aid; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Stephen Crabb, John Bercow, Tim Farron, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Gary Streeter and Daniel Kawczynski do prepare and bring it in.

12 Aid Effectiveness (Independent Evaluation) Bill.—Mr Stephen Crabb accordingly presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State, when reporting on departmental expenditure, to publish an independent evaluation and measurement of the effectiveness of United Kingdom bilateral aid projects in reducing poverty and a comparison of the effectiveness of different projects and forms of aid in reducing poverty; to require the Secretary of State to redirect resources towards the most effective projects and forms of aid; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 157].

13 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd March, That—

(1) 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.—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 51 (Ways and means motions), put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the further Motions which were made by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.

2. 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—

| TABLE |
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| 1. Cigarettes | An amount equal to 22 per cent of the retail price plus £105.10 per thousand cigarettes. |
| 2. Cigars | £153.07 per kilogram. |
| 3. Hand-rolling tobacco | £110.02 per kilogram. |
| 4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco | £67.30 per kilogram. |

(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 22nd March 2006.

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 “£12.92” there shall be substituted “£13.26”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from midnight on 26th March 2006.

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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(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from midnight on 26th March 2006.

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 etc (rates and rebates)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending rates of duty and rebate in the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

6. Hydrocarbon oil etc (road vehicles)

Resolved, That provision may be made enabling amendment of the definition of road vehicle in the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

7. Amusement machine licence duty

Resolved, That provision may be made amending provisions of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 relating to amusement machine licence duty.

8. Vehicle excise duty (rates)

Resolved, That—

(1) Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1(2), for “£170” there shall be substituted “£175”.

(3) For paragraph 1B there shall be substituted—

"1B The annual rate of vehicle excise duty applicable to a vehicle to which this Part of this Schedule applies shall be determined in accordance with Table A, where the vehicle is first registered before 23rd March 2006, or Table B, where the vehicle is first registered on or after that date, by reference to—

(a) the applicable CO₂ emissions figure, and

(b) whether the vehicle qualifies for the reduced rate of duty, or is liable to the standard rate or the premium rate of duty."
Table A: Vehicles first registered before 23rd March 2006

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(4) In paragraph 1C—
(a) for sub-paragraph (2) substitute—
   “(2) Condition A is that the vehicle—
      (a) is constructed—
         (i) so as to be propelled by a relevant type of fuel, or
         (ii) so as to be capable of being propelled by any of a number of relevant
              types of fuel, or
      (b) is constructed or modified—
         (i) so as to be propelled by a prescribed type of fuel, or
         (ii) so as to be capable of being propelled by any of a number of prescribed
              types of fuel,
   and complies with any other requirements prescribed for the purposes of this
   condition.”;
(b) after sub-paragraph (5) there shall be inserted—
   “(6) In this paragraph—
      “bioethanol” has the meaning given in section 2AB of the Hydrocarbon Oil
      Duties Act 1979,
      “relevant type of fuel” means—
      (a) bioethanol, or
      (b) a mixture of bioethanol and unleaded petrol, if the proportion of
          bioethanol by volume is at least 85%,” and
      “unleaded petrol” has the meaning given in section 1(3C) of the
   (7) The Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Treasury, by regulations
       amend sub-paragraph (6).”

(5) In paragraph 1J(a), for “£165” there shall be substituted “£170”.

(6) In paragraph 1K(a), after “1st March 2003” there shall be inserted “and before 1st
January 2007”.

(7) In paragraph 2(1)—
(a) in paragraph (b), for “£30” there shall be substituted “£31”,
(b) in paragraph (c), for “£45” there shall be substituted “£46”, and
(c) in paragraph (d), for “£60” there shall be substituted “£62”.


(8) In Schedule 2 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, after paragraph 24 there shall be inserted—

“Light passenger vehicles with low \( \text{CO}_2 \) emissions

25 A vehicle is an exempt vehicle if—
(a) it is a vehicle to which Part 1A of Schedule 1 applies, and
(b) the applicable \( \text{CO}_2 \) emissions figure (as defined in paragraph 1A(3) and (4) of that Schedule) for the vehicle does not exceed 100 g/km.”

(9) Paragraph (8) shall come into force on 23rd March 2006; but nothing in that paragraph shall have the effect that a nil licence is required to be in force in respect of a vehicle while a vehicle licence is in force in respect of it.

(10) The rest of this Resolution shall have effect in relation to licences taken out 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.

9. Value added tax (gaming machines)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending section 23 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

10. Value added tax (buildings and land)

Resolved, That provision may be made for, and in connection with, conferring power on the Treasury—

(a) to substitute Schedule 10 to the Value Added Tax 1994 for the purpose of rewriting that Schedule with amendments, and
(b) to amend Group 1 of Schedule 9 to that Act.

11. Value added tax (works of art, antiques, etc)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 21 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 in relation to works of art, antiques, collections and collector’s pieces.

12. Value added tax (missing trader intra-community fraud)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of value added tax, provision may be made for, and in connection with, securing that—

(a) supplies of goods made to persons carrying on businesses are treated for the purposes of Schedule 1 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994 as their taxable supplies made in the course or furtherance of their businesses, and
(b) taxable persons carrying on businesses to whom supplies of goods are made by other taxable persons account for and pay value added tax on those supplies.

13. Value added tax (face-value vouchers)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending, or making amendments connected with, Schedule 10A to the Value Added Tax Act 1994.


Resolved, That income tax shall be charged for the year 2006–07, 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.

15. Corporation tax (charge and rate for 2007)

Resolved, That corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 2007 at the rate of 30%.

16. Corporation tax (small companies’ rate and fraction for 2006)

Resolved, That for the financial year 2006—

(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.
17. Corporation tax (starting rate and non-corporate distribution rate)

The Question being put, That provision may be made for, and in connection with, the abolition of—
(a) the corporation tax starting rate,
(b) the relief from corporation tax under section 13AA(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, and
(c) the non-corporate distribution rate;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 325.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 259.

So the Question was agreed to.

18. Group relief (corporation tax)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of corporation tax, provision may be made (including provision having retrospective effect) in relation to group relief.

19. Tax relief for R&D expenditure of small or medium-sized companies

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to relief under Schedule 20 to the Finance Act 2000.

20. Tax relief for R&D expenditure of large companies etc

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to relief under Schedule 12 to the Finance Act 2002.

21. Tax relief for expenditure on vaccine research etc

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to relief under Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 2002.

22. Films and sound recordings

Resolved, That provision may be made about the taxation of activities in connection with films and sound recordings.

23. Charities (relief on income tax and corporation tax)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending and supplementing sections 505 and 506 of and Schedule 20 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

24. Gift aid (payments by companies)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 339 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

25. Income tax (mobile telephones)

Resolved, That—
(1) In section 266(2) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 there shall be inserted at the end “or
(d) section 319 (mobile telephones),”
(2) In section 267(2) of that Act there shall be inserted at the end “and
(g) section 319 (mobile telephones),”
(3) For section 319 of that Act there shall be substituted—

“319 Mobile telephones

(1) No liability to income tax arises by virtue of section 62 (general definition of earnings) or Chapter 10 of Part 3 (taxable benefits: residual liability to charge) in respect of the provision of one mobile telephone for an employee without any transfer of property in it.
(2) In this section “mobile telephone” means telephone apparatus which—
(a) is not physically connected to a land-line, and
(b) is not used only as a wireless extension to a telephone which is physically connected to a land-line,
or any thing which may be used in such apparatus for the purpose of gaining access to, or using, a public electronic communications service.
(3) In this section the reference to the provision of a mobile telephone includes a reference to the provision, together with the mobile telephone provided, of access to, or the use of, a public electronic communications service by means of one mobile telephone number.
(4) For the purposes of subsection (2) “telephone apparatus” means wireless telegraphy apparatus designed or adapted for the primary purpose of transmitting and receiving spoken messages and used in connection with a public electronic communications service.

(4) The amendments made by this Resolution shall have effect for the year 2006-07 and subsequent years of assessment.

(5) But the amendment made by paragraph (3) shall not cause any liability to income tax to arise in respect of the provision of a mobile telephone for an employee, or a member of an employee’s family or household, if the mobile telephone was first provided to him before 6th April 2006.

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

26. Income tax (computer equipment)

The Question being put, That—

(1) Section 320 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 shall be omitted.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect for the year 2006-07 and subsequent years of assessment.

(3) But this Resolution shall not cause any liability to income tax to arise in respect of the provision of computer equipment by making it available to an employee, or a member of an employee’s family or household, if the computer equipment was first made available to him before 6th April 2006.

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 Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 259.

So the Question was agreed to.

27. Chargeable gains

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending, or making amendments connected with, the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

28. Income tax (interest relief: film partnership)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made restricting the relief available under sections 353 and 362 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 in respect of certain loans to buy into partnerships carrying on trade in relation to films or other recordings.

29. Transfers of income arising from securities

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending section 730 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

30. Stock lending

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for the purposes of income tax and corporation tax—

(a) in relation to stock lending arrangements, and

(b) for and in connection with treating arrangements which are not stock lending arrangements as if they were such arrangements.

31. Loan relationships etc

Resolved, That provision 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 to be treated as standing, in the position of a creditor or debtor in relation to a debt.
32. Derivative contracts
Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of corporation tax in relation to derivative contracts.

33. Intangible fixed assets
Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2002.

34. Controlled foreign companies
Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 90 of the Finance Act 2002.

35. Transfer of assets abroad
Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending, or making amendments connected with, Chapter 3 of Part 17 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

36. Income tax (benefits received by former owner of property)
Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 2004.

37. Leases of plant or machinery
Resolved, That, for the purposes of income tax and corporation tax, provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to leases of plant or machinery.

38. Corporation tax (companies carrying on leasing business)
Resolved, That, for the purposes of corporation tax, provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to any company carrying on (whether alone or in partnership) a business which consists of or includes leasing plant or machinery.

39. Insurance companies
Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about insurance companies.

40. Income tax (settlements)
Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to settlors, beneficiaries and trustees of settlements.

41. Investment reliefs (limits on value of gross assets of issuers of shares etc)
Resolved, That—
(1) In section 293(6A) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 ("ICTA")—
(a) in paragraph (a), for “£15 million” there shall be substituted “£7 million”, and
(b) in paragraph (b), for “£16 million” there shall be substituted “£8 million”.
(2) In paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 28B to ICTA—
(a) in paragraph (a), for “£15 million” there shall be substituted “£7 million”, and
(b) in paragraph (b), for “£16 million” there shall be substituted “£8 million”.
(3) In paragraph 22(1) and (2) of Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 2000—
(a) in paragraph (a), for “£15 million” there shall be substituted “£7 million”, and
(b) in paragraph (b), for “£16 million” there shall be substituted “£8 million”.
(4) Paragraphs (1) and (3) of this Resolution have effect in relation to shares issued on or after 6th April 2006, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6) of this Resolution.
(5) Neither of paragraphs (1) and (3) of this Resolution has effect in relation to shares issued on or after 6th April 2006 to a person who subscribed for them before 22nd March 2006.
(6) Paragraph (1) of this Resolution does not have effect in relation to shares issued on or after 6th April 2006 to the managers of an investment fund approved for the purposes of section 311 of ICTA by the Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs if—
(a) the fund was approved before 22nd March 2006,
(b) investments in the fund have been accepted before 6th April 2006, and
(c) the shares are issued to the managers as nominee for an individual who has (whether or not before 6th April 2006) invested in the fund.
(7) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution has effect in relation to relevant holdings issued on or after 6th April 2006, subject to paragraph (8) of this Resolution.
(8) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution does not have effect for the purpose of determining whether any shares or securities acquired by a company ("the trust company") by means of the investment of protected money are, for the purposes of section 842AA of ICTA, to be regarded as comprised in qualifying holdings of the company at any time.

(9) In paragraph (8) of this Resolution "protected money" means—
(a) money raised by the issue before 6th April 2006 of shares in or securities of the trust company, or
(b) money derived from the investment by the trust company of any such money.

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.

42. Venture capital trusts (relief from income tax)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 15B to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

43. Venture capital trusts (meaning of "investments")

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the meaning of "investments" for the purposes of approvals, and withdrawals of approvals, under section 842AA of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

44. Securities and securities options

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 420 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 shall be amended as follows.
(2) In subsection (1)(f), at the beginning there shall be inserted "options and".
(3) In subsection (5)(e), at the beginning there shall be inserted "securities".
(4) In subsection (8), in the definition of "securities option", after "acquire securities" there shall be inserted "other than a right to acquire securities which is acquired pursuant to a right or opportunity made available under arrangements the main purpose (or one of the main purposes) of which is the avoidance of tax or national insurance contributions".
(5) The amendments made by this Resolution shall have effect in relation to options acquired on or after 2nd December 2004; but paragraph (4) shall also have effect in relation to an option acquired before that date where something is done on or after that date as part of the arrangements under which it was made available.

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.

45. PAYE (retrospective notional payments)

Resolved, That provision may be made for and in connection with facilitating the operation of pay as you earn in relation to notional payments treated by any Act as made before the date on which the Act is passed.

46. Alternative finance

Resolved, That provision may be made—

(a) amending, and permitting amendment of, Chapter 5 of Part 2 of the Finance Act 2005, and
(b) about the treatment of alternative finance arrangements as loans to employees.

47. Corporation tax (nuclear decommissioning)

The Question being put, That provision may be made amending Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Energy Act 2004;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 320.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Sir Robert Smith: 73.
So the Question was agreed to.

48. Securitisation companies

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the taxation of securitisation companies.
49. Real Estate Investment Trusts

Resolved, That provision may be made enabling companies which carry on property rental business to acquire a status that provides certain exemptions and liabilities (in relation to companies and shareholders).

50. Oil (market value)

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to the market value of oil (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Oil Taxation Act 1975).

51. Oil (nominated contracts and blended oil)

Resolved, That provision may be made—
(a) for allocating blended oil to different fields for the purposes of section 2 of the Oil Taxation Act 1975, and
(b) amending section 61 of and Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1987.

52. Ring fence trades (rate of supplementary charge)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 501A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, in subsection (1), for “10 per cent” there shall be substituted “20 per cent”.

(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall have effect in relation to any accounting period beginning on or after 1st January 2006 (but see also paragraph (3)).

(3) For the purpose of calculating the amount of the supplementary charge on a company for an accounting period (a “straddling period”) beginning before 1st January 2006 and ending on or after that date—
(a) so much of the straddling period as falls before 1st January 2006, and so much of the straddling period as falls on or after that date, shall be treated as separate accounting periods, and
(b) the company’s adjusted ring fence profits for the straddling period shall be apportioned to the two separate accounting periods in proportion to the number of days in those periods.

(4) The amount of the supplementary charge on the company for the straddling period shall be the sum of the amounts of supplementary charge that would, in accordance with paragraph (3), be chargeable on the company for those separate accounting periods.

(5) In the case of a company’s straddling period—
(a) the Instalment Payments Regulations shall apply as if the amendment made by paragraph (1) had not been made, but
(b) those Regulations shall also apply separately, in accordance with the following paragraph, in relation to the increase in the amount of any supplementary charge on the company for that period that arises as a result of that amendment.

(6) In that separate application of those Regulations as mentioned in paragraph (5)(b), those Regulations shall have effect as if, for the purposes of those Regulations,—
(a) the straddling period were an accounting period beginning on 1st January 2006,
(b) supplementary charge were chargeable on the company for that period, and
(c) the amount of that charge were equal to the increase in the amount of the supplementary charge for the straddling period that arises as a result of the amendment made by paragraph (1).

(7) Any reference in the Instalment Payments Regulations to the total liability of a company shall, accordingly, be read—
(a) in their application as a result of paragraph (5)(a), as a reference to the amount that would be the company’s total liability for the straddling period if the amendment made by paragraph (1) had not been made, and
(b) in their application as a result of paragraph (5)(b), as a reference to the amount of the supplementary charge on the company for the deemed accounting period under paragraph (6)(a).

(8) For the purposes of the Instalment Payments Regulations—
(a) a company shall be regarded as a large company as respects the deemed accounting period under paragraph (6)(a) if (and only if) it is a large company for those purposes as respects the straddling period, and
(b) any question whether a company is a large company as respects the straddling period shall be determined as it would have been determined if the amendment made by paragraph (1) had not been made.
(9) If the Instalment Payments Regulations—
   (a) apply in relation to a company’s liability to supplementary charge for the deemed
       accounting period under paragraph (6)(a), and
   (b) would (but for this paragraph) treat any instalment payment in respect of that
       liability as being due and payable on a date falling on or before 22nd March 2006,
   those Regulations shall have effect as if the payment were due and payable instead at the
   end of the period of 14 days beginning with that date.

(10) In this Resolution—
   (a) “adjusted ring fence profits” has the meaning given by section 501A of the
       Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988,
   (b) “the Instalment Payments Regulations” means the Corporation Tax (Instalment
       Payments) Regulations 1998,
   (c) “supplementary charge” means any sum chargeable under section 501A(1) of the
       Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 as if it were an amount of corporation
       tax.

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, Kevin Brennan: 320.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Alan Reid: 75.

So the Question was agreed to.

53. Ring fence trades (exploration expenditure supplement)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be

54. Inheritance tax (rates and rate bands for years 2008–09 and 2009–10)

Resolved, That provision may be made for successive substitutions of the Table in

55. Inheritance tax (rules for trusts etc)

Resolved, That provision may be made—
   (a) amending provisions of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 relating to settled
       property, and
   (b) amending, in connection with cases where a person’s interest in settled property
       has come to an end, provisions relating to property that, for purposes of that Act,
       is property subject to a reservation.

56. Inheritance tax (purchase of interests in foreign trusts)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be

57. Pension schemes etc

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to pension schemes and similar
schemes under which benefits are provided to or in respect of employees or former
employees.

58. Stamp duty land tax (thresholds)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 55 of the Finance Act 2003 in subsection (2), in Table A, for “£120,000”,
   in both places, there shall be substituted “£125,000”.

(2) In Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 2003, in paragraph 2(3), in Table A, for
   “£120,000”, in both places, there shall be substituted “£125,000”.

(3) The amendments made by this Resolution shall have effect in relation to any
   transaction of which the effective date (within the meaning of Part 4 of the Finance Act
   2003) is after 22nd March 2006.

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. Stamp duty (thresholds)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with 23rd March 2006 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) In Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999, in paragraph 4, for “£120,000”, in both places, there shall be substituted “£125,000”.

(2) The amendment made by this Resolution shall have effect in relation to instruments executed after 22nd March 2006.

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.

60. Stamp duty land tax (leases)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedules 5 and 17A to the Finance Act 2003.

61. Stamp duty land tax (unit trust schemes)

Resolved, That—

(1) Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003 shall be amended as follows.

(2) Section 64A shall be omitted.

(3) In section 101—

(a) in subsection (1) for “provisions” there shall be substituted “provision”, and
(b) in subsection (7) the words from “section 53” to “companies), or” shall be omitted.

(4) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to any land transaction of which the effective date is, or is after, 22nd March 2006 (but see paragraphs (5) and (6)).

(5) This Resolution shall not have effect in relation to—

(a) any land transaction which is effected in pursuance of a contract entered into and substantially performed before 2 p.m. on 22nd March 2006 (“the relevant time”), or
(b) any other land transaction which is effected in pursuance of a contract entered into before the relevant time and which is not an excluded transaction.

(6) For this purpose, a land transaction effected in pursuance of a contract is an excluded transaction if—

(a) any provision of the contract has effect by reference to a unit trust scheme and the scheme is not established before the relevant time,
(b) at or after the relevant time the contract is varied in a way that significantly affects the land transaction (see paragraph (7)),
(c) the subject-matter of the land transaction is not identified in the contract in a way that would have enabled its acquisition before the relevant time,
(d) rights under the contract are assigned at or after the relevant time,
(e) the land transaction is effected in consequence of the exercise, at or after the relevant time, of any option, right of pre-emption or similar right,
(f) at or after the relevant time there is an assignment, subsale or other transaction (relating to the whole or part of the contract’s subject-matter) as a result of which a person other than the purchaser under the contract becomes entitled to call for a conveyance to him.

(7) For the purposes of paragraph (6)(b) the contract is varied in a way that significantly affects the land transaction if (and only if)—

(a) it is varied so as to substitute a different purchaser in relation to the land transaction,
(b) it is varied so as to alter the subject-matter of the land transaction, or
(c) it is varied so as to alter the consideration for the land transaction.

(8) Expressions which are used in Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003 and in this Resolution have the same meaning in this Resolution as in that Part.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.
62. Stamp duty land tax (alternative finance)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending and supplementing sections 71A to 73 of the Finance Act 2003.

63. Rate of landfill tax

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 42 of the Finance Act 1996, for the amount specified in subsection (1)(a), and the corresponding amount specified in subsection (2), there shall be substituted “£21”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to taxable disposals made, or treated as made, on or after 1st April 2006.

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. Climate change levy (rates)

Resolved, That provision may be made substituting the Table in paragraph 42(1) of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2000.

65. Climate change levy (abolition of half-rate supplies)

Resolved, That—

(1) For the purposes of climate change levy, no supply made on or after 1st April 2006 shall be a half-rate supply.

(2) Paragraphs (3) to (6) shall have effect for determining when a supply is to be regarded as made for the purposes of paragraph (1).

(3) A supply—

(a) of electricity, or

(b) of gas that is in a gaseous state and is of a kind supplied by a gas utility, is to be regarded as made at the time when the electricity or gas is actually supplied.

(4) In the case of a supply of a taxable commodity not falling within paragraph (3) by a person who is resident in the United Kingdom—

(a) if the commodity is to be removed, the supply is to be regarded as made at the time of the removal,

(b) if the commodity is not to be removed, the supply is to be regarded as made when the commodity is made available to the person to whom it is supplied.

This paragraph shall not apply if paragraph (6) applies in the case of the supply.

(5) In the case of a supply of a taxable commodity not falling within paragraph (3) by a person who is not resident in the United Kingdom, the supply is to be regarded as made—

(a) when the commodity is delivered to the person to whom it is supplied, or

(b) if earlier, when it is made available in the United Kingdom to that person.

This paragraph shall not apply if paragraph (6) applies in the case of the supply.

(6) In any case where, by virtue of paragraph 23(3) of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2000, a person is, for the purposes of that Schedule, deemed to make a supply to himself of a quantity of a taxable commodity—

(a) which he has produced, and

(b) which does not fall within paragraph (3), the supply is to be regarded as made at the time when he produced that particular quantity of the taxable commodity.

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.

66. 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 (Evasion of Tobacco Products Duty),—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 requiring manufacturers of tobacco products not to facilitate smuggling and enabling the imposition of a penalty for breach of that requirement.
Procedure (Film Tax Credits).—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision for tax credits to be paid to film production companies in respect of expenditure on film making activities.

Procedure (International Tax Enforcement Arrangements).—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 about arrangements made in relation to any territory or territories outside the United Kingdom and concerning the exchange of information, the recovery of debts or the service of documents relating to taxes imposed under the domestic law of the United Kingdom or taxes imposed under the law of that territory or any of those territories.

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 financial year 2007;
(b) provision amending, or making amendments connected with, section 139 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003;
(c) provision enabling regulations to be made about taxation in respect of income arising from participation in, or the provision of certain services in relation to, the 2012 London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games;
(d) provision in relation to the residence of trustees of settlements;
(e) provision for substituting the Table in Schedule 1 to the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 in relation to chargeable transfers made on or after 6th April 2008 or made on or after 6th April 2009;
(f) provision amending provisions of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 relating to settled property;
(g) provision about the rates of climate change levy.

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 Darling, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Clarke, Secretary Alan Johnson, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Mr Des Browne, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Mr Ivan Lewis do prepare and bring it in.

14 Finance (No. 2) 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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 161].

15 Civil Aviation (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

16 Health and Safety.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Railway Safety Levy Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 16th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

17 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 2006, which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

18 Cinemas and Film.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

19 Town and Country Planning.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 9th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.
20 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

21 Tax Credits,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

22 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 Special Health Authorities (Audit) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

23 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 Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

24 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 (Rates) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

25 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

26 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 Employment Zones (Allocation to Contractors) Pilot Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

27 Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, Rebates and Minimum Contributions) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

28 Highways,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Restricted Byways (Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 16th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

29 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 Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

30 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 Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

31 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 2006, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.
33 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 Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

34 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 Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

35 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 2006, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

36 Serious Organised Crime Agency,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Application and Modification of Certain Enactments to Designated Staff of SOCA) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

37 Lord Chancellor,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Information Sharing Index (England) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

38 Children and Young 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 International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

39 International Immunities and Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

40 Financial Services Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 15345/05 and Addendum 1, the European Commission’s White Paper: Financial Services Policy 2005–2010, and agrees with the Commission’s proposals, that, after taking into account the UK’s five priorities for the future approach to financial services in the EU—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

41 Access to European Databases on Asylum, Immigration and Visas,—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. 15122/05, Commission Communication on improved effectiveness, enhanced interoperability and synergies among European databases in the area of Justice and Home Affairs, and No. 15142/05, Draft Decision on access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by the authorities of Member States responsible for internal security and by Europol for the purpose of prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and other serious criminal offences; and supports the Government’s view that law enforcement access to the VIS may provide useful information that could assist in the course of investigations into specific cases related to serious criminal or terrorist offences, but that this access must be subject to appropriate standards of data protection and that any future legislative proposals, that could be brought forward as a result of Council Document 15122/05, must first be considered carefully, with full consideration given to the impact that they might have on personal privacy—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

42 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 19th April at Nine o’clock and between Two o’clock and Four o’clock to consider the matter of the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales).—(Mr Dave Watts.)
43 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of North Fambridge against the erection of a telecommunications mast at White House Farm, Ferry Road, North Fambridge, Essex; and

(2) supporters of (i) Hornsea Cottage Hospital; (ii) Withernsea Hospital; (iii) Beverley Westwood Hospital; (iv) Save Felixstowe Hospital; (v) Aldeburgh Hospital; (vi) Surbiton Hospital; (vii) Sudbury Hospitals; (viii) Hartismere Hospital; (ix) Lymington Hospital; (x) Milford-on-Sea War Memorial Hospital; (xi) Fordingbridge Hospital; (xii) Hythe Hospital; (xiii) Fenwick Hospital; (xiv) Thames Ditton Hospital; (xv) Molessey Hospital; (xvi) Cobham and Oxshott Hospital; (xvii) Walton Community Hospital; (xviii) Cossham Memorial Hospital; (xix) Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital; (xx) Tonbridge Cottage Hospital; (xxi) Weybridge Hospital; (xxii) Penrith and Eden Community Hospital; (xxiii) Wigton Community Hospital; (xxiv) the League of Friends of Ruth Lancaster James Hospital; (xxv) Brampton and District War Memorial Cottage Hospital; (xxvi) Bishop’s Castle Community Hospital; (xxvii) Ludlow Community Hospital; (xxviii) Romsey Hospital; (xxix) the Minor Injuries Unit, Baxton Cottage Hospital; (xxx) Macclesfield District General Hospital; (xxxi) Macclesfield and Congleton District Hospitals; (xxxii) Newmarket Community Hospital; (xxxiii) Mary Hewetson Hospital; (xxxiv) Maryport Victoria Cottage Hospital League of Friends; (xxxv) Cockermouth Cottage Hospital; (xxxvi) Milom Community Hospital; (xxxvii) Workington Community Hospital; (xxxviii) Bradford on Avon Hospital; (xxxix) Warminster Community Hospital; (xl) Westbury Hospital; (xli) Tisbury Hospital; (xlii) Farford Hospital; (xliii) Towhiddens Hospital; and (xliv) Chipping Norton War Memorial Hospital against reductions in community hospital services

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

44 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Doddington Community Hospital against reductions in community hospital services was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

45 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax,—Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Disregard and Bringing into Account of Profits and Losses) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 936), dated 28th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Disabled Persons,—Disability Discrimination (Premises) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 887), dated 21st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

3 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 2005 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Improving Literacy and Numeracy in Schools [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 953] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5 Climate Change,—Paper, entitled Climate Change—The UK Programme 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6764] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Foreign and Commonwealth,—Paper, entitled Active Diplomacy for a Changing World: The UK’s International Priorities [by Command] [Cm. 6762] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Government Resources and Accounts,—General Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on Financial Auditing and Reporting 2004–05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1015] [Clerk of the House].
8 Industrial Training.—Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board for 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1001] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

9 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Reserve Forces [by Act]; to be printed [No. 964] [Clerk of the House].


11 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006;
(2) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006;
(3) Partnership Pension Account Death Benefits Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006;
(4) Partnership Pension Account Ill Health Benefits Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006; and
(5) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006 [by Act] [Mr Jim Murphy].

12 Treasury.—Treasury Minute, dated 28th March 2006, concerning the dissolution and reconfiguration of certain NHS Trusts: Remission of outstanding public dividend capital [by Command] [Mr Des Browne].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty for Persistent Misuse of Network or Service) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Davidson, Mark Fisher, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Dai Havard and Mr Denis MacShane from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Roger Berry, Chris Mole, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr John MacDougall and Mr Jamie Reed.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 15444/1/05 relating to the EC Treaty and Criminal Law.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Fiona MacTaggart and Stephen Pound from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Andy Burnham and Paul Farrelly.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 28th March [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) First Special Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Legal Services Commission’s response to the Committee’s Fourth Report, on removal of Specialist Support Services]; to be printed [No. 1029]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Freedom of Information—one year on]; to be printed [No. 991-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxi] [Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger].

4 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Protecting and preserving our heritage]; to be printed [No. 912-iv] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence.—(1) Fifth Report from the Defence Committee [The UK Deployment to Afghanistan]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 558];
(2) Sixth Report [Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2004-05]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 822].
3 Fourth Special Report [Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2005–06: Armed Forces Bill]; to be printed [No. 1021]; and

4 Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: The Strategic Context]; to be printed [No. 986-iii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Environmental Audit,—Sixth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 584] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control]; to be printed [No. 775-vi] [Mr John Denham].

8 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Private Sector Development]; to be printed [No. 921-iii] [Malcolm Bruce].

9 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Early Day Motions]; to be printed [No. 1002-i] [Mr Greg Knight].

10 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Sewel Convention: the Westminster Perspective]; to be printed [No. 983-v] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

11 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Work of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority]; to be printed [No. 1028-i] [Peter Luff].

12 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [February 2006 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 973-ii] [Mr John McFall].

13 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales]; to be printed [No. 876-vi] [Dr Hywel Francis].

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Tuesday 28th March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Derek Twigg.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.

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Wednesday 29th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 27th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 Report of a review by Nicholas Blake QC,—Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report of a review by Nicholas Blake QC of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of four soldiers at Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut, between 1995 and 2002.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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:

Fraud Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for, and in connection with, criminal liability for fraud and obtaining services dishonestly; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Fraud Bill [Lords].—The Fraud Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 166].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Fraud Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 166–EN].

7 Breast Cancer Bill.—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question [20th January], That the Breast Cancer Bill be read a second time, be resumed on Friday 12th May.

8 International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill.—The Order for considering the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, on Friday 12th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 16th June.

9 Housing (Council Tenants and Leaseholders).—Simon Hughes, supported by Lynne Featherstone, Tom Brake, Mr Edward Davey, Susan Kramer, Paul Holmes, Mr Mike Hancock, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Dan Rogerson, Mr John Leech, Mark Hunter and Loredy Burt, presented a Bill to make provision with regard to the rights and obligations of council tenants and leaseholders; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 163].

10 Prevention of Scalding Injuries (Bathing in the Home).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the installation in homes of thermostatic mixing valves to set bath tap water temperature to a maximum of 46 degrees centigrade; and for connected purposes.—(Mary Creagh).

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 Mary Creagh, Sandra Gidley, Mr David Blunkett, Mrs Sian C. James, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Dr Ian Gibson, Alan Simpson, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Robert Walter and John Bercow do prepare and bring it in.

11 Prevention of Scalding Injuries (Bathing in the Home) Bill.—Mary Creagh accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the installation in homes of thermostatic mixing valves to set bath tap water temperature to a maximum of 46 degrees centigrade; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 160].

12 Identity Cards Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [28th March] relating to the Identity Cards Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 22J and 22K.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [13th February].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Dave Watts: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Annette Brooke: 251.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendments were accordingly disagreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 22J and 22K;

That Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Edward Garnier, Andy Burnham, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Joan Ryan be members of the Committee;

That Andy Burnham be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee; and

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

13 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 5th July 2005 (as varied by the Order of 11th October 2005):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Tom Watson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 317.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Crispin Blunt: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

14 Identity Cards Bill.—Andy Burnham reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 22J and 22K for the following Reason:

Because the Commons consider it appropriate that a person applying for a designated document be required at the same time to apply to be entered in the Register and to have an ID Card issued to him.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

15 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 17 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18.

An Amendment ((a)) proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 10, to leave out the word ‘not’.—(Mr Neil Gerrard.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Stunell, Mr Roger Williams: 89.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Frank Roy: 308.

So the Question was negatived.

It being more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions to be disposed of at that hour.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendments Nos. 19 to 40 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 19.

16 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 6th June 2005 (Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

17 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 16 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, to leave out the words 'cultural heritage' and insert the word 'landscape', instead thereof.—(Mr James Paice.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Ian Cawsey: 380.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 18 to 64 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 19.

18 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 Amendments and Messages that may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Identity Cards Bill to which this House has disagreed, but they propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of this House.

20 Identity Cards Bill.—Lords non-insistence and Amendments in lieu to the Identity Cards Bill to be printed [Bill 165].

21 Consumer Credit Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Consumer Credit Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 9th June 2005 (Consumer Credit Bill (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.
Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Tony Cunningham).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Joan Ryan: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 212.

So the Question was agreed to.

22 Consumer Credit Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to the Consumer Credit Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 5 were agreed to.

23 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 Communications Act 2003 (Maximum Penalty for Persistent Misuse of Network or Service) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.

24 EC Treaty and Criminal Law.—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. 15444/1/05 Rev 1, Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implications of the Court’s judgement of 13th September 2005 (Case C-178/03 Commission v Council); notes that the judgement will have an impact on criminal law measures agreed in support of community objectives; and supports the Government’s view that as a general rule criminal law should remain within Third Pillar competence—(Mr Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.


26 Identity Cards Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [13th February], proceeded forthwith to consider the Lords Message [this day] relating to the Identity Cards Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 22M, 22N and 22O—(Mr Secretary Clarke);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Kevin Brennan: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Jenny Willott, Mr Roger Williams: 84.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendments were accordingly agreed to.

27 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Newark and others against further delay in the programme to make the A46 in Nottinghamshire a dual carriageway;

(2) Andrew and Julie Wright against the removal of children’s doorstep play areas in North Bretton, Peterborough; and

(3) the SaveFriarswoodPrimary.com Campaign against the closure of Friarswood Primary School, Newcastle-under-Lyme

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

28 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of Newmarket Community Hospital against reductions in community hospital services; and

(2) residents of Worcester Constituency against changes in the arrangements made for wardens of sheltered housing provided by Worcester Community Housing

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
29 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Climate Change Levy.—Climate Change Levy (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 954), dated 29th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].


3 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 866), dated 22nd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Pensions.—(1) European Parliamentary (United Kingdom Representatives) Pensions (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 919); and


Other Papers:

6 Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given on 29th March 2006 in respect of temporary borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority in pursuance of section 14 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 [by Act] [John Healey].

7 Enterprise.—Plan of the Office of Fair Trading for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 970] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Health.—Government Response to the First Report from the Health Committee, Session 2005–06, on Smoking in Public Places [by Command] [Cm. 6769] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Health and Social Care.—Report of the Healthcare Commission’s findings relating to the independent healthcare sector in England 2004–05 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10 Report of a Review by Nicholas Blake QC.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report of a review by Nicholas Blake QC of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of four soldiers at Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut, between 1995 and 2002 [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 795] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Local Government (Boundaries) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Vernon Coaker, Natascha Engel, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Lady Hermon, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dr William McCrea, Mr Eddie McGrady, Mr Alan Milburn, Anne Milton, Margaret Moran, Lembit Opik, Mark Pritchard, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Peter Robinson, Angela E. Smith (Basildon), Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Michael Wills and Derek Wyatt.

Grand Committees

3 Welsh Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Ruffley and Bill Wiggin from the Welsh Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr David Evennett and Mrs Cheryl Gillan.

European Standing Committees

4 European Union Document No. 5130/06 and Addendum I relating to the Promotion of Clean Road Vehicles.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Vernon Coaker, Frank Dobson, Linda Gilroy, Mr Robert Goodwill, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Dan Norris, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Graham Stringer.

5 European Union Document No. 9606/05 and Addendum I relating to Protection of Chickens Kept for Meat Production.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Roger Godsiff, Chris Huhne, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr David Kidney, Andrew Rosindell, Alan Simpson, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport], to be printed [No. 981-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 European Scrutiny.—(1) Twenty-third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxiii];

(2) Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee [The Commission’s and Council’s Programmes for 2006], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxiv]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Public Diplomacy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 903]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism], to be printed [No. 573-v]

[Mike Gapes].

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Connecting Parliament with the Public], to be printed [No. 951-ii] [Mr Geoffrey Hoon].

6 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Department for Work and Pensions: Delivering effective services through contact centres], to be printed [No. 1034-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Publication of Political Memoirs], to be printed [No. 689-v] [Dr Tony Wright].
8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Research Council support for knowledge transfer]; to be printed [No. 995-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxii]; and
   (2) Third Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 871-i] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Piracy on the High Seas]; to be printed [No. 1026-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2006 Budget]; to be printed [No. 994-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 132; WH, No. 83]

Wednesday 29th March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

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

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o'clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

[No. 133.]

Thursday 30th March 2006.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and having been informed on Monday 27th March of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr Speaker from the sittings of the House this week, 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 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill,—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr David Miliband, Yvette Cooper and Jim Fitzpatrick, presented a Bill to make provision about the delegation of functions by the Housing Corporation and Housing for Wales and about the validation of things done or evidenced by, and the authentication of the fixing of, their seals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 18th April and to be printed [Bill 164].

   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill be printed [Bill 164–EN].

4 Royal Assent,—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:
   Appropriation Act 2006
   Merchant Shipping (Pollution) Act 2006
   Criminal Defence Service Act 2006
   National Insurance Contributions Act 2006
   Terrorism Act 2006
   London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006
Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006  
Consumer Credit Act 2006  
Identity Cards Act 2006  
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

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—\(\text{Mr John Heppell}\).

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

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
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(1) & \text{UK residents for better support for children's hospices;} \\
(2) & \text{residents of Castle Point and others for universal free provision of lip reading services for deaf people and the hard of hearing;} \\
(3) & \text{residents of Castle Point and others against yob behaviour were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.}
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7 Adjournment,—\(\text{Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.}—\(\text{Kevin Brennan}\)\)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 18th April.

[Adjourned at 5.11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

\textit{Papers presented or laid upon the Table:}

\textbf{Papers subject to Negative Resolution:}

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\item[1] Environmental Protection,—Waste Management (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 937), dated 28th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
\item[2] Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1016], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
\item[3] Income Tax,—Unit Trust Schemes and Offshore Funds (Non-qualifying Investments Test) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 981), dated 30th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].
\item[4] Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 966), dated 29th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
\item[5] Police,—\(\begin{align*}
(1) & \text{Police (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 932), dated 27th March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke]; and} \\
(2) & \text{Police Service of Northern Ireland Pensions (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 152), dated 23rd March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].}
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\textbf{Other Papers:}

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\item[7] Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the First Report of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2005–06, on Broadcasting Rights for Cricket [by Command] [Cm. 6772] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
\item[8] Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Thirty-fifth Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 6733] [The Prime Minister].
\item[9] Nursing and Other Health Professions,—Twenty-first Report of the Review Body on Nursing and Other Health Professions [by Command] [Cm. 6752] [The Prime Minister].
\item[10] Parliamentary and Other Pensions,—Report by the Government Actuary on the Valuation of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund as at 1st April 2005 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 979] [Clerk of the House].
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11 Prison Service Pay,—Fourth Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body on Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 6746] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Agricultural Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2006, with a Statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

13 Senior Salaries,—Twenty-eighth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 6727] [The Prime Minister].

Papers withdrawn:

14 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [No. 974] [laid 13th March].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Local Government (Boundaries) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Grand Committees

2 The Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on 19th April.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxiii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [The Role of DfID]; to be printed [No. 1014-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2006 Budget]; to be printed [No. 994-iii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 133; WH, No. 84]

Thursday 30th March 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (The courts: small claims—First Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 18th April.

[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.]
Tuesday 18th April 2006.

PRAYERS.

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

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Andrew Stunell be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Adrian Sanders be added to the Committee.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Government (Boundaries) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. 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:

Parliament (Participation of Members of the House of Commons) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide for the Speaker of the House of Commons to have power to determine the eligibility of members of the House of Commons to participate in certain legislative proceedings of that House, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Housing Act 2004 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Housing Act 2004 so as to repeal provisions relating to Home Information Packs: And that Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Peter Bottomley, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Roger Gale, Anne Milton, Angela Browning, Mr David Wilshire, Tony Baldry, Mark Pritchard, Ann Winterton and Mrs Eleanor Laing do prepare and bring it in.

5 Housing Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Housing Act 2004 so as to repeal provisions relating to Home Information Packs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 167].

6 Commons Bill [Lords].—The Commons Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 Commons Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Commons 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 20th April 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Mr Dave Watts);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Alan Campbell: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Rosindell: 102.

So the Question was agreed to.
8 Commons Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Commons Bill [Lords] [Money].

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills). That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Commons 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 by virtue of the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

Adjourned at 9.12 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 31st March 2006

1 Prison Service Pay.—Fifth Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body on England and Wales [Cm. 6745] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Switzerland (No. 1, 2006).—Agreement, done at Berne on 16th December 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Federal Council on the Readmission of Persons Present without Authorisation, and Protocol to the Agreement, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6773] [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 31st March 2006


(2) Environmental Stewardship (England) and Countryside Stewardship (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 991), dated 21st March 2006; and

(3) Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 985), dated 27th March 2006,

with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Monday 3rd April 2006

5 Dangerous Drugs.—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 988), dated 29th March 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Medicines.—(1) Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 915); and

(2) Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 914),

dated 23rd March 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Miscellaneous Amendments Relating to Independent Prescribing) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 913), dated 23rd March 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Social Security.—(1) Employment Zones (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1000), dated 30th March 2006; and

Tuesday 4th April 2006


11 Health Care and Associated Professions.—Nurses and Midwives (Parts of and Entries in the Register) Amendment Order of Council 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1015), dated 3rd April 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Immigration.—Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1003), dated 30th March 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Wednesday 5th April 2006


Thursday 6th April 2006

15 Education.—(1) Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 930); and


Friday 7th April 2006

17 Education.—(1) Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 955); and


20 Trade Marks.—Community Trade Mark Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1027), dated 5th April 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Monday 10th April 2006

25 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1065), dated 5th April 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Tuesday 11th April 2006


28 Trade Marks.—Trade Marks (International Registration) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1080), dated 7th April 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Wednesday 12th April 2006


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 18th April 2006:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

32 Insolvency.—Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Disqualification from Office: General) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

33 Education.—(1) Education (Modification of Enactments Relating to Employment) (Wales) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1073); and

(2) Monksenton Community High School (Governing Body Procedures) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1078); and


34 Housing.—Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1093), dated 11th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

35 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 7th October 2005, made by the Governing Body of St Catherine’s College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

36 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force in respect of Retired Pay and Pensions, dated 21st March 2006 [by Act]; and

(2) Joint Service Publication 754—Tri-Service Regulations for Pay and Charges, dated 21st March 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].
37 British Waterways Board.—Statement of Guarantee given on 31st March 2006 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Waterways Board from National Westminster Bank plc [by Act] [John Healey].

38 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Update on PFI debt refinancing and the PFI equity market [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1040] [Clerk of the House].

   (2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay and Allowances) Order 2006; and
   (3) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay) Order 2006,
dated 8th March 2006 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

40 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—Corporate Plan of the Electoral Commission for 2006–07 to 2010–11 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 987] [The Speaker].

41 Public Petitions,—Observations by—
   (1) the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs on the Petition [16th February] from residents of Humberstone, Leicester against the decision of St. Mary’s Parochial Church Council preventing visitors from placing flowers and mementoes at grave sites;
   (2) the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [29th March] from the SaveFriarswoodPrimary.com Campaign against the closure of Friarswood Primary School, Newcastle-under-Lyme;
   (3) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [15th March] from British Somalilanders and friends of Somaliland for Somaliland’s recognition as a state;
   (4) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [15th February] from the Association of Directors of Public Health and its members against any weakening of a comprehensive ban on smoking in enclosed public places;
   (5) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [23rd March] from residents of Canvey and others for a new pelican crossing on High Road, Canvey Island; and
   (6) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [29th March] from residents of Newark and others against further delay in the programme to make the A46 in Nottinghamshire a dual carriageway
   [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

42 Reserve Forces.—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 58(1) of that Act [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Local Government (Boundaries) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Eddie McGrady, Mr Alan Milburn and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Paul Clark, Mark Durkin, Mr Mike Hall, Judy Mallaber and Lynda Waltho.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Freedom of Information—one year on]; to be printed [No. 991-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Party funding]
   [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xxiv] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Protecting and preserving our heritage]; to be printed [No. 912-v] [Mr John Whittingdale].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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 it being Two o'clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 135.]

Wednesday 19th April 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill.—The HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill.—The Order for reading the International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill a second time on Friday 12th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16th June.

3 British Overseas Territories,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the representation of the British Overseas Territories in the European Union and in Parliament: And that Daniel Kawczynski, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr David Jones and Mr Stephen Crabb do prepare and bring it in.

4 British Overseas Territories Bill,—Daniel Kawczynski accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the representation of the British Overseas Territories in the European Union and in Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 168].

5 Eightieth Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen,—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty to offer the cordial congratulations of this House on the occasion of Her Majesty's eightieth birthday, and to express its appreciation of Her Majesty's unfailing devotion to the duties of State, the Nation and the Commonwealth, and its warmest good wishes for her long continuing health and happiness.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of the House as are of Her Majesty’s most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.—(The Prime Minister.)

6 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 13th March 2006 (Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in two days.

3. Those proceedings shall be taken on each of those days as shown in the first column of the Table and in the order so shown.

4. Each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in relation to it in the second column of the Table

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Schedules.

5. In paragraph 7 of the Order, for “Thursday 27th April” there shall be substituted
“Tuesday 2nd May”.—(Mr David Hanson)

7 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [1st allocated day].—The House, according
to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous
Provisions) Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 10 to 12, 19 to 22 and Schedule No. 2, and any
New Clauses and Schedules other than those relating to Parts 2 or 4).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Power to make provision about anonymous registration).

Amendment (No. 23) proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out subsection (1).—(Lady
Hermon)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Timing of canvass).

Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 2, line 24, to leave out from '2010' to the end
of line 26.—(Lady Hermon)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Andrew Rosindell: 214.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 291.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 2, line 37, at the end, to insert the
words—

“(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2) the “public interest” is the requirement to
meet the “relevant registration objectives” as set out in section 4.”.—(Mr Laurence
Robertson)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Burns, Andrew Rosindell: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tom Watson: 298.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Alteration of registers: pending elections).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 5, to leave out lines 17 to 24.—(Lorely Burt)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 to 12 disagreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr Dave Watts)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Dave Watts reported, That the
Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the
Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.
8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Town and Country Planning.—Draft Planning (Application to the Houses of Parliament) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Fire and Rescue Services.—Fire and Rescue Services (National Framework) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1084), dated 10th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Trade Marks.—(1) Olympics and Paralympics Association Rights (Appointment of Proprietors) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1119); and

(2) Paralympics Association Right (Paralympic Symbol) Order (S.I., 2006, No. 1120), dated 19th April 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Paper:

4 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 18th April 2006, concerning the gifting of military equipment to the Iraqi Government [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 10 to 12 and 19 to 22, Schedule No. 2 and certain new Clauses and new Schedules within the terms of the Order of 19th April):

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-seven Members to serve on the Committee: Ed Balls, Liz Blackman, Lyn Brown, Chris Bryant, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mark Durkan, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr David Hanson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Helen Jones, Mr Sadiq Khan, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Chris Mole, Lembit Öpik, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Peter Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Ben Wallace, Lynda Waltho, Sameny Wilson and Mr Shaun Woodward.

2 Commons Bill [Lords]:

(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 Peter Atkinson, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Drew, Mr Philip Dunne, Helen Goodman, Nia Griffith, Barbara Keeley, Mr David Kidney, Jim Knight, Tom Levitt, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, David Maclean, Mr James Paice, Mr Dan Rogerson, Paddy Tipping, Mr Paul Truswell and Mr Roger Williams.

3 Draft Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Vernon Coaker, Frank Dobson, Mr David Gauke, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Alan Milburn, Dr Doug Naysmith, Lembit Öpik, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, David Simpson, Lynda Waltho and Mr Shaun Woodward.

Grand Committees

4 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lorely Burt from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Reid.
European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 6174/04 relating to Services in the Internal Market.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: John Battle, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Jeremy Browne, Lorely Burt, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Sandra Osborne, Ian Pearson, Mr Mark Prisk and Mr Simon Simon.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Party funding], to be printed [No. 1060-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxv] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 873-iv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committees [Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 873-v]
[Mr Roger Berry].

4 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Children’s Trusts]; to be printed [No. 734-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport]; to be printed [No. 981-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Climate change: role of bioenergy], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 965-iii];

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Managing Radioactive Waste Safely 2005]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Rural Payments Agency]
[Mr Michael Jack].

7 European Scrutiny.—(1) Twenty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]
[Jimmy Hood].

8 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 573-vi] [Mike Gapes].

9 Human Rights.—Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Eighth Progress Report], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1062] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

10 Public Accounts.—(1) Fortieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Environment Agency: Efficiency in water resource management]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 749].

(2) Forty-first Report from the Committee [The South Eastern Passenger Rail Franchise]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 770];

(3) Forty-second Report from the Committee [Enforcing competition in markets]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 841]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Prisoner diet and exercise]; to be printed [No. 1063-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].
11 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Research Council support for knowledge transfer]; to be printed [No. 995-iii] [Mr Phil Willis].

12 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Personal Passenger Safety in Railway Stations]; to be printed [No. 1057-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

13 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The administration of tax credits]; to be printed [No. 811-v] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 135; WH, No. 86]

Wednesday 19th April 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began 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 half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.26 p.m.]

[No. 136.]

Thursday 20th April 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Eightieth Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 19th April relating to the Eightieth Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen 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:

It gives me great pleasure to receive the cordial congratulations of your House on the occasion of my eightieth birthday, together with your expression of appreciation and your warm good wishes for my long continuing health and happiness.

I send my warmest thanks to you.

2 Road Safety Bill [Lords],—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Road Safety Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 24th April and to be printed [Bill 170].

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

3 Disorderly conduct,—Mr Dennis Skinner, Member for Bolsover, having used a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by the Deputy Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Disorderly conduct) ordered him to withdraw immediately for the remainder of this day’s sitting.—And he withdrew accordingly.

4 Northern Ireland Bill,—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Clarke and Mr David Hanson, presented a Bill to make provision for preparations for the restoration of devolved government in Northern Ireland and for the selection of persons to be Ministers on such restoration; to make provision as to the consequences of selecting or not selecting such persons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 24th April and to be printed [Bill 169].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland Bill be printed [Bill 169–EN].
Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 10 to 12, 19 to 22 and Schedule No. 2, and any New Clauses and Schedules other than those relating to Parts 2 or 4).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 19 (Department with policing and justice functions)

Amendment (No. 30) proposed, in page 13, line 41, to leave out the words ‘and justice’.—(Lady Hermon.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 14, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) The Act may provide for the department to be in the charge of the First and Deputy First Minister acting jointly.’.—(Mr Laurence Robertson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed, in page 14, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(4A) No person shall be appointed as Minister or Junior Minister of a Department to exercise functions consisting wholly or mainly of devolved policing and justice functions pursuant to this section if he has—

(a) been convicted of a criminal offence and had a sentence of imprisonment imposed whether suspended or not; or

(b) failed to make a declaration to the Assembly of unequivocal support for the Police Service of Northern Ireland (incorporating the Royal Ulster Constabulary).’.—(Lady Hermon.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Alan Campbell: 293.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 14, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(8) The Secretary of State shall not lay an Order under section 4(2) in relation to any matter which is specified in any of paragraphs 9 to 12, 14A and 15A and 17 of Schedule 3 unless—

(a) a period of two years has passed since a restoration order was made under section 2(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 2000; and

(b) he is satisfied that the Assembly is stable and secure.’.—(Lorely Burt.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 (Department with policing and justice functions)

Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 25, line 34, to leave out from the word ‘passed’ to the end of line 38 and insert the words ‘with cross-community support.’.—(Lorely Burt.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 20 agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Provision for transfer of functions relating to extradition etc.)

Amendment (No. 32) proposed, in page 15, line 25, at the end to add the words—

‘(4A) No recommendation shall be made to Her Majesty to make an order under this section unless the Assembly has passed with cross-community support a resolution praying that the relevant function be transferred to a Minister or a Northern Ireland Department.’.—(Lady Hermon.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 22 agreed to.
A Clause (NC6) (Police Service Northern Ireland 50-50 recruitment policy)—(Mr Peter Robinson)—brought up and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
And it being Six o’clock, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [19th April]
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, David Simpson, Mrs Iris Robinson: 103.
Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Dave Watts: 282.
Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 10 to 12, 19 to 22 and Schedule No. 2, and any New Clauses and Schedules other than those relating to Parts 2 or 4) to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Tom Watson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 10 to 12, 19 to 22 and Schedule No. 2, and any New Clauses and Schedules other than those relating to Parts 2 or 4) and directed him to report the same, with Amendments.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 19 to 22 and Schedule No. 2) to lie upon the Table.

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 Government (Boundaries) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 22nd March, be approved—(Mr Tom Watson);
And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 26th April, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

7 Northern Ireland Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Northern Ireland Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 24th April.

[Adjourned at 6.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 2006;
(2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Japan) Order 2006; and
(3) draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Gibraltar) Order 2006
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Magistrates’ Courts,—Draft Collection of Fines (Final Scheme) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Education,—(1) Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1068); and

5 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1053], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Road Traffic,—Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Fitting Date) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1117), dated 18th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendments to the Rates of Pay, Specialist Pay and Charges of the Royal Air Force, dated 21st March [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

8 Reserve Forces,—Amendments to the Rates of Pay, Specialist Pay, Charges and Bounties of The Royal Air Force Reserve, The Royal Auxiliary Air Force and Uniformed Adult Instructors of the Air Training Corps and the Combined Cadet Force (RAF), dated 21st March [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 10 to 12 and 19 to 22, Schedule No. 2 and certain new Clauses and new Schedules within the terms of the Order of 19th April) (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr David Hanson, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Lynda Waltho and Mr Shaun Woodward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 10 to 12 and 19 to 22, Schedule No. 2 and certain new Clauses and new Schedules within the terms of the Order of 19th April):
(1) The Speaker has appointed David Taylor and Mr Peter Atkinson Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Hepburn from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mr George Mudie.

3 Commons Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Tony Cunningham, Mr David Kidney, Jim Knight, David Maclean, Mr James Paice, Paddy Tipping and Mr Roger Williams members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

4 Commons Bill [Lords],—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg and Mr Mike Weir Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

5 Draft Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Forth Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 5130/06 and Addendum 1 on Promotion of Clean Road Vehicles.

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 9606/05 and Addendum 1 on Protection of Chickens Kept for Meat Production.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxvi] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [The Role of DfID]; to be printed [No. 1014-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 International Development,—(1) Third Report from the International Development Committee [The WTO Hong Kong Ministerial and the Doha Development Agenda], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 730-I and -II]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The WTO Hong Kong Ministerial and the Doha Development Agenda]
   [Malcolm Bruce].

4 Public Administration,—(1) Third Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1033]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Governing the Future], to be printed [No. 756-iii] [Dr Tony Wright].

5 Treasury,—Fourth Report from the Treasury Committee [The 2006 Budget], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 994] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 136; WH, No. 87]

Thursday 20th April 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Forensic Science on Trial—Seventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2004-05, and the Government response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Dave Watts);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 25th April.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]
Monday 24th April 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Forth reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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

2 European Standing Committee.—John Bercow reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5130/06 and Addendum 1, Draft Directive on the promotion of clean road vehicles; and endorses the Government’s approach in investigating what the costs and impacts of the proposal on the UK would be and in seeking to so amend the proposal that, if implemented, it would result in the best possible balance between environmental and other benefits, and financial and other burdens on both the public and private sectors.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Finance (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance (No. 2) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Finance (No. 2) Bill because the provisions contained in its two volumes and 475 pages increase complexity and instability in the tax system, discouraging business investment and damaging productivity and penalise hard-working prudent families seeking to provide responsibly for their future; and because the provisions undermine attempts to improve IT skills by abolishing the UK’s Home Computer Initiative, damage enterprise by abolishing the 0 per cent. rate of corporation tax, leave the UK with an ever-rising tax burden that damages its competitiveness and fail to prepare the country for the challenges and opportunities of the globalised world economy’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 289.

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 Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 199.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That—

(1) Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 26, 61, 91 and 106, Schedule No. 14, and new Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

(2) the remainder of the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee;

(3) when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill shall be proceeded with as if it had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

Committee to-morrow.

4 Finance (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Finance (No. 2) Bill, the Standing Committee on the Bill shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)
5 Health,—Ordered, That Mr Paul Burstow be discharged from the Health Committee and Sandra Gidley be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Nick Harvey be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Bob Russell be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Treasury,—Ordered, That Lorely Burt and Susan Kramer be discharged from the Treasury Committee and John Thurso and Mr Colin Breed be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Finance and Services,—Ordered, That Andrew Stunell be discharged from the Finance and Services Committee and Mr Paul Burstow be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Stephen Williams be discharged from the Public Accounts Committee and Annette Brooke be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Public Administration,—Ordered, That Julia Goldsworthy be discharged from the Public Administration Committee and Paul Rowen be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Canvey Island and surrounding areas against a proposed change in use of the Canvey Calor Gas site 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 Tom Watson);

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 seven minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.07 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 21st April 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 24th April 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

3 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4 Northern Ireland,—Draft Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Income Support and Jobseeker’s Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Clean Air,—Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1152), dated 21st April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting,—Report and Financial Statements of Channel 4 Television Corporation for 2005 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
8 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 24th April 2006, concerning contingent liability in Iraq [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Housing.—Account of Grants and Loans to the Housing Action Trusts for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1064] [Clerk of the House].

10 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Highways Agency: A5 Queue Relocation in Dunstable—Wider Lessons; and
   (2) The Management of Staff Sickness Absence in the National Probation Service [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1043 and 1042] [Clerk of the House].

11 Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up),—Account of Northern Ireland Land Purchase for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1065] [Clerk of the House].

12 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [15th March] from Jean Weatheritt and others for free residential care [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 Treaty Series (No. 6, 2006).—Patent Law Treaty (PLT), adopted at Geneva on 1st June 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 6779] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson, Mr Alan Milburn and Dr Doug Naysmith from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey, Huw Irranca-Davies and Mr Iain Wright.

3 European Union Document No. 5130/06 and Addendum I relating to the Promotion of Clean Road Vehicles,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson, Dan Norris and Graham Stringer from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Frank Roy and Lynda Waltho.

4 European Union Document No. 6174/04 relating to Services in the Internal Market,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Prisk from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Geoffrey Chilton-Brown.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Educating Service Children]; to be printed [No. 1054-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education]; to be printed [No. 649-vii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

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 [The Rural Payments Agency], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1071-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Planning Gain Supplement]; to be printed [No. 1024-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Enhancing urban green space]; to be printed [No. 1073-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
6 Science and Technology.—(1) Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Strategic Science Provision in English Universities: a follow-up; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1011];

(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Meeting UK Energy and Climate Needs: The Role of Carbon Capture and Storage: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report, Session 2005–06; to be printed [No. 1036]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Office of Science and Innovation Scrutiny Report 2006]; to be printed [No. 490-iii]

[Mr Phil Willis].

7 Works and Pensions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Works and Pensions Committee [Pension Reform; to be printed [No. 1068-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Pension Reform]

[Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 138.]

Tuesday 25th April 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member.—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Peter John Law, Member for Blaenau Gwent. 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 Armed Forces Bill.—Mr George Howarth reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That it had gone through the Armed Forces Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed [Bill 172].

Committee to-morrow.

3 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 7, 10 to 12 and 19 to 22, Schedule No. 2; any new Clauses, other than any new Clauses relating to Part 2 or 4 of the Bill, and any new Schedules, other than any new Schedules relating to Part 2 or 4 of the Bill), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee and the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 175].

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

4 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:

Conventions.—That, accepting the primacy of the House of Commons, it is expedient that a Joint Committee of the Lords and Commons be appointed to consider the practicality of codifying the key conventions on the relationship between the two Houses of Parliament which affect the consideration of legislation, in particular:

(A) the Salisbury-Addison convention that the Lords does not vote against measures included in the governing party’s Manifesto;

(B) conventions on secondary legislation;

(C) the convention that Government business in the Lords should be considered in reasonable time;

(D) conventions governing the exchange of amendments to legislation between the two Houses;

and that the Committee should report by Friday 21st July 2006.

5 Notification of Redundancy.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with regard to notices of redundancy; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Brian Jenkins, Jim Sheridan, Anne Moffat, Christine Russell and Mr David Hamilton do prepare and bring it in.
6 Notification of Redundancy Bill.—Mr Jim Cunningham accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with regard to notices of redundancy, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 171].

7 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill.—The Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. 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 9th May 2006.

(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) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Claire Ward: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Angela Watkinson: 107.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.56 p.m.]

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**APPENDIX I**

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


2 Seeds.—(1) Seed Potatoes (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1161); and

(2) Seed Potatoes (Fees) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1160),
dated 21st April 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Tax Credits,—Child Tax Credit (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1163),
dated 25th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

**Other Paper:**

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) Second Special Report from the Administration Committee [Post-election Services: Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1027]; and (2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 25th April [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Armed Forces Bill,—Special Report from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 828-I and -II] [Mr George Howarth].

3 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Reform of the coroners system and death certification]; to be printed [No. 902-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Protecting and preserving our heritage]; to be printed [No. 912-vi] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence,—Seventh Report from the Defence Committee [The Defence Industrial Strategy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 824] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 873-vi] [Mr Roger Berry].

7 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Private Sector Development]; to be printed [No. 921-vi] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Standards and Privileges,—Seventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Conduct of Mr George Galloway], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1067] [Sir George Young].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade and Investment Opportunities with India]; to be printed [No. 881-vi], and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Government and MG Rover]; to be printed [No. 1075] [Peter Luff].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The design of a National Pension Savings Scheme and the role of financial services regulation]; to be printed [No. 1074-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 138; WH, No. 88]

Tuesday 25th April 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began 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 1.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Leicester City Council Bill.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Leicester City Council Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

2 Liverpool City Council Bill.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Liverpool City Council 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 Maidstone Borough Council Bill.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Maidstone Borough Council Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

4 Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill (changed to Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Bill),—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee C, that it had gone through the Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to make it an offence to obstruct or hinder persons who provide emergency services; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th May; and to be printed [Bill 176].

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

5 Independent School Closures (Provision for Pupils),—Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a fund to facilitate the uninterrupted education of pupils in independent schools facing closure; to require independent schools to make contributions to such a fund; to place a duty on independent schools to make plans relating to the welfare of their pupils in the event of their going into administration; and for connected purposes. And that Norman Baker, Mr Phil Willis, Tim Loughton, Charles Hendry, Michael Jabez Foster, David Lepper and Mr Nigel Waterson do prepare and bring it in.

6 Independent School Closures (Provision for Pupils) Bill,—Norman Baker accordingly presented a Bill to establish a fund to facilitate the uninterrupted education of pupils in independent schools facing closure; to require independent schools to make contributions to such a fund; to place a duty on independent schools to make plans relating to the welfare of their pupils in the event of their going into administration; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 174].

7 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 27th April 2006, do adjourn till Tuesday 2nd May 2006.—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

8 Northern Ireland Bill (Allocation of Time),—Ordered, that the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Northern Ireland Bill—

Timetable

1.—(1) Proceedings on Second Reading shall be completed at this day's sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, at the moment of interruption.

(2) Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed in one day and shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, at the moment of interruption on that day.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

2.—(1) When the Bill has been read a second time it shall, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of Bills), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put.
(2) When the Order of the Day is read for the House to resolve itself into Committee on the Bill, 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 with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

(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 in so far as necessary for the purposes of this Order.

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, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken or to re-commit the Bill, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

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, Four o’clock or Three 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 a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day is one to which a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, in accordance with this Order, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

18. 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.

19. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.—(Mr Secretary Hain.)

9 Northern Ireland Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Bill;

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 Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Northern Ireland.—That the draft Local Government (Boundaries) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 22nd March, be approved.

Ayes: 262.
Noes: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.
11 Northern Ireland Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Northern Ireland Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Committee of the whole House, pursuant to Order [this day].

Committee to-morrow.

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 Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

13 Promotion of Clean Road Vehicles.—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. 5130/06 and Addendum 1, Draft Directive on the promotion of clean road vehicles; and endorses the Government’s approach in investigating what the costs and impacts of the proposal on the UK would be and in seeking to so amend the proposal that, if implemented, it would result in the best possible balance between environmental and other benefits, and financial and other burdens on both the public and private sectors—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Thundersley and Benfleet, Essex, against the storage of hazardous waste on the Manor Trading Estate;

(2) people of Boyce and St. Mary’s Wards, Castle Point, Essex, for improved pedestrian safety; and

(3) citizens of Milton Keynes for a local referendum on expansion planning and delivery

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

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—Draft National Health Service (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 193), dated 20th April 2006 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

3 Protection of Wrecks,—Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (England) (No. 1) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1178), dated 26th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

4 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Tenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1066] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth to Twenty-eighth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6775] [John Healey].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. 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 Henry Bellingham, Mr Peter Bone, Mr David S. Borrow, Tom Brake, Angela Eagle, Jim Fitzpatrick, Stephen Hesford, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Anne Main, John Mann, Mr John Randall, Mr Dan Rogerson, Grant Shapps, Mr Síon Simon, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Dave Watts and David Wright.

2 Draft Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jim Dobbin, Frank Dobson, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr David Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, David Lepper, Julie Morgan, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Angela E. Smith (Basildon), Helen Southworth, Lynda Waltho and Sammy Wilson.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Documents Nos. 5047/06 and Addendum 1, and 5050/06 and Addendum 1, relating to Waste prevention and recycling, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

4 European Union Document No. 7241/1/06, relating to Own resources, has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Document Nos. 5973/06 and 6426/06, relating to Future European Union Finances, already referred to the Committee on 8th March.

5 European Union Document No. 7070/06 and Addendum 1, relating to the Strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

6 European Union Document No. 8413/06, relating to an Internal Market for Services, has been referred to European Standing Committee C, together with European Union Document No. 6174/04, relating to Services in the Internal Market, already referred to the Committee on 4th July.

7 European Union Document No. 6520/06 relating to Cooperation on Asylum Policy and Practice,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Andy Burnham, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, James Duddridge, Michael Fabricant, Mr Christopher Fraser, Damian Green, Mr David Hamilton, Mark Hunter, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Alison Seabeck.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Citizenship Education]; to be printed [No. 581-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Third Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government’s Reply to the Second Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2005–06, on Sustainable Timber], to be printed [No. 1078]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport]; to be printed [No. 981-iv]

[Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Climate change: role of bioenergy], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be printed [No. 965-iv] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxvi]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [East Asia], to be printed [No. 965-iv] [Mike Gapes].

6 Health,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Independent Sector Treatment Centres], to be printed [No. 934-iv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Workforce needs and planning for the health service]; to be printed [No. 1077-II]

[Mr Kevin Barron].
7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Home Office Resource Accounts 2004–05]; to be printed [No. 1079-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-iv] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxiv] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Transport,—(1) Fourth Report from the Transport Committee [Departmental Annual Report 2005], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 684]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [British Transport Police]; to be printed [No. 1070-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Work and Pensions,—Third Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Incapacity Benefits and Pathways to Work], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 616] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 139; WH, No. 89]

Wednesday 26th April 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Claire Ward.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.

[No. 140.]

Thursday 27th April 2006.
The House met at half-past Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Spoliation Advisory Panel.—Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report from the Right Honourable Sir David Hirst, Chairman of the Spoliation Advisory Panel, in respect of four drawings now in the possession of the British Museum.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

2 Commons Bill [Lords].—Mr Mike Weir reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Commons Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Tuesday 2nd May; and to be printed [Bill 173].

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

3 European Standing Committee,—Mr Bill Olner reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 9606/05, Communication from the Commission of a Proposal for a Council Directive laying down minimum rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production; and agrees that the Government should secure sustainable and affordable improvements to meat chicken welfare through effective and proportionate means including a harmonised environment and inspection regime.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
Northern Ireland Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Preparations for restoration of devolved government)

Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ‘(including proposals to give effect to the agreement reached at the multi-party talks on Northern Ireland set out in Command Paper 3883)’.—(Mark Durkan.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Selection of persons to be Ministers on restoration of devolved government)

Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 1, line 19, to leave out the words ‘before 25th November 2006’.—(Mr Nigel Dodds.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mrs Iris Robinson: 64.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Dave Watts: 256.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (The Assembly)

Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 5, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

‘Assembly control of Orders in Council

7 Paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the 2000 Act is replaced by—

“Parliamentary and Assembly control of Orders in Council

2 (1) Except where sub-paragraph (2) applies, an Order in Council may not be made under paragraph 1(1) unless each of the following conditions is met—

(a) Condition 1 is that a draft of the Order has been referred under section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 2006 to the Assembly;

(b) Condition 2 is that a meeting of the Assembly has taken place at which it has had the opportunity to consider the draft of the Order;

(c) Condition 3 is that the Assembly at that meeting has not expressed by resolution passed with cross-community support its opposition to the draft of the Order;

(d) Condition 4 is that the draft of the Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

(2) This sub-paragraph applies where the Order declares that the Secretary of State has advised Her Majesty that because of the urgency of the matter it is necessary to make the Order without meeting any of the conditions in sub-paragraph (1).

(3) Where an Order contains a declaration under sub-paragraph (2) it—

(a) must be laid before Parliament after being made; and

(b) ceases to have effect if it is not approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament before the end of the relevant period.

(4) Where an Order contains a declaration under sub-paragraph (2) it—

(a) must be referred to the Assembly under section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 2006 after being made; and

(b) ceases to have effect if before the end of the relevant period—

(i) the Assembly has not had an opportunity to consider the Order; or

(ii) the Assembly has passed a resolution with cross community support expressing its opposition to the Order.

(5) But sub-paragraphs (3)(b) and (4)(b) do not prejudice—

(a) anything done under the Order before it ceased to have effect; or

(b) the making of a new Order.

(6) In this paragraph—

“the Assembly” means the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 2006;

“the relevant period” means the period of 40 days beginning with the date on which the Order is made.’.—(Mark Durkan.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, David Simpson: 51.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 234.
Schedule agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.
Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Vernon Coaker reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

5 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Ms Marion Miller and others against increases to council house rents to pay for street wardens was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till a quarter past Six o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 2nd May, pursuant to Order [26th April].

[Adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Defence.—(1) Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2006; and
(2) draft Courts-Martial (Prosecution Appeals) Order 2006
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

2 Electronic Communications.—Draft Wireless Telegraphy (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Income Tax.—Draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

4 International Development.—Draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Corporation Tax.—Investment Trusts and Venture Capital Trusts (Definition of Capital Profits, Gains or Losses) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1182), dated 26th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Ivan Lewis].

7 Food.—Ceramic Articles in Contact with Food (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1179), dated 24th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Health and Safety.—Carriage of Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 182), dated 31st March 2006 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Amendment List 18 to Air Publication 1269—The Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration (Eighth Edition); and
(2) Amendment List 30 to Air Publication 1269A—Assessment of Medical Fitness (Third Edition),
dated 18th April 2006 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].
10 Broadcasting,—Paper, entitled BBC People: human resources operations, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP review presented to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, March 2005, with a response to the review from the BBC [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

11 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum,—Report of the Certification Monitor for 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

12 Spoliation Advisory Panel,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report made by the Right Honourable Sir David Hirst, Chairman of the Spoliation Advisory Panel, in respect of four drawings now in the possession of the British Museum [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 1052] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Henry Bellingham, Yvette Cooper, Michael Gove, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Dan Rogerson, Mr Dave Watts and David Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Randall and Mr Síon Simon from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Yvette Cooper and Michael Gove.

3 Draft Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

4 European Union Document No. 9606/05 and Addendum I relating to Protection of Chickens Kept for Meat Production,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Roger Godsiff and Chris Huhne from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Breed, Mr Alan Campbell and Dr Doug Naysmith.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxvii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Conflict and development: peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction]; to be printed [No. 923-iii] [Malcolm Bruce].

3 Public Administration,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Tax Credits: putting things right: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1076]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Ethics and Standards]; to be printed [No. 884-iv]
   [Dr Tony Wright].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Globalisation: the role of the IMF]; to be printed [No. 875-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 140; WH, No. 90]

Thursday 27th April 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (A Matter of Honour: Reforming the Honours System—Fifth Report from the Public Administration Committee, Session 2003-04, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 2nd May.

[Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.]
Tuesday 2nd May 2006.

PRAYERS.

1 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill.—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee D, that it had gone through the Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. 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 lie upon the Table.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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

3 Finance (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 26, 61, 91 and 106, Schedule No. 14, and New Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984).

(In the Committee)

Ordered.—That the order in which proceedings in the Committee of the whole House on the Finance Bill (No. 2) are to be taken shall be: new Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984. Clause No. 61, Clause No. 26, Clause No. 91, Schedule No. 14, Clause No. 106 and Clauses Nos. 13 to 15.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

A Clause (NC1) (Application of section 18 IHTA 1984)—(Mrs Theresa Villiers)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 193.


Clause No. 61 (Computer equipment).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Alan Campbell: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 158.

Clause No. 26 (Abolition of corporation tax starting rate and non-corporate distribution rate).

Amendment (No. 27) proposed, in page 26, line 19 [Vol I], at the end to insert the words—

'( ) At the end of section 8 of ICTA there is inserted—

"(3A) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section—

(a) corporation tax shall not be charged on the profits of a company where the profits of the company for any accounting period in question do not exceed a limit of £500;

(b) where an accounting period is shorter than 12 months that £500 limit shall be reduced in proportion to the reduction in accounting period; and

(c) where a company has associated companies, that £500 limit shall be reduced in proportion to the number of associates during the accounting period.".—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

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

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Alan Campbell: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 137.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr Dave Watts.)
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Dave Watts reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow

4 Adjournment (Whitsun).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 25th May 2006, do adjourn till Monday 5th June 2006.—(Mr Dave Watts.)—It was agreed to.

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That Mr David Heath and Andrew Stunell be discharged from the Committee on the Modernisation of the House of Commons and that Mr Paul Burstow and Mr Adrian Sanders be added.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

6 Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That Bob Russell be discharged from the Regulatory Reform Committee and Lorely Burt be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Procedure.—Ordered, That Annette Brooke be discharged from the Procedure Committee and John Hemming be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Humberstone, Leicester for additional safety measures at the junction of Scraptoft Lane and Hungarton Boulevard in Leicester was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

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

Friday 28th April 2006

1 Dominican Republic (No. 1, 2006).—Agreement, done at London on 22nd March 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Dominican Republic concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6782] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 2006).—Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization adopted by the Third Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference held at Monaco on 14th April 2005, with a Consolidated Version and an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6783] [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 28th April 2006

3 Animals.—Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1200), dated 28th April 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 2nd May 2006:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Animals,—Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1228), dated 2nd May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Nursing and Midwifery Council (Practice Committees) (Constitution) Rules Order of Council 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1199), dated 19th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

8 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Annual Report on Human Rights 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6774] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 2nd May 2006, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Mr Des Browne]


11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Provision of Out-of-Hours Care in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1041] [Clerk of the House].

12 Supply Estimates, 2006–07,—(1) Main Supplementary Estimates for 2006–07 for—
   (i) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 1035] [Mr Des Browne];
   (ii) the Electoral Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1039] [The Speaker];
   (iii) the House of Commons: Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1037] [The Speaker]; and
   (iv) the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1038] [Mr Alan Williams]; and
   (2) Central Government: Supplementary Budgetary Information [by Command] [Cm 6771] [Mr Des Browne].

13 Treasury,—Treasury Minute concerning indemnities for non-executive board members of civil service organisations [by Command] [Mr Des Browne].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson and Mr Brian Jenkins from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Huw Irranca-Davies and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Family Justice: the operation of the family courts]; to be printed [No. 1086-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport and Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport and Trade and Industry Committees [Ofcom’s Annual Plan 2006-07]; to be printed [No. 1083-i] [Mr Peter Luff].

3 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Educating Service Children]; to be printed [No. 1054-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Conflict and development: Peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction]; to be printed [No. 923-iv] [Malcolm Bruce].
5 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Work of the Ombudsman], to be printed [No. 1081-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 141; WH, No. 91]

Tuesday 2nd May 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 142.]

Wednesday 3rd May 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 British Overseas Territories Bill,—The Order for reading the British Overseas Territories Bill a second time on Friday 12th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16th June.

2 Neighbourhood Policing,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require police services to include proposals to introduce and sustain neighbourhood policing as a provision of their policing plans; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Andrew Slaughter, Lyn Brown, Jon Cruddas, Ms Karen Buck, Stephen Pound, Mr Andrew Love, Mike Gapes, Meg Hillier, Mr Andrew Dismore, Dr Rudi Vis, Harry Cohen and Ann Keen do prepare and bring it in.

3 Neighbourhood Policing Bill,—Mr Andrew Slaughter accordingly presented a Bill to require police services to include proposals to introduce and sustain neighbourhood policing as a provision of their policing plans; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 177].

4 Finance (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 26, 91 and 106, Schedule No. 14, and New Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 91 agreed to.

Schedule No. 14 (Investment reliefs: venture capital schemes).

Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 74 [Vol II], to leave out lines 5 to 26.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 75, line 25 [Vol II], to leave out ’30’ and insert ’40’.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 76 [Vol II], to leave out lines 1 to 13.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 77, line 3 [Vol II], at the end to add the words—

PART 6

INHERITANCE TAX

9 In section 104(1)(a) of IHTA 1984 for “(b) or (bb)” substitute “(b) (bb) or (bc)”
10 In section 105(1) of IHTA 1984 after subsection (bb) insert—

“(bc) eligible shares in a venture capital trust as defined by section 842AA(14) of the Taxes Act 1988;”

PART 7
LONGER HOLDING PERIODS

11 (1) Schedule 15B to The Taxes Act 1988 is amended as follows

(2) In paragraph 1, after subparagraph (2) insert—

“(2A) An individual shall also be eligible for relief in the 6th year after subscribing for eligible shares if those shares are held by him at the 6th anniversary of the subscription.

(2B) The amounts on which an individual shall be taken for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2A) above to be eligible for relief shall be the original subscription amount for such shares.

(3) In paragraph 3(1)(b) leave out “those shares were issued to that individual” and insert “the shares became eligible for relief under paragraph 1(2) or (2A) above. But relief claimed for a subscription of eligible shares more than five years before the date of disposal shall not be withdrawn.”—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 106 (Conditions for company).

Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 97, line 13 [Vol I], at the end to add the words—

‘(1A) Not later than 31st March 2007, and annually thereafter, the Chancellor of the Exchequer shall lay before Parliament a report of the number and estimated market capitalisation of the companies that have given notice to register as Real Estate Investment Trusts under section 109.’—(Mr Mark Francois.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Rates).

Amendment (No. 25) proposed, in page 14, line 20 [Vol I], to leave out Table A and insert—

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—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.—It was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 14 and 15 agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 26, 61, 91 and 106, Schedule No. 14, and New Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984) to be reported, without Amendment.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Dave Watts reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 26, 61, 91 and 106, Schedule No. 14, and New Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984) and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 26, 61, 91 and 106, and Schedule No. 14) do lie upon the Table.

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 Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

6 Protection of Chickens Kept for Meat Production.—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. 9606/05, Communication from the Commission of a Proposal for a Council Directive laying down minimum rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production; and agrees that the Government should secure sustainable and affordable improvements to meat chicken welfare through effective and proportionate means, including a harmonised environment and inspection regime—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

7 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 8th May, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any message from the Lords has been received, any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported, and he has notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

8 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 8th May, 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 names of Mr Douglas Alexander and John Healey relating to European Union Documents not later than three hours after their commencement, proceedings may continue, though opposed after the moment of interruption, and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law.—Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 61 (1)) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Northern Ireland Departments.—Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 192), dated 3rd April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4 Road Traffic.—M6 Toll (Speed Limit) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1185), dated 13th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Paper:

5 Constitutional Affairs.—Government Response to the Third and Fifth Reports from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, on Compensation culture and Compensation culture: NHS Redress Bill [by Command] [Cm. 6784] [Bridget Prentice].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 23, 61, 91 and 106 and Schedule No. 14, and New Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984);

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-four Members to serve on the Committee: Gordon Banks, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, Helen Goodman, Mr Paul Goodman, Nia Griffith, John Healey, John Hemming, Stephen Hesford, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Stewart Hosie, Barbara Keeley, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Ivan Lewis, Kerry McCarthy, Rob Marris, Kali Mouniford, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Jamie Reed, Andrew Selous, Mark Tami, John Thurso, Mrs Theresa Villiers, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Iain Wright, Jeremy Wright and Sir George Young.

2 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Revised Code of Practice for the Identification of Persons by Police Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr David Curry, Philip Davies, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Pura S. Khubra, Mr Patrick McFadden, Mr Alan Milburn, Dan Norris, Lembit Opik, Sandra Osborne, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Lynda Waltho and Mr Shaun Woodward.

3 Draft Planning (Application to the Houses of Parliament) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Beelingham, Tom Brake, Mr David Burrows, Colin Challen, Frank Dobson, Mr David Drew, Mark Fisher, Jim Fitzpatrick, Michael Gove, Kate Hoey, Mr Brian Jenkins, Alan Keen, Mr Mark Lancaster, Anne Main, Andrew Stunell, Mr Dave Watts and David Wright.

4 Draft Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Richard Burden, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr David Clelland, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Clive Ellford, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hanson, Mr Stewart Jackson, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Joan Ruddock, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Paul Truswell and Joan Walley.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Tony Cunningham, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Chris Huhne, Lynne Jones, Mr David Kidney, Mr Mark Lancaster, John McDonnell, Andrew Rosindell, Geraldine Smith, Graham Stringer, Mr Shashi Varan, Bill Wiggin, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Roger Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xxviii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [The Role of DIDS]; to be printed [No. 1014-iv] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Seventh Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Environment Agency], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 780]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before Committee [Climate change: role of bioenergy],
together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 965-v]
[Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Twenty-seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee;
to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report
[No. 34-xxvi]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]
[Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee
[Developments in the European Union], to be printed [No. 768-iii] [Mike Gapes].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs
Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 886-vi] [Sir Patrick
Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts
[Gaining and retaining a job: The Department for Work and Pensions' support for disabled
people]; to be printed [No. 1089-i] [Mr Ian Davidson].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology
Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be
printed [No. 900-v] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory
Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed
[No. 871-iv] [Mr Eric Forth].

10 Transport,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Transport
Security: Travelling without Fear]; to be printed [No. 1085-i]; and
(2) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 19th April
[Personal Passenger Safety in Railway Stations]; to be printed [No. 1057-ii]
[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The design of a
National Pension Savings Scheme and the role of financial services regulation]; to be
printed [No. 1074-ii] [Mr John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee
[Pension Reform]; to be printed [No. 1068-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 142; WH, No. 92]
Wednesday 3rd May 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began 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 4.59 p.m.]

[No. 143.]
Thursday 4th May 2006.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Government’s strategy to improve the life chances of disabled people).—A
Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mrs Anne McGuire);

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

2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Six o’clock, adjourned till
Monday 8th May.

[Adjourned at 6 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Bunkers Convention) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1244), dated 2nd May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

4. Foreign Compensation,—Report of the Foreign Compensation Commission for 2004-05, with a Summary of Expenditure for 1999-2004 [by Command] [Cm. 6778] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5. Justice (Northern Ireland),—Report on an announced inspection of Maghaberry Prison by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons and the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].


7. Northern Ireland,—Account of the Northern Ireland Social Security Agency Social Fund for 2003-04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1080] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Finance (No. 2) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O'Hara, Sir John Butterfill and Mr Joe Benton Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2. Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Revised Code of Practice for the Identification of Persons by Police Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3. Draft Planning (Application to the Houses of Parliament) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.


5. Bee Diseases and Pest Control (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 342),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

European Standing Committees

6. The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 6520/06 on Cooperation on Asylum Policy and Practice.
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Revised Code of Practice for the Identification of Persons by Police Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Janet Anderson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Planning (Application to the Houses of Parliament) Order 2006.

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

3 European Standing Committee,—John Bercow reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6520/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication on strengthened practical cooperation: New structures, new approaches: improving the quality of decision making in the common European asylum system; notes that this forms part of the package of measures creating a Common European Asylum System, and supports the Government’s position that it is desirable to promote operational co-operation between Member States, with the aim of improving the efficiency and quality of Member States’ asylum systems.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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:

Work and Families Bill,—The Lords agree to the Work and Families Bill with an Amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Bill without Amendment.

5 Work and Families Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Work and Families Bill to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 178].

6 Civil Aviation Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Civil Aviation Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 27th June 2005 (Civil Aviation Bill (Programme)):

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.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

7 Civil Aviation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Civil Aviation Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Derek Twigg).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Michael Foster: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Mr David Evennett: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 and 7 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment;

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]:—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 11 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 5 and 11 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9, 10 and 12 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) and Order [this day], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1, 2 and 4.

That Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Alan Keen, Mr Frank Roy and Derek Twigg be members of the Committee.

That Derek Twigg be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

8 Future EU Finances and Own Resources.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 5973/06, the Commission’s revised Proposal for renewal of the Inter-institutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure, No. 6426/06, the Commission Contribution to the Inter-institutional Negotiations on the Proposal for renewal of the Inter-institutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure, and No. 7241/1/06, Draft Decision on the system of the European Communities’ own resources (/EC, Euratom); and supports the Government’s objective of securing agreement on the Inter-institutional Agreement for the 2007-13 Financial Perspective and the Own Resources Decision in line with the agreement reached by Heads of Government at the December European Council—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon);

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

Northern Ireland Act 2006.

10 Civil Aviation Bill,—Derek Twigg reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Civil Aviation Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 1, 2 and 4 for the following Reason:

Because it is not appropriate to require aerodrome authorities to fix their charges in the manner proposed.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.
11 Future EU Finances and Own Resources.—The Question being again proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 5973/06, the Commission’s revised Proposal for renewal of the Inter-institutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure, No. 6426/06, the Commission Contribution to the Inter-institutional Negotiations on the Proposal for renewal of the Inter-institutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure, and No. 7241/1/06, Draft Decision on the system of the European Communities’ own resources (EC, Euratom); and supports the Government’s objective of securing agreement on the Inter-institutional Agreement for the 2007–13 Financial Perspective and the Own Resources Decision in line with the agreement reached by Heads of Government at the December European Council;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jonathan Shaw: 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 194.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 5973/06, the Commission’s revised Proposal for renewal of the Inter-institutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure, No. 6426/06, the Commission Contribution to the Inter-institutional Negotiations on the Proposal for renewal of the Inter-institutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure, and No. 7241/1/06, Draft Decision on the system of the European Communities’ own resources (EC, Euratom); and supports the Government’s objective of securing agreement on the Inter-institutional Agreement for the 2007–13 Financial Perspective and the Own Resources Decision in line with the agreement reached by Heads of Government at the December European Council.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr John Heppell.]

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

[Adjourned at 11.10 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 5th May 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—People’s College, Nottingham (Dissolution) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1184), dated 27th April 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Weights and Measures.—(1) Measuring Instruments (Automatic Catchweighers) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1257);

(2) Measuring Instruments (Automatic Discontinuous Totalisers) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1255);

(3) Measuring Instruments (Automatic Gravimetric Filling Instruments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1258);

(4) Measuring Instruments (Automatic Rail-weighbridges) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1256); and


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8th May 2006:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Weights and Measures.—(1) Measuring Instruments (Capacity Serving Measures) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1264);

(2) Measuring Instruments (Cold-water Meters) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1268);
(3) Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1266);

(4) Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel delivered from Road Tankers) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1269);

(5) Measuring Instruments (Material Measures of Length) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1267); and

dated 28th April 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Culture, Media and Sport.—Government Response to the Second Report from the House of Lords Review of the BBC Charter Select Committee, on Further Issues for BBC Charter Review [by Command] [Cm. 6787] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Termination of the PFI Contract for the National Physical Laboratory [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1044] [Clerk of the House].

6 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petitions [28th March] from supporters of (i) Hornsea Cottage Hospital; (ii) Withernsea Hospital; (iii) Beverley Westwood Hospital; (iv) Save Felixstowe Hospital; (v) Aldeburgh Hospital; (vi) Surliton Hospital; (vii) Sudbury Hospitals; (viii) Harlsmere Hospital; (ix) Lymington Hospital; (x) Milford-on-Sea War Memorial Hospital; (xi) Fordingbridge Hospital; (xii) Hythe Hospital; (xiii) Fenwick Hospital; (xiv) Thames Ditton Hospital; (xv) Molesey Hospital; (xvi) Cobham and Oxshott Hospital; (xvii) Walton Community Hospital; (xviii) Cosham Memorial Hospital; (xix) Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital; (xx) Tonbridge Cottage Hospital; (xxi) Weybridge Hospital; (xxii) Penrith and Eden Community Hospital; (xxiii) Wigton Community Hospital; (xxiv) the League of Friends of Ruth Lancaster James Hospital; (xxv) Brampton and District War Memorial Cottage Hospital; (xxvi) Bishop’s Castle Community Hospital; (xxvii) Ludlow Community Hospital; (xxviii) Romsey Hospital; (xxix) the Minor Injuries Unit, Buxton Cottage Hospital; (xxx) Macclesfield District General Hospital; (xxxi) Macclesfield and Congleton District Hospitals; (xxxii) Maryport Victoria Cottage Hospital League of Friends; (xxxiii) Cockermouth Cottage Hospital; (xxxiv) Milcomb Community Hospital; (xxxv) Workington Community Hospital; (xxxvi) Bradford on Avon Hospital; (xxxvii) Warrington Community Hospital; (xl) Westbury Hospital; (xili) Tetbury Hospital; (xlii) Fairford Hospital; (xliii) Townlands Hospital; (xliv) Chipping Norton War Memorial Hospital; (xlv) Deddington Community Hospital; and [29th March] from supporters of Newmarket Community Hospital against reductions in community hospital services [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 Public Processions (Northern Ireland).—Account of the Northern Ireland Parades Commission for—

(1) 2003–04; and

(2) 2004–05,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1093 and 1094] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Education and Inspections Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nick Gibb and Phil Hope in place of Mr John Hayes and Jacqui Smith as members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

2 Education and Inspections Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jacqui Smith from Standing Committee E (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Jan Knight.
3 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Revised Code of Practice for the Identification of Persons by Police Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Pat McFadden, Dan Norris and Sandra Osborne from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Lyn Brown, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Dr William McCrea, John Robertson and Emily Thornberry.

4 Draft Planning (Application to the Houses of Parliament) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson, Mr David Drew, Jim Fitzpatrick and Kate Hoey from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Neil Gerrard, Chris Mole, Sion Simon and Mr Phil Woolas.

European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 6520/06 relating to Cooperation on Asylum Policy and Practice.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andy Burnham and Mr Vernon Coaker from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr John Heppell and Mr Tony McNulty.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [The Work of Ofsted], to be printed [No. 480-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Rural Payments Agency], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be printed [No. 1071-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights.—Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Ninth Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1098] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

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 Gain Supplement], to be printed [No. 1024-ii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

5 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Sale of gas networks by National Grid: the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets], to be printed [No. 1099-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales], to be printed [No. 876-vii] [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 9th May 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Misuse of Drugs (Reclassification of Methylamphetamine).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reclassify methylamphetamine as a category A drug—(Bob Spink);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business);—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Bob Spink, James Duddridge, Angus Robertson, Mr George Mudie, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Brooks Newmark, Angela Watkinson, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Philip Hollobone, Ann Winterton and Philip Davies do prepare and bring in the Bill.

2 Misuse of Drugs (Reclassification of Methylamphetamine) Bill.—Bob Spink accordingly presented a Bill to reclassify methylamphetamine as a category A drug. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 179].

3 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.

Management of the National Health Service by the Department of Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the current financial crisis and associated job losses, ward and bed closures and service reductions in the NHS; believes that these are consequences primarily of the failures of management at the Department of Health; further notes the Secretary of State for Health’s denial of responsibility for this situation and her failure to recognise the realities within the NHS; sees a lack of leadership within the Department of Health; and, in addition to turnaround teams in NHS Trusts, calls on the Government to appoint a turnaround team to the Department of Health—(Mr Andrew Lansley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises the effective leadership given by the Department of Health in managing the NHS, acknowledges that the majority of NHS organisations are living within their budget and providing patients with better services, welcomes the turnaround in the NHS since 1997 as a result of the dedication and commitment of staff, backed by the Government’s programme of investment and reform, congratulates the Government for trebling investment in the NHS by 2008 compared with 1997, welcomes the recruitment of more than 300,000 extra staff in the NHS since 1997 including 85,000 more nurses; notes that waiting lists are now at their lowest since records began with over 370,000 fewer patients waiting for an operation than in March 1997; further welcomes the fact that all patients can now expect to wait no longer than six months for their operation and that 98 per cent. of patients are now seen, treated or admitted within four hours in accident and emergency departments; and applauds the NHS for saving more lives than ever before, including 43,000 more people saved from cancer and 87,000 saved from coronary heart disease’, instead thereof.—(Ms Secretary Hewitt)

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 Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Liz Blackman: 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 Alan Campbell, Liz Blackman: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 232.

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 effective leadership given by the Department of Health in managing the NHS; acknowledges that the majority of NHS organisations are living within their budget and providing patients with better services; welcomes the turnaround in the NHS since 1997 as a result of the dedication and commitment of staff, backed by the Government’s programme of investment and reform; congratulates the Government for trebling investment in the NHS by 2008 compared with 1997; welcomes the recruitment of more than 300,000 extra staff in the NHS since 1997 including 85,000 more nurses; notes that waiting lists are now at their lowest since records began with over 370,000 fewer patients waiting for an operation than in March 1997; further welcomes the fact that all patients can now expect to wait no longer than six months for their operation and that 98 per cent. of patients are now seen, treated or admitted within four hours in accident and emergency departments; and applauds the NHS for saving more lives than ever before, including 43,000 more people saved from cancer and 87,000 saved from coronary heart disease.

4 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 Planning (Application to the Houses of Parliament) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 19th April, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy).—It was agreed to.

5 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (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 Terrorism Act 2000 (Revised Code of Practice for the Identification of Persons by Police Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 15th March, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy).—It was agreed to.

6 Immigration,—Ordered, That the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 1016), dated 30th March 2006, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

7 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) UK farmers and others for an improved test for bovine TB and other measures to combat the disease; and
(2) dog breeders, owners and lovers against the Government’s proposals for revision of the current law on tail-docking were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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:

Other Papers:

1 Education,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Education (Change of Category of Maintained Schools) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1164) [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


(1) Department for International Development [by Command] [Cm. 6824] [Secretary Hilary Benn], and
(2) Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) [by Command] [Cm. 6813] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 National Health Service,—Report and Accounts for 1st April 2005 to 30th September 2005 of—

(1) the National Blood Authority; and
(2) UK Transplant, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 820 and 821] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Private Security Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Security Industry Authority for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1059] [Secretary John Reid].
5 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [15th March] from traders and residents of Billericay and others against increases in business rates; and

(2) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [26th April] from people of Boyce and St. Mary's Wards, Castle Point, Essex for improved pedestrian safety [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

6 Education,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Education (Change of Category of Maintained Schools) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1164) [laid 4th May].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 26, 61, 91 and 106, Schedule No. 14, and new Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ivan Lewis, Kali Mountford and Mr Tom Watson from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Ed Balls, Mr John Heppell and Mr John MacDougall.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee's discussions at its meeting on 9th May [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xxix] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [New media and the creative industries]; to be printed [No. 1091-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control], to be printed [No. 775-vii] [Mr David Winnick].

5 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Private Sector Development], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 921-v] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Putting Citizens First: the Report from the Commission on Boundary Differences and Voting Systems]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 924]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Spring Supplementary Estimate 2006: Explanatory Memorandum by the Scotland Office]; to be printed [No. 1106] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

7 Treasury,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Inclusion]; to be printed [No. 848-v]; and

(2) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Bank of England February 2006 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 973] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 145; WH, No. 94]

Tuesday 9th May 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

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

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.
Wednesday 10th May 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Selection.—Ordered, That Gillian Merron and Joan Ryan be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Alan Campbell and Tony Cunningham be added to the Committee.—(Liz Blackman.)

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Ann Winterton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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:

Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about dynamic demand appliances; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Sale of Green Belt Land Bill.—The Order for reading the Sale of Green Belt Land Bill a second time on Friday 12th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

5 Regulation of Mortgage Repossessions.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the repossession of residential property may be sought only under certain conditions; and for connected purposes: And that Mr George Mudie, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Phil Willis, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Jim Cunningham, Bob Spink, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Helen Jones, Colin Burgon, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Ian Austin and Alan Keen do prepare and bring it in.

6 Regulation of Mortgage Repossessions Bill.—Mr George Mudie accordingly presented a Bill to provide that the repossession of residential property may be sought only under certain conditions; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 180].

7 Police and Justice Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Police and Justice Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC4) (Delegation of police authority functions)—(Mr Liam Byrne)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Supply of information to police etc by Registrar General)—(Mr Liam Byrne)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC6) (Power to detain pending DPP’s decision about charging)—(Mr Liam Byrne)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Protection of children: prohibition of police and conditional cautions)—(Bob Spink)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC8) (Designation of part 2 territories: omission of United States of America)—(Mr Dominic Grieve)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [6th March].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Dave Watts: 293.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 43 to 53, 119 to 121 and 54 to 64) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on Amendments selected for separate decision.
Another Amendment (No. 82) proposed to the Bill, in page 73, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"Referendums on proposals to alter police areas
20A After section 33 (Objections to alterations proposed by Secretary of State) there is inserted—

"33A Referendums on proposals to alter police areas
(1) Before making an order under section 32 the Secretary of State shall by order cause a referendum to be held in every area affected about the proposed alteration in police areas.
(2) The Secretary of State shall make an order under subsection (1)—
   (a) in relation to a proposed alteration made under section 32(3)(a), after he has received a request under that subsection;
   (b) in relation to a proposed alteration made under section 32(3)(b), after he has given further notice to objectors under section 33(4)(b).
(3) The question to be asked in a referendum to be held in pursuance of an order under subsection (1) above shall be agreed by—
   (a) the Secretary of State,
   (b) each police authority affected by the proposed alteration, and
   (c) the Electoral Commission.
and specified in the order.
(4) The Secretary of State shall, in consultation with—
   (a) each police authority affected by the proposed alteration, and
   (b) the Electoral Commission
ensure that an order made under subsection (1) above makes such provision as is necessary to secure the proper conduct of a referendum.
(5) No order shall be made under subsection (1) above unless a draft of the order has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
(6) The Secretary of State shall not exercise his power to make an order under section 32 unless a majority of votes cast in a referendum held under this section in each of the existing areas affected supports the proposed alteration."—(Nick Herbert.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Dave Watts: 295.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 74, line 11, to leave out paragraphs 24 to 26.—(Lynne Featherstone.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Paul Rowen: 220.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Dave Watts: 295.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 65 to 71, 72 to 74, 123, 122 and 75 to 80) made to the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr Jack Straw relating to Conventions (Joint Committee) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Frank Roy).—It was agreed to.

9 Conventions (Joint Committee).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Lords Message [25th April] relating to Conventions be now considered.

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

That, accepting the primacy of the House of Commons, a Select Committee of 11 Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the House of Lords as the Joint Committee on Conventions, to consider the practicality of codifying the key conventions on the relationship between the two Houses of Parliament which affect the consideration of legislation, in particular:

(A) the Salisbury/Addison convention that the Lords does not vote against measures included in the governing party’s Manifesto;
(B) conventions on secondary legislation;
(C) the convention that Government business in the Lords should be considered in reasonable time;
(D) conventions governing the exchange of amendments to legislation between the two Houses;
and that the Committee should report by Friday 21st July 2006;

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 Russell Brown, Mr Wayne David, Mr George Howarth, Simon Hughes, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Andrew Miller, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Mr John Spellar, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Sir Nicholas Winterton be members of the Committee—

(Mr Liam Byrne);

And the Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 17th May, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

10 Co-operation on Asylum Policy and Practice.—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. 6520/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication on strengthened practical cooperation: New structures, new approaches: improving the quality of decision making in the common European asylum system; notes that this forms part of the package of measures creating a Common European Asylum System, and supports the Government's position that it is desirable to promote operational co-operation between Member States, with the aim of improving the efficiency and quality of Member States' asylum systems—

(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Finmere and Mixbury, Oxfordshire, and the surrounding area for effective planning controls 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 John Heppell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.13 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Credit.—Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1275), dated 9th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Human Tissue.—Human Tissue Act 2004 (Ethical Approval, Exceptions from Licensing and Supply of Information about Transplants) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1260), dated 25th April 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Industrial and Provident Societies.—Credit Unions (Maximum Interest Rate on Loans) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1276), dated 10th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

4 Insolvency.—Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1272), dated 9th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 United Nations.—(1) Lebanon and Syria (United Nations Measures) (Channel Islands) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1250); and

(2) Lebanon and Syria (United Nations Measures) (Isle of Man) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1249),
dated 9th May 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].
6 Water,—Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1289), dated 10th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Papers:

7 Data Protection,—Report by the Information Commissioner on What price privacy? The unlawful trade in confidential personal information [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1056] [Clerk of the House].

(1) Department for Culture, Media and Sport and DCMS Sponsored Bodies [by Command] [Cm. 6820] [Secretary Tessa Jowell]; and
(2) Government Actuary’s Department [by Command] [Cm. 6831] [Ed Balls].

9 Isle of Man,—Account for 2004–05 of the Commissioners of HM Revenue and Customs in Account with the Government of the Isle of Man, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [21st March] from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Treaty Series (No. 43, 2005),—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6776] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Tim Boswell, Peter Bottomley, Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Burrowes, Greg Clark, Jim Cousins, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Frank Dobson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr John Heppell, David Heyes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Laws, James Purnell and Angela Watkinson.

2 Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 225):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Brian Binley, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Jeff Ennis, Michael Jabez Foster, Barry Gardiner, Mr Roger Godsiff, Chris Huhne, Dan Norris, Mr Nick Raynsford, Andrew Rosindell, Joan Ruddock, Mr Dave Watts, Bill Wiggin, Mr Roger Williams and David Wright.

3 Draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Gibraltar) Order 2006, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 2006 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Japan) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, James Brokenshire, Dr Vincent Cable, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Mark Francois, Julia Goldsworthy, Kate Hoey, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Jim McGovern, Julie Morgan, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Martin Salter, Andrew Selous and Keith Vaz.

4 Draft Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Richard Burden, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Nigel Dodds and Joan Ruddock from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Lyn Brown, Mr David Drew, David Simpson and Lynda Waltho.

5 Draft Wireless Telegraphy (Pre-Consolidation Amendment) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr David Anderson, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Crispin Blunt, Colin Burgon, Lorely Burt, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Christopher Fraser, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Robert Goodwill, Charles Hendry, Margaret Hodge, David Howarth, Steve McCabe, Albert Owen, Dr Nick Palmer and Kitty Ussher.

6 Bee Diseases and Pest Control (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 342): (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order in place of Mr Jimmy Hood; and (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Tony Cunningham, Mr Roger Godsil, Mr David Kidney and John McDonnell from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Ian Stewart, Mr Dave Watts, David Wright and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

7 Draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006: (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Frank Field, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Susan Kramer, Tom Levitt, Chris McCafferty, Anne Milton, Mr John Randall, Mr Lee Scott, Mark Simmonds, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Gareth Thomas and Mr David Winnick.

8 Draft National Health Service (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Order 2006: (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Liz Browne, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Frank Field, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Susan Kramer, Tom Levitt, Chris McCafferty, Anne Milton, Mr John Randall, Mr Lee Scott, Mark Simmonds, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Gareth Thomas and Mr David Winnick.

9 European Union Document No. 14775/05 relating to Democracy, Dialogue and Debate,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Graham Brady, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Simon Burns, Mr William Cash, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Edward Leigh, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Michael Moore, Sandra Osborne, John Robertson and Mr Mark Todd.

11 Unnumbered Letter dated 9th May 2006, submitted by the Department for Education and Skills, relating to Education and Training: Key competences, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xxx] [Mr Alan Meale].
2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Bullying], to be printed [No. 1103-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Climate change; role of bioenergy], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 965-vi] [Mr Michael Jack].
4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport] to be printed [No. 981-v] [Mr Tim Yeo].
5 European Scrutiny.—(1) Twenty-eighth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxvii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Michael Connarty].

6 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Conflict and development: Peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction]; to be printed [No. 923-v] [Malcolm Bruce].

7 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [The Legislative Process]; to be printed [No. 1097-i] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Political and Security Developments in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 1107] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Forty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Delivery chain analysis for bus services in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 851];
(2) Forty-fourth Report from the Committee [National Offender Management Service: dealing with increased numbers in custody]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 788];
(3) Forty-fifth Report from the Committee [Employers’ perspectives on improving skills for employment]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 862];
(4) Forty-sixth Report from the Committee [Governance issues in the Northern Ireland Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment’s former Local Enterprise Development Unit]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 918]; and
(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Tackling child obesity-first steps]; to be printed [No. 1108-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: How Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-vi] [Mr Phil Willis].

11 Statutory Instruments.—Twentieth-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxx] [Mr Eric Forth].

12 Transport.—(1) Sixth Report from the Transport Committee [How Fair are the Fares? Train Fares and Ticketing], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 700]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Transport Security: Travelling without Fear]; to be printed [No. 1085-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 146; WH, No. 95]

Wednesday 10th May 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.56 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Report of the Official Account of the Bombings in London on 7th July 2005.—Ordered, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report of the Official Account of the Bombings in London on 7th July 2005.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

2 Education and Inspections Bill.—Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Education and Inspections Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 181].

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Bee Diseases and Pest Control (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 342).

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 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 Legal Services Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 25th July 2006.

5 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill.—The Order for resuming to-morrow the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd December, That the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill be now read a second time, was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 16th June.

6 Disabled Children’s Assessment and Services Bill.—The Order for reading the Disabled Children’s Assessment and Services Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

7 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 25th April 2006 (Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.—(Yvette Cooper.)

8 Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 Adjournment (Creating confident consumers).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ian McCartney);

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

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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

Adjourned at 4.58 p.m.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education.—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1274), dated 9th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


3 Pesticides.—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1295), dated 10th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Papers:


   (1) Department for Work and Pensions [by Command] [Cm. 6829] [Mr Secretary Hutton];
   (2) Department of Health [by Command] [Cm. 6814] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
   (3) HM Treasury [by Command] [Cm. 6830] [Mr Stephen Timms];
   (4) Northern Ireland Office [by Command] [Cm. 6836] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and
   (5) UK Trade and Investment [by Command] [Cm. 6825] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Intelligence Services.—(1) Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee on the London Terrorist Attacks on 7th July 2005; and

   (2) Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee on the London Terrorist Attacks on 7th July 2005 [by Command] [Cms. 6786 and 6785] [The Prime Minister].

6 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board Northern Ireland for 1st September 2004 to 31st August 2005 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1069] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Report of the Official Account of the Bombings in London on 7th July 2005.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report of the Official Account of the Bombings in London on 7th July 2005 [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 1087] [Secretary John Reid].

8 Water Industry.—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1058] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 712).—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

2 Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 225).—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

3 Draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Gibraltar) Order 2006, Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 2006 and Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Japan) Order 2006. —The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

4 Draft Wireless Telegraphy (Pre-Consolidation Amendment) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
6 Draft National Health Service (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7 Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Disqualification from Office: General) Order 2006:
   
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and
   
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jonathan Djanogly from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Charles Hendry.

   European Standing Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 6174/04 on Services in the Internal Market, and No. 8413/06 relating to an Internal Market for Services.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xxx] [Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Work of the Met Office]; to be printed [No. 823-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [The Role of DFID]; to be printed [No. 1014-v] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Workforce Planning]; to be printed [No. 1077-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

5 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-vii] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Globalisation: the role of the IMF]; to be printed [No. 875-iii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 147; WH, No. 96]

Thursday 11th May 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Delivering the goods: HIV/AIDS and the provision of anti-retrovirals—First Report from the International Development Committee and the Government’s response thereto),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Claire Ward);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 16th May.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
Friday 12th May 2006.

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

Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the composition of the police force in Northern Ireland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Motion to sit in private.—Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That the House sit in private.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Jim Sheridan: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Hamilton, Ms Karen Buck: 83.

So the Question was negatived.

5 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 17th March, That the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill be now read the third time;

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—

The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Bill (changed from Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Bill.

A Clause (NC1) (Defences) (Mr Greg Knight) —brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 14, to leave out the words ‘by a relevant NHS body’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time.

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 16th June.

7 Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th June.

8 Protection of Runaway and Missing Children Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Runaway and Missing Children Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

9 Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

10 Care of Older and Incapacitated People (Human Rights) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Care of Older and Incapacitated People (Human Rights) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.
APPENDIX I

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 31st March 2006, made by the Governing Body of Churchill College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:


   (1) Department of Trade and Industry [by Command] [Cm. 6826] [Mr Secretary Darling];
   (2) National Savings and Investments [by Command] [Cm. 6837] [Ed Balls]; and
   (3) Office for National Statistics [by Command] [Cm. 6838] [Mr Stephen Timms].

3 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1104] [John Healey].

4 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 2006).—European Landscape Convention, done at Florence on 20th October 2000, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6794] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Norway (No. 1, 2006).—Framework Agreement, done at Oslo on 4th April 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway concerning Cross-Boundary Petroleum Co-operation, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6792] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

   (1) the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [30th March] from residents of Castle Point and others for universal free provision of lip reading services for deaf people and the hard of hearing; and
   (2) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [2nd May] from residents of Humberstone, Leicester for additional safety measures at the junction of Scraptoft Lane and Hungarton Boulevard in Leicester [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 7, 2006).—Agreement, done at New Delhi on 18th February 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of India on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons [by Command] [Cm. 6793] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Liaison,—Memorandum laid before the Liaison Committee [Scrutiny Unit: Review of Departmental Annual Reports 2005] [Mr Alan Williams].
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 712).

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

2 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 9th February 2006 (Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

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. On consideration, proceedings on Government new clauses shall be taken on the first day and shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

4. All other proceedings on consideration shall be taken on the second day and shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on that day.

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 day.—(Mr Pat McFadden.)

3 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill [1st allocated day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC19) (Power to remove or reduce burdens)—(Mr Pat McFadden)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Steve McCabe: 438.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Ann Winterton: 4.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 2, after the word ‘he’, insert the word ‘reasonably’.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Roger Williams: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Steve McCabe: 255.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC20) (Power to promote regulatory principles)—(Mr Pat McFadden)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC21) (Power to implement Law Commission recommendations)—(Bridget Prentice)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Huw Irranca-Davies: 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Angela Watkinson: 133.

The Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment to the proposed Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Amendment (a) proposed to the Clause, in line 4, to leave out the words ‘with or without changes’.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jeremy Browne, Angela Watkinson: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Huw Irranca-Davies: 262.
The Speaker then proceeded to put the remaining Questions on new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Clause added to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC22) (Northern Ireland) and (NC26) (Excepted enactments)—(Mr Pat McFadden)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

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 Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 24th April, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy).—It was agreed to.

5 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Ordered, That the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure and the Pastoral (Amendment) Measure, which were laid before this House on 16th February, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

6 Modernisation of the House,—Ordered, That Mr Geoffrey Hoon and Liz Blackman be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Mr Jack Straw and Paddy Tipping be added.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

7 Administration,—Ordered, That Peter Luff be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Greg Knight be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of the City of Sunderland and others against proposals to change the existing team at the Encompass Healthcare Practice, Washington, Tyne and Wear, was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs,—Export Control Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1331), dated 9th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


3 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Restriction on Days at Sea) (Monitoring, Inspection and Surveillance) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1327), dated 11th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Papers:

4 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB—Construction Skills) for 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1116] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Police (Northern Ireland),—Account of the Office of the Oversight Commissioner for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1109] [Clerk of the House].

6 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6811] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Papers withdrawn:

7 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 17th March 2006, made by the Governing Body of Churchill College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College [laid 12th May].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 712),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adrian Bailey, David Heyes, Ms Sally Keeble and James Purnell from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Devine, Mr Robert Flello, Fiona Maetaggart and Mr James Plaskitt.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [CitizenshipEducation]; to be printed [No. 581-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Rural Payments Agency], together with Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 1071-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 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 [Is there a future for regional Government?]; to be printed [No. 977-iv] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Public Administration,—Memoranda laid before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Propriety and Honours] [Dr Tony Wright].

5 Transport,—Fifth Report from the Transport Committee [The Future of the British Transport Police], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1070] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

Tuesday 16th May 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Leicester City Council Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Leicester City Council Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Liverpool City Council Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Liverpool City Council Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

3 Maidstone Borough Council Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Maidstone Borough Council Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Hill Farm Allowances Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 225).

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

5 European Standing Committee,—Mr Bill Olner reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 8413/06, Commission Communication: Amended Draft Directive on Services in the Internal Market, and supports the Government’s approach to securing practical and proportionate legislation that promotes economic growth, competitiveness and job creation within the context of an Internal Market for Services.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Lighter Evenings (Experiment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to advance
time by one hour throughout the year for an experimental period; and for connected
purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Harbours Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Harbours Bill [Lords] be read a second time on
Friday 16th June.

8 Housing and Commercial Development (Water Supply Assessment).—Ordered, That leave
give in a Bill to require an assessment to be made, before construction, of
the water supply requirements resulting from housing and commercial development:
And that Mr John Gummer, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mrs Caroline Spelman, Mr Tim Yeo,
Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Elliot Morley, Andrew Stunell, Hywel Williams and Mr Nick
Hurd do prepare and bring it in.

9 Housing and Commercial Development (Water Supply Assessment) Bill.—Mr John
Gummer accordingly presented a Bill to require an assessment to be made, before
construction, of the water supply requirements resulting from housing and commercial
development: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
on Friday 16th July and to be printed [Bill 182].

10 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to
Order, proceeded further to consider the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill, as
amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (NC2) (Report on operation of Act)—(Mr Mark Harper)—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 Henry Bellingham, Andrew Selous: 210.
Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Frank Roy: 269.

Another Clause (NC5) (Delay in proceedings under section 13)—(Mr Jonathan
Djanogly)—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 Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 205.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Liz Blackman: 256.

Another Clause (NC14) (Veto by specified number of Members of House of
Commons)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Danny Alexander: 85.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Liz Blackman: 259.

Another Clause (NC15) (Sub-delegated legislative functions)—(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, Danny Alexander, Jenny Willott: 200.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Liz Blackman: 259.

It being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on a new Clause
selected by the Speaker for separate decision, pursuant to Order [15th May].

Another Clause (NC17) (Disapplication of European Communities Act 1972
(No. 2))—(Mr William Cash)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 136.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Liz Blackman: 318.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of
the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 10 to 45) made to the Bill.
The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment to an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 17, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

'(2) The Minister may make an order in the terms of the draft order subject to the following provisions of this section.

(2A) The Minister may not make an order in the terms of the draft order if either House of Parliament so resolves within the 40-day period.

(2B) A committee of either House charged with reporting on the draft order may, at any time after the expiry of the 30-day period and before the expiry of the 40-day period, recommend under this subsection that no further proceedings be taken in relation to the draft order.

(2C) A recommendation may be made under subsection (2B) only if the committee considers that—

(a) the provision made by the draft order does not serve the purpose specified in section (Power to remove or reduce burdens)(2), (Power to promote regulatory principles)(2) or (Power to implement Law Commission recommendations)(2) (as the case may be);

(b) any relevant condition in section 3(2) is not satisfied in relation to any provision of the draft order referred to in section 3(1); or

(c) the condition in section 3(4) is not satisfied in relation to any provision of the draft order referred to in section 3(3).

(2D) Where a recommendation is made by a committee of either House under subsection (2B) in relation to a draft order, the Minister may not make an order in the terms of the draft order unless the recommendation is, in the same Session, rejected by resolution of that House.’—(Mr Pat McFadden.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 5, to leave out from the word ‘with’ to the end of line 18 and insert the words ‘responsibility for this matter may, at any time after the expiry of the 30-day period and before the expiry of the 40-day period, recommend that no further proceedings be taken in relation to the draft order.’, instead thereof.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 200.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Liz Blackman: 258.

Proposed Amendment made to the Bill.

The Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 to 59, 82 to 87, 88 to 99 and 61 to 65) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to enable provision to be made for the purpose of removing or reducing burdens resulting from legislation, promoting regulatory principles and implementing recommendations of the Law Commission, the Scottish Law Commission and the Northern Ireland Law Commission; to make provision about the exercise of regulatory functions; to make provision about the interpretation of legislation relating to the European Communities and the European Economic Area; to make provision relating to section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972; and for connected purposes.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Foster, Liz Blackman: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 213.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

11 The Speaker’s Absence,—Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Thursday 15th June to attend the National Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul’s Cathedral to mark Her Majesty’s eightieth birthday.—(Mr Frank Roy.)
12 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Human Tissue,—Draft Codes of Practice on—
   (1) Anatomical examination (Code 4);
   (2) Consent (Code 1);
   (3) Donation of allogeneic bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cells for transplantation (Code 6);
   (4) Donation of organs, tissue and cells for transplantation (Code 2);
   (5) Post mortem examination (Code 3); and
   (6) The removal, storage and disposal of human organs and tissue (Code 5)
   [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Other Papers:

3 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Private Practice in the Health Service [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1088] [Mr Secretary Hain].

   (1) Department for Transport [by Command] [Cm. 6817] [Mr Secretary Alexander]; and
   (2) Department of Education and Skills [by Command] [Cm. 6812] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Judicial Statistics,—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Statistics for 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6799] [Ms Harriet Harman].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health: The Paddington Health Campus scheme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1045] [Clerk of the House].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [30th March] from UK residents for better support for children’s hospices [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 225),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Ruddock from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Kilfoyle.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the discussions of the Parliamentary Visitor Centre Sub-Committee of the Administration Committee at its meeting on 16th May (meeting held concurrently with the House of Lords Information Committee) [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Party funding]; to be printed [No. 1060-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xxxi] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [New media and the creative industries]; to be printed [No. 1091-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control], to be printed [No. 775-viii] [Mr John Denham].

6 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Private Sector Development]; to be printed [No. 923-vi] [Jean Ruddock].

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 [Planning Gain Supplement]; to be printed [No. 1024-iii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

8 Public Administration,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Ethics and Standards]; to be printed [No. 884-v]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Propriety and Honours]; to be printed [No. 1119-1] [Dr Tony Wright].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Nuclear new build: issues to be addressed]; to be printed [No. 1122-1];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK dependence on gas imports]; to be printed [No. 1123-1]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Government and MG Rover]; to be printed [No. 1075] [Peter Lilley].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Inclusion]; to be printed [No. 848-v] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 150; WH, No. 97]

Tuesday 16th May 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr John Heppell.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Wednesday 17th May 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Bercow reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Gibraltar) Order 2006, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 2006 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Japan) Order 2006.

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

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Wireless Telegraphy (Pre-Consolidation Amendment) Order 2006.

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 HBOS Group Reorganisation Bill, without Amendment.

4 European Communities (Deregulation).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in respect of the effect on persons and businesses of regulations made under section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972: And that Mr Henry Bellingham, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Mark Field, Mr Nick Hurd, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Shaslel Vara, Angela Watkinson and Mr Tim Yeo do prepare and bring it in.

5 European Communities (Deregulation) Bill.—Mr Henry Bellingham accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in respect of the effect 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 20th October and to be printed [Bill 183].

6 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Committee and the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Sustainable development)—(Mr David Hanson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC3) (Conditions for devolving policing and justice matters)—(Mr David Hanson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 amendment)—(Mr Nigel Dodds)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lady Hermon, Mrs Iris Robinson: 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Frank Roy: 271.

Another Clause (NC4) (Anonymous registration: Northern Ireland)—(Mr Alan Reid)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC6) (Appointment of visitor for a child who is not being visited)—(Lady Hermon)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

7 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Conventions (Joint Committee).—That the Lords Message [25th April] relating to Conventions be now considered.

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

That, accepting the primacy of the House of Commons, a Select Committee of 11 Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the House of Lords as the Joint Committee on Conventions, to consider the practicality of codifying the key conventions on the relationship between the two Houses of Parliament which affect the consideration of legislation, in particular:

(a) the Salisbury-Addison convention that the Lords does not vote against measures included in the governing party's Manifesto;
(B) conventions on secondary legislation;
(C) the convention that Government business in the Lords should be considered in reasonable time;
(D) conventions governing the exchange of amendments to legislation between the two Houses;
and that the Committee should report by Friday 21st July 2006;
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 Russell Brown, Mr Wayne David, Mr George Howarth, Simon Hughes, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Andrew Miller, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Mr John Spellar, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Sir Nicholas Winterton be members of the Committee.
Ayes: 416.
Noes: 20*.
So the Question was agreed to.
Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

8 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Clause (NC7) (Amendments to section 30 of the 1998 Act)—(Mr Laurence Robertson)—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 Tobias Ellwood, Mr David Evennett: 193.
Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Jonathan Shaw: 274.
It being after Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to Order [13th March].
Amendments (Nos. 2 to 6, 1 and 7 to 12) made to the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 Draft Legal Services Bill (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 11th May relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider and report on any draft Legal Services 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 Legal Services Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 25th July 2006.
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; and
   (v) to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom.
That the quorum of the Committee shall be two; and
That Mr David Burrowes, Michael Jabez Foster, John Hemming, Stephen Hesford, Mr David Kidney and Emily Thornberry be members of the Committee.—(Mr Frank Roy.)
Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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

11 Deferred Divisions.—*The Deputy Speaker announced that on the Question relating to Conventions (Joint Committee) there had been an error in reporting the number of Noes as 19, instead of 20, which was the correct number.
Whereupon the Deputy Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly, viz.: Ayes 416, Noes 20.
12 Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
   And the Question being put;
   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit 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 Human Tissue.—Draft Human Tissue Act 2004 (Persons who Lack Capacity to Consent and Transplants) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Lord Chancellor.—Draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 3) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Protection of Wrecks.—(1) Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (England) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1340), dated 16th May 2006; and


Other Papers:


6 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [15th February] from the Health Service Journal and staff and managers in NHS organisations against any weakening of a comprehensive ban on smoking in enclosed public places [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 44, 2005).—Index to Treaty Series 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6795] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 Video Recordings.—Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for 2005 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr David Crausby, Mr David Evennett, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Dai Havard, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr David Jones, Mr Edward Leigh, Chris McCafferty, Mr Michael Meacher, Lembit Opik, John Penrose, Chris Ruane, Mr Don Touhig, Dr Desmond Turner, Dr Rudi Vis and Hywel Williams.
2 Draft Social Security (Income Support and Jobseeker’s Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tim Boswell, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Philip Dunne, Paul Flynn, Patrick Hall, Mr John Heppell, Glenda Jackson, Mr David Laws, Mark Lazarowicz, Tony Lloyd, Mr John Maples, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mark Pritchard, Ms Gisela Stuart, Angela Watkinson and Jenny Willott.

3 Draft Tax Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Gibraltar) Order 2006, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 2006 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Japan) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Kevin Brennan, Mr Andrew Love and Martin Salter from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper, Mr John Heppell and David Heyes.

4 Draft African Development Bank (Tenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2006, the draft Asian Development Bank (Eighth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2006 and the draft Caribbean Development Bank (Sixth Replenishment of the United Special Development Fund) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Liz Blackman, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Angela Eagle, Susan Kramer, Tom Levitt, Gwyn Prosser, Mr John Randall, Mark Simmonds, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Derek Wyatt.

5 Draft Wireless Telegraphy (Pre-Consolidation Amendment) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Nick Palmer from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Eric Joyce.

6 Draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris McCa...
8 Trade and Industry.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Trade and Industry Committee [The Export Credits Guarantee Department’s bribery rules]; to be printed [No. 1124-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Export Credits Guarantee Department’s bribery rules]; to be printed [No. 1124-ii]
[Peter Luff].

9 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Local Transport Planning and Funding]; to be printed [No. 1120-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Office of Government Commerce: Annual Report Scrutiny]; to be printed [No. 1110-i] [Mr John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales]; to be printed [No. 876-viii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

12 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Pension Reform]; to be printed [No. 1068-iii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 151; WH, No. 98] 
Wednesday 17th May 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 5.11 p.m.

[No. 152.] 
Thursday 18th May 2006.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member.—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:
I regret to have to report to the House the death of the Right honourable Eric Forth, Member for Bromley and Chislehurst. I am sure that Members in all parts of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the right honourable Member’s family and friends.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Cummings reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Health Service (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Order 2006.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords].—The Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 184].

5 Members’ Salaries.—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provisions shall be made with respect to the salaries of Members of this House, including the additional salaries determined in accordance with the Resolutions of this House (as amended from time to time) of 30th October 2003 relating to Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees (No. 2) and 13th July 2005 relating to Pay for Chairmen of Standing Committees (No. 2)—
For the year starting with 1st April 2006 the yearly rate shall be increased in two stages—
(a) with effect from 1st April, by 1 per cent., and
(b) with effect from 1st November, to the yearly rate determined in accordance with the Resolution of this House of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ Salaries.—
(Mr Jack Straw.)
6 Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees.—Resolved, That this House expresses the opinion that, as from 13th December 2005, the Resolution of the House of 30th October 2003, relating to Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees (No. 2), as amended by the Resolution of 13th July 2005, should be further amended by leaving out ‘or the Committee on Standards and Privileges’ and inserting ‘the Committee on Standards and Privileges or the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill’.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

7 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),

Resolved, That, as from 13th December 2005, the Resolution of the House of 30th October 2003, relating to Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees (No. 2), as amended by the Resolution of 13th July 2005, is further amended by leaving out ‘or the Committee on Standards and Privileges’ and inserting ‘the Committee on Standards and Privileges or the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill’.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

8 Association of Former Members of Parliament.—Resolved, That this House welcomes the formation of the Association of Former Members of Parliament in response to the Resolution of the House of 2nd May 2001; notes that it now has a membership of over 330 former Members; acknowledges the work done by the Association and its Executive Committee; and welcomes the financial and other assistance accorded to the Association by the House of Commons Commission.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past Two o’clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd May.

[Adjourned at 2.11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Health and Safety.—Quarries (Explosives) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 204), dated 2nd May 2006 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


Other Papers:


5 Industrial Training.—Review, Financial Statements and Accounts of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board for 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1105] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled Avoidable Delay: A thematic inspection of delay in the processing of Criminal Cases in Northern Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the North Eastern Education and Library Board for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1055] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Office on the Petitions [23rd November] from residents of Reading and others and residents of Brighton and Hove and others against extreme internet sites promoting violence against women [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
2 Draft Social Security (Income Support and Jobseeker’s Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

3 Draft African Development Bank (Tenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2006; draft Asian Development Bank (Eighth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2006; and draft Caribbean Development Bank (Sixth Replenishment of the United Special Development Fund) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

4 Draft National Health Service (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Rosie Cooper, Jim Dowd and Anne Moffat from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Blizzard, Martin Salter and Jim Sheridan.

5 Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Disqualification from Office: General) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Howarth, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ian McCartney and Dr Nick Palmer from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Jim Dowd, Jim Fitzpatrick, Eric Joyce and Mr Andrew Love.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 14775/05 on Democracy, Dialogue and Debate.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxxiv] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Workforce Planning]; to be printed [No. 1077-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Human Rights.—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT)]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 701] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

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 Gain Supplement]; to be printed [No. 1024-iv] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

5 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Ethics and Standards]; to be printed [No. 848-vii] [Mr John McFall].

6 Treasury.—(1) Fifth Report from the Treasury Committee [The design of a National Pension Savings Scheme and the role of financial services regulation], 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. 1074], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Financial Inclusion]; to be printed [No. 848-vii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 152; WH, No. 99]

Thursday 18th May 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Darfur crisis).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Michael Foster)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 23rd May.

[Adjourned at 5.16 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2006.

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

2 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Disqualification from Office: General) Order 2006.

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:

Conventions (Joint Committee),—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of eleven Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons as the Joint Committee on Conventions;

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 Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom;

That the Committee do report by 21st July 2006;

And they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons tomorrow at Ten o’clock.

4 Conventions (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Lords Message [this day] relating to the Joint Committee on Conventions 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 Armed Forces Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, as amended in the Select Committee.

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the Bill be considered in the following order, namely, Clauses Nos. 1 to 53, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 54 to 113, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 114 to 163, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 164 to 168, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 169 to 180, Schedule No. 5, Clause No. 181, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 182 to 205, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 206 to 271, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 272 to 275, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 276 and 277, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 278 to 319, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 320 to 347, Schedule No. 12, Clauses Nos. 350 to 354, Schedule No. 13, Clauses Nos. 355 to 363, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 364 to 371, Schedules Nos. 16 and 17, Clauses Nos. 372 to 378, new Clauses, new Schedules, any remaining proceedings on the Bill.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Desertion).

Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 5, line 14, to leave out from the word ‘property,’ to the end of line 15.—(John McDonnell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 5, line 18, to leave out from the word ‘offence’ to the word ‘must’ in line 20.—(John McDonnell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Neil Gerrard, Kelvin Hopkins: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Huw Irranca-Davies: 442.

Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 9 to 53 agreed to.
Schedule No. 1 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 54 to 113 agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 114 and 115 agreed to.
Clause No. 116 (Referral of case following investigation by service or civilian police).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Steve McCabe: 323.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Crispin Blunt: 122.

It being after Nine o’clock, the Chairman put the remaining Questions necessary to bring proceedings in the Committee to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [12th December].

Clauses Nos. 117 to 163, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 164 to 168, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 169 to 180, Schedule No. 5, Clause No. 181, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 182 to 205, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 206 to 271, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 272 to 275, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 276 and 277, Schedule No. 10 and Clauses Nos. 278 to 293 agreed to.
Clause No. 294 (Service detention).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, Clauses Nos. 295 to 319, Schedule No. 11 and Clauses Nos. 320 to 322 agreed to.
Clause No. 323 (Evidential burden as respects excuses).
Amendment (No. 2) made.
Clause, as amended, Clauses Nos. 324 to 347, Schedule No. 12, Clauses Nos. 348 and 349, Schedule No. 13, Clauses Nos. 350 to 354, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 355 to 363, Schedule No. 15 and Clauses Nos. 364 to 371 agreed to.
Schedule No. 16 (Minor and consequential amendments).
Amendment (No. 3) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 17 (Repeals and revocations).
Amendment (No. 4) made.
Schedule, as amended, and Clauses Nos. 372 to 378 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deuty Speaker resumed the Chair; and Huw Irranca-Davies reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto.

The House, pursuant to Order [12th December], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Income Tax.—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 Information Exchange Agreement (Taxes on Income) (Gibraltar) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 20th April, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—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) (Botswana) Order 2006 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 20th April—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—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) (Japan) Order 2006 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 20th April—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—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 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 Wireless Telegraphy (Pre-Consolidation Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 27th April, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

10 Internal Market for Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 8413/06, Commission Communication: Amended Draft Directive on Services in the Internal Market; and supports the Government’s approach to securing practical and proportionate legislation that promotes economic growth, competitiveness and job creation within the context of an Internal Market for Services—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

11 Animals,—Ordered, That the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1200), dated 28th April 2006 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

12 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr Alistair Carmichael be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Dr John Pugh be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Education and Skills,—Ordered, That Tim Farron be discharged from the Education and Skills Committee and Paul Holmes be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Lynne Featherstone be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Tim Farron be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 19th May 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Supplementary Fund Protocol) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1265), dated 9th May 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 22nd May 2006:

Papers subject to AYrmative Resolution:

5 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Defence,—Draft Courts-Martial (Prosecution Appeals) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].
7 Investigatory Powers,—(1) Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Additional Functions and Amendment) Order 2006; and (2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Other Papers:

8 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 22nd May 2006, concerning a contingent liability for the underwriting of funding for the Armed Forces Memorial [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Resource Accounts of the Office of Fair Trading for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1095] [Mr John Healey].

10 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on— (1) Department for Constitutional Affairs: Fines Collection; and (2) HM Revenue & Customs: VAT on e-commerce [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 1049 and 1051] [Clerk of the House].

11 Pensions,—Report and Accounts of the Pensions Compensation Board for 6th April 2005 to 31st August 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1096] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

12 Transport,—Department of Transport Minute, dated 16th May 2006, concerning a contingent liability in respect of Crossrail Compulsory Land Purchases [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

13 Treaty Series (No. 8, 2006),—Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, done at Valencia on 22nd 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 [by Command] [Cm. 6842] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

14 Defence,—Draft Courts-Martial (Prosecution Appeals) Order 2006 [laid 27th April].


APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris McCafferty, Chris Ruane, Mr Don Touhig and Hywel Williams from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Sian C. James, Mr Ellyn Lloyd, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mark Tami.

2 Draft Social Security (Income Support and Jobseeker’s Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor, Patrick Hall, Mr John Heppell, Mark Lazarowicz, Ms Gisela Stuart and Jenny Willott from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper, Jeff Ennis, Mr Robert Flello, Jane Kennedy, Greg Mulholland and Mr Dave Watts.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Citizenship Education]; to be printed [No. 581-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Rural Payments Agency]; to be printed [No. 1071-iv] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights,—(1) Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Tenth Progress Report]; together with Appendices, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1138]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Human Trafficking]; to be printed [No. 1127-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts.—(1) Second Special Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The BBC’s response to the Committee’s Twenty-fourth Report, The BBC’s White City 2 development]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1139]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The provision of out-of-hours care in England]; to be printed [No. 1140-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Inclusion]; to be printed [No. 848-viii] [Mr John McFall].

6 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Future of RAF St Athan]; to be printed [No. 1129-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].

PRAYERS.

1 Leicester City Council Bill.—The Leicester City Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Liverpool City Council Bill.—The Liverpool City Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Maidstone Borough Council Bill.—The Maidstone Borough Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Regulatory Reform.—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006, which was laid before the House on 13th March, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

5 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr Stephen Dorrell reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the Wireless Telegraphy Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred. That it had gone through the Bill; and had agreed to a Report which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 1147-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 1147-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1147-II].

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Income Support and Jobseeker’s Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2006.

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

7 European Standing Committee.—Mr Greg Pope reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 14775/05 Commission Communication: The Commission’s contribution to the period of reflection and beyond: Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate; and endorses the Government’s support for the principles behind Plan D and the view that implementation to raise awareness of the EU in the UK should be in co-operation with partners at European, national, regional and local levels.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

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

National Lottery Bill.—The Lords agree to the National Lottery Bill with Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House.
Draft Legal Services Bill (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of six Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons to consider and report on any draft Legal Services Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and to report on the draft Bill by 25th July 2006.

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, 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 quorum of the Committee shall be two;

That the reports of the Committee from time to time shall be printed, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;

And they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Thursday 25th May at half-past Ten o’clock.

9 Draft Legal Services Bill.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of this day as relates to the Joint Committee on any draft Legal Services 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.

10 National Lottery Bill,—Lords Amendments to the National Lottery Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed [Bill 189].

11 Lighter Evenings (Experiment) Bill [Lords].—The Lighter Evenings (Experiment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 188].

12 Corruption,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about corruption: And that Hugh Bayley, Mr John Denham, Mike Gapes, Malcolm Bruce, Mr Chris Mullin, John Bercow, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Gary Streeter, Tony Baldry, James Duddridge, Norman Lamb and Mr Tom Clarke do prepare and bring it in.

13 Corruption Bill.—Hugh Bayley accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about corruption: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 185].

14 Education and Inspections Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 15th March 2006 (Education and Inspections Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows—

1. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the days as shown in the following Table and in the order so shown.

3. Each part of the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in relation to it in the second column of the Table.

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### Second Day

**Proceedings**

- Remaining new Clauses and new Schedules except those relating to school admissions or to the general duties of local education authorities in relation to the provision of education.

- New Clauses and new Schedules relating to school admissions, amendments to Clauses Nos. 36 to 48, new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the general duties of local education authorities in relation to the provision of education, remaining proceedings on consideration.

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 day or, if later, six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day.—(Jim Knight.)

15 Education and Inspections Bill [1st allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education and Inspections Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC33) (Proposals under section 7 relating to community or community special schools)—(Secretary Alan Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC16) (Ballot of parents on change of category from community school to foundation school)—(Mr John Grogan)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

- Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, Clive Efford: 121.
- Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Jonathan Shaw: 412.

Another Clause (NC53) (Duty to encourage schools to become self-governing and to acquire a trust)—(Mr Nick Gibb)—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 Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 169.

Amendments (Nos. 42 to 48, 70 to 86 and 71 to 75) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC34) (Offences relating to independent schools)—(Phil Hope)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Duty in relation to allegations against teachers)—(Mr David Willetts)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC2) (Acceptance of school rules a condition of admission)—(Mr John Hayes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to order [this day].

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

- Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 166.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 58 to 65) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

### Time for conclusion of proceedings

- Two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day.
- Five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day.
16 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 Enterprise Act 2002 (Disqualification from Office: General) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 18th April, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

17 National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Health Service (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 26th April, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

18 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 (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 27th April, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

19 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Councillors and residents of the East Devon District Council area against government plans to end Post Office card accounts [two Petitions], and

(2) students of the University of Oxford against rising accommodation costs were presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection.—(1) Contaminated Land (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1380), dated 17th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command];

(2) Draft Statutory Guidance on Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 on Contaminated Land [by Act];

(3) Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Isles of Scilly) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1381), dated 17th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; and


[Secretary David Miliband].

2 Pensions.—Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1337), dated 16th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

3 Crown Agents.—Account of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1133] [Clerk of the House].

4 Human Tissue.—Explanatory Memorandum on the draft Codes of Practice on—

(1) Anatomical examination (Code 4);

(2) Consent (Code 1);

(3) Donation of allogeneic bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cells for transplantation (Code 6);

(4) Donation of organs, tissue and cells for transplantation (Code 2);

(5) Post mortem examination (Code 3); and

(6) The removal, storage and disposal of human organs and tissue (Code 5)

which were laid before this House on 16th May [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
5 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Supporting Small Business [by Act]; to be printed [No. 962] [Clerk of the House].

6 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Thirty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6843] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 14775/05 relating to Democracy, Dialogue and Debate,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Hamilton from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mark Lazarowicz.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) Third Special Report from the Administration Committee [Refreshment
Department Services: Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1146]; and
(2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 23rd May
[Mr Frank Doran].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxxv] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Defence,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Response to the
Fourth Report of the Committee, Session 2005–06: Costs of peace-keeping in Iraq and Afghanistan: Spring Supplementary Estimate 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1136];
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Met Office]; to be printed [No. 823-ii]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Defence Industrial Strategy]; to be
printed [No. 1137]
[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Education and Skills,—Fourth Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Public Expenditure on Education and Skills: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1132] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration
Control], to be printed [No. 775-ix] [Mr John Denham].

6 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Private Sector Development]; to be printed [No. 921-vii] [Malcolm Bruce].

7 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Sir Malcolm Rifkind reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Conventions, That Lord Cunningham of Felling had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

8 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—Third Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Affordability and the Supply of Housing], 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. 703-I] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

9 Regulatory Reform,—Fifth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1142] [Andrew Miller].

10 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Eighth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Conduct of Mr Mark Lancaster], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1144]; and
(2) Ninth Report from the Committee [Lobbying and All Party Groups], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1145]
[Sir George Young].
11 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Government and MG Rover]; to be printed [No. 1075-i]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Nuclear new build: issues to be addressed]; to be printed [No. 1125-i]
   [Peter Luff].

12 Treasury,—(1) Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee [The administration of tax credits], 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. 811]; and
   (2) Seventh Report from the Committee [European financial services regulation], 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. 778]
   [Mr John McFall].

13 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Future of RAF St Athan]; to be printed [No. 1129-ii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 154; WH, No. 100]
Tuesday 23rd May 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 155.]
Wednesday 24th May 2006.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Hugh Bayley reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft African Development Bank (Tenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2006, the draft Asian Development Bank (Eighth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2006 and the draft Caribbean Development Bank (Sixth Replenishment of the United Special Development Fund) Order 2006. 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
   Company Law Reform Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to reform company law and restate the greater part of the enactments relating to companies; to make other provision relating to companies and other forms of business organisation; to make provision about business names, auditors and actuaries; to amend Part 9 of the Enterprise Act 2002; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords].—The Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 190].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 190-EN].

4 Sustainable Communities Bill,—Julia Goldsworthy, supported by Mr David Drew, Gregory Barker, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Chris Huhne, Alan Simpson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Andrew Stunell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Jeremy Corbyn, Tim Farron and Mr Dan Rogerson, presented a Bill to make provision for local authorities to submit plans to the Secretary of State in connection with promoting the sustainability of local communities; to provide for parish councils and other persons to participate in the formulation of such plans; to provide for the Secretary of State to assist local authorities in promoting sustainable communities; to specify the indicators by which the sustainability of local communities may be measured; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th June and to be printed [Bill 187].
5 Sunday Trading Act 1994 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sunday Trading Act 1994 to limit the hours of opening of large shops on Sundays and other specified days: And that Richard Younger-Ross, Dr John Pugh, Mr Colin Breed, Andrew Stunell, Mr David Anderson, Stephen Pound, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Peter Luff and Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger do prepare and bring it in.

6 Sunday Trading Act 1994 (Amendment) Bill.—Richard Younger-Ross accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Sunday Trading Act 1994 to limit the hours of opening of large shops on Sundays and other specified days: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 186].

7 Education and Inspections Bill [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Education and Inspections Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (NC4) (Education of children with special educational needs in mainstream schools)—(Mr John Hayes)—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 Order [yesterday]—It was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on new Clauses selected for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC5) (Restrictions on special school closures)—(Mr John Hayes)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Crispin Blunt: 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Steve McCabe: 369.

Another Clause (NC26) (Requirements as to composition of governing bodies)—(Sarah Teather)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Paul Rowen, Mr Roger Williams: 78.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Steve McCabe: 434.

Another Clause (NC24) (Admissions administration)—(Sarah Teather)—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 Roger Williams, Paul Rowen: 87.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Claire Ward: 443.

It being more than five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [yesterday], put the Question on a new Clause selected for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC39) (Retention of selection by ability or aptitude after parent ballot)—(Mr David Chaytor)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Dennis Skinner: 115.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Claire Ward: 415.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 104) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, to leave out line 40.—(Mr Nick Gibb.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Crispin Blunt: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Claire Ward: 375.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.
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 National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 24th April, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

9 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Income Support and Jobseeker’s Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 24th April, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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 Human Tissue,—Draft Human Tissue Act 2004 (Persons who Lack Capacity to Consent and Transplants) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Mobile Homes,—Draft Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (England) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2006; and

(2) draft Recovery of Health Services Charges (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Agriculture,—Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1357), dated 17th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Protection of Wrecks,—Protection of Wrecks (designation) (England) (No. 4) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1392), dated 23rd May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

6 Constitutional Affairs,—Draft Legal Services Bill with Explanatory Notes and a Regulatory Impact Assessment [by Command] [Cm. 6839] [Bridget Prentice].

7 Environmental Pollution,—The UK Government Response to the Twenty-fifth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Turning the Tide: Addressing the Impact of Fisheries on the Marine Environment [by Command] [Cm. 6845] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 European Community Finances,—Statement on the 2006 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm. 6770] [Ed Balls].
   (1) Department for Constitutional Affairs [by Command] [Cm. 6820] [Ms Harriet Harman];
   (2) Law Officers’ Departments [by Command] [Cm. 6821] [The Solicitor General];
   (3) Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General for Scotland [by Command] [Cm. 6834] [Mr Secretary Alexander]; and
   (4) Wales Office [by Command] [Cm. 6835] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Pensions and Yeomanry,—Amendment 40 to the Army Pensions Warrant 1977 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

11 Treaty Series (No. 9, 2006).—Exchange of Notes, done at Kinshasa on 19th May 2005 and Brazzaville on 3rd January 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Congo concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Republic of Congo Debt Agreement No. 5 (2004)) [by Command] [Cm. 6844] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Immigration ( Provision of Physical Data ) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Battle, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mary Creagh, Michael Fabricant, Mr Robert Goodwill, Nick Herbert, Meg Hillier, Mr Adam Holloway, Mark Hunter, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Khaled Mahmood, Anne Moffat, Mike Penning and Joan Ryan.

2 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 61(1)) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Brian Binley, Mr David S. Borrow, Richard Burden, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Philip Davies, Mr Philip Dunne, Angela Eagle, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr George Howarth, Patrick Mercer and Mr Denis Murphy.

3 Draft African Development Bank (Tenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2006, the draft Asian Development Bank (Eighth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2006 and the draft Caribbean Development Bank (Sixth Replenishment of the United Special Development Fund) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Eagle and Derek Wyatt from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown and Mr David Winnick.

4 Draft Collection of Fines (Final Scheme) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Chris Bryant, Mr Michael Clapham, Harry Cohen, Michael Connarty, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Fabian Hamilton, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Philip Hollobone, David Howarth, Simon Hughes, Chris McCallery, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Jessica Morden, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mr John Redwood and Angela Watkinson.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Conventions,—First Special Report from the Joint Committee on Conventions; to be printed [No. 1151] [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xxxvi] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Work of the Met Office]; to be printed [No. 823-iii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].
4 Education and Skills.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Universities Pay Dispute]; to be printed [No. 1125-ii]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Sustainable Schools]; to be printed [No. 1150-i]
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport]; to be printed [No. 981-vi]
[Mr Tim Yeo].

6 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. 34-xxi]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]
[Jimmy Hood].

7 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [The Legislative Process]; to be printed [No. 1097-iii] [Mr Jack Straw].

8 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Tsunami—provision of financial support for humanitarian assistance]; to be printed [No. 1153-a] [Mr Alan Williams].

9 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-ix] [Mr Phil Willis].

10 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxvi] [Mr David Kidney].

11 Transport.—(1) Tenth Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06, on Going for Gold: Transport for London's 2012 Olympic Games]; to be printed [No. 1152]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Local Transport Planning and Funding]; to be printed [No. 1120-ii]
[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Treasury.—(1) Eighth Report from the Treasury Committee [The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: appointment hearing for Professor David Blanchflower], 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. 1121-I and -II]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Committee [Independence for Statistics]; to be printed [No. 1111-i]
[Mr John McFall].

13 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Health and Safety]; to be printed [No. 1143] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 155; WH, No. 101]
Wednesday 24th May 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Bill.—The Order for resuming on Friday 16th June the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th May, That the Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Bill be read the third time, was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 14th July.

2 Housing Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill.—Ordered, That the Housing Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

3 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming Adjournment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jonathan Shaw);

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

4 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Steve McCabe);

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 5th June, pursuant to Resolution [2nd May].

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law.—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

2 International Development.—Draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

3 International Immunities and Privileges.—Draft European Organization for Nuclear Research (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Representation of the People.—Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

5 British Nationality.—British Citizenship (Designated Service) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1390), dated 23rd May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Other Papers:

6 Access to Justice (Northern Ireland).—Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission Business Plan for 2006–07 [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [No. 1101] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 City of London (Ward Elections).—City of London Corporation Report to the Secretary of State [by Act], to be printed [No. 1114] [Bridget Prentice].

8 Communities and Local Government.—Government Response to the Second Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2005–06, on Re-licensing [by Command] [Cm. 6788] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2004–05 [by Command] [Cm. 6791] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Justice (Northern Ireland).—Inspection of the Benefit Investigation Service of the Social Security Agency [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Railways.—Report of the Office of Rail Regulation for 2005–06 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Work and Pensions.—Paper, entitled Security in retirement: towards a new pensions system [by Command] [Cm. 6841] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 61(1)) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Collection of Fines (Final Scheme) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 873-vii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committees [Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 873-viii]

[Mr Roger Berry].

Draft Legal Services Bill.—Memorandum laid before the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill; to be printed [No. 1154-i] [Mr David Kidney].

Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [The Role of DfID]; to be printed [No. 1014-vi] [Mr Tim Yeo].

Joint Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Mr David Kidney reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill, that Lord Hunt of Wirral had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

Adjournment (West Coast Route Modernisation).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 6th June.

[Adjourned at 3.45 p.m.]
Monday 5th June 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 NHS Redress Bill [Lords].—The NHS Redress Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

2 NHS Redress Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the NHS Redress Bill [Lords]:

Committee

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

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 22nd June 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

3 NHS Redress Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to NHS Redress Bill [Lords] [Money]:

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

(1) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act, and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

4 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 Bank (Tenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

5 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 Caribbean Development Bank (Sixth Replenishment of the United Special Development Fund) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

6 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 Asian Development Bank (Eighth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

7 Democracy, Dialogue and Debate.—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. 14775/05 Commission Communication: The Commission’s contribution to the period of reflection and beyond: Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate; and endorses the Government’s support for the principles behind Plan D and the view that implementation to raise awareness of the EU in the UK should be in co-operation with partners at European, national, regional and local levels—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.
8 Defence,—Ordered, That Mr Colin Breed be discharged from the Defence Committee and Willie Rennie be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Jon Trickett be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Don Touhig be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.02 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):

30th May 2006

1 Treaty Series (No. 10, 2006),—Exchange of Notes, done at Abuja on 17th December 2005, 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. 5 (2005)) [Cm. 6847] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

31st May 2006

2 Treaty Series (No. 11, 2006),—Exchange of Notes, done at Paris on 20th and 25th January 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Iraq concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Iraq Debt Agreement No. 1 (2004)) [Cm. 6848] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

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:

26th May 2006

3 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Safety of Third-Country Aircraft) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1384), dated 23rd May 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].


1st June 2006


2nd June 2006


7 Health Care and Associated Professions,—General Dental Council (Professions Complementary to Dentistry) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1440), dated 31st May 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


(2) National Health Service (Performers Lists) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1385), dated 23rd May 2006; and

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 5th June 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

10 Investigatory Powers.—(1) Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Additional Functions and Amendment) Order 2006; and
   (2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [Secretary John Reid].

11 Northern Ireland.—Draft Water and Sewerage Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Pensions.—(1) Draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2006; and
   (2) draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme) (Rights of Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [Secretary Des Browne].

13 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

14 Electromagnetic Compatibility.—Electromagnetic Compatibility (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1449), dated 26th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

16 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Countryside Agency: The right of access to open countryside; and
   (2) Ministry of Defence: Using the contract to maximise the likelihood of successful project outcomes [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1046 and 1047] [Clerk of the House].

17 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [16th May] from the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

18 Investigatory Powers.—(1) Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Additional Functions and Amendment) Order 2006; and
   (2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Amendment) Order 2006 [laid 22nd May].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Herbert from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Patrick Mercer.

2 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 61(1)) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Patrick Mercer from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Nick Herbert.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Human Trafficking]; to be printed [No. 1127-ii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

2 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—Fourth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Fire and Rescue Service], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 872-ii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Paddington Health Campus Scheme]; to be printed [No. 1184-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 158.]

Tuesday 6th June 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Blaenau Gwent Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Blaenau Gwent, in the room of Peter John Law, deceased.—(Jacqui Smith.)

2 Bromley and Chislehurst Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Bromley and Chislehurst, in the room of the Right honourable Eric Forth, deceased.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 61(1)) Order 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Scotland (Oil and Gas Resources),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the transfer to the Scottish Parliament of competence for Scottish oil and gas resources; to provide for revenues from the Scottish sector of the United Kingdom continental shelf to be paid into the Scottish Consolidated Fund; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Alex Salmond, Pete Wishart, Angus Robertson, Stewart Hosie, Mr Mike Weir, Mr Angus MacNeil, Mr Ellyn Lloyd, Adam Price and Hywel Williams do prepare and bring it in.

5 Scotland (Oil and Gas Resources) Bill.—Mr Alex Salmond accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the transfer to the Scottish Parliament of competence for Scottish oil and gas resources; to provide for revenues from the Scottish sector of the United Kingdom continental shelf to be paid into the Scottish Consolidated Fund; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 191].

6 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords].—The Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Company Law Reform 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 13th July 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Liz Blackman: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Andrew Selous: 113.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] [Money].

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

1. the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by a Government department for defraying expenses incurred under or in consequence of the Act, and

2. the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

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

1. fees or charges,

2. a levy for meeting expenses of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers,

3. the amendment of section 17 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004, and

4. the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents of Kislingbury, Rothersthorpe and Harpole and others for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Committee to examine the Environment Agency’s flood risk advice was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.38 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland.—Draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Environmental Protection.—Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1463), dated 25th May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


5 Local Government.—Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1447), dated 31st May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

6 Protection of Wrecks.—(1) Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (England) (No. 5) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1468); and

7 Road Traffic.—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Derby) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1445); and
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1446), dated 31st May 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Other Papers:


9 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Collections Management in the National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1130] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Public Diplomacy [by Command] [Cm. 6840] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board to the Treasury for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1113] [Mr Stephen Timms].

12 Police (Northern Ireland).—Sixteenth Report of the Oversight Commissioner [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 61(1)) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David S. Borrow and Mr David Chavtor from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Fraser Kemp and Ms Dari Taylor.

2 Draft Collection of Fines (Final Scheme) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Simon Hughes from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Alistair Carmichael.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—Sixth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Family Justice: the operation of the family courts revisited], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1086] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxxvii] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [New media and the creative industries]; to be printed [No. 1091-iii] [Mr John Whittingdale].
4 Draft Legal Services Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill; to be printed [No. 1154-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1154-iii] [Mr David Kidney].
5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control]; to be printed [No. 775-x] [Mr John Denham].
6 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Humanitarian response to natural disasters]; to be printed [No. 1188-i] [Malcolm Bruce].
7 Science and Technology.—Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Research Council Support for Knowledge Transfer]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 995-i and -ii] [Mr Phil Willis].
8 Scottish Affairs.—Fourth Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Sewel Convention: the Westminster perspective], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 983] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].
9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Nuclear new build: issues to be addressed]; to be printed [No. 1122-iii] [Peter Luff].
10 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England May 2006 Inflation Report], to be printed [No. 1185-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 158; WH, No. 103]
Tuesday 6th June 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

[No. 159.]
Wednesday 7th June 2006.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Marshall reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
2 British Subjects (Registration) Bill.—The Order for reading the British Subjects (Registration) Bill a second time on Friday 16th June was read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th October.
3 Fire Safety (Reduced Ignition Propensity in Cigarettes).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to align cigarette manufacturing standards with international best practice so as to reduce the number of fires and fatalities in the home caused by cigarettes: And that David Taylor, Norman Baker, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Peter Bone, Colm Burgon, Mr David Drew, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Helen Jones, Mr Gordon Prentice, John Robertson and Bob Russell do prepare and bring it in.
4 Fire Safety (Reduced Ignition Propensity in Cigarettes) Bill.—David Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to align cigarette manufacturing standards with international best practice so as to reduce the number of fires and fatalities in the home caused by cigarettes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 192].
Opposition Day [16th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Administration of Tax Credits.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House notes the overpayment, fraud and incompetence in the administration of the tax credit system; is concerned about the impact of this incompetence on the most vulnerable members of society; and calls upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the author of the tax credit policy, to explain to this House what measures are being undertaken to address these problems—(Mr George Osborne);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Michael Foster: 287.

So the Question was negatived.

Volunteers Week and Carers Week,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the immense contribution to society made by those honoured during the recent Volunteers Week and forthcoming Carers Week; recognises and values the significant economic and social benefits resulting from the work of volunteers and carers, often performed in difficult circumstances requiring the most selfless qualities; further notes the need to ensure that the fewest possible barriers are placed before those wanting to volunteer and act as carers; believes that encouragement should be given to all, especially the young, to consider volunteering as a contribution to the welfare of a healthy society; and expresses its thanks to all those who act as role models for volunteering and caring.—(Alistair Burt.)

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Canvey Island and others against the proposed development of ten flats and fourteen parking spaces on Eastern Esplanade, Canvey Island; and

(2) staff members of Danby House, Exmouth for the continuance of current services on the site in conjunction with newly developed respite and holiday accommodation for people with physical disabilities

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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

Adjourned at 7.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Environmental Protection,—Packaging (Essential Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1492), dated 2nd June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 National Health Service,—Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Amendment Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1448), dated 31st May 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 20th February 2006, made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

5 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1472), dated 6th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2005–06, on Analogue Switch-Off [by Command] [Cm. 6850] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 NHS Redress Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr John Baron, Andy Burnham, Mark Fisher, Sandra Gidley, Mr Nick
       Hurd, Huw Irranca-Davies, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Judy Mallaber, Laura Moffatt,
       Julie Morgan, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Dr John Pugh, Martin Salter, Mr Simon Simon,
       Anne Snelgrove, Mr Graham Stuart and Mr Charles Walker.

2 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the
       Committee: Vera Baird, Mr Crispin Blunt, James Brokenshire, Colin Burnon, Lorely
       Burt, Jim Cousins, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Louise Ellman, Jeff
       Ennis, Paul Farrelly, Justine Greening, Patrick Hall, Margaret Hodge, David Howarth,
       Mark Hunter, Mr David Jones, Eric Joyce, Steve McCabe, Mr Mike O’Brien,
       Mr Prashant publications, Mr Shailesh Vara and Keith Vaz.

3 Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of
   Selection has discharged Ms Sally Keeble and Anne Moffat from the First Standing
   Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and
   nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen and Helen Jones.

4 Draft Water and Sewerage Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order
   2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Roger Berry, Mr David S. Borrow, David Cairns, Mr
       David Chaytor, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher
       Fraser, Lady Hermon, Ms Sally Keeble, Dr William McCrea, Mr Elliot Morley,
       Dan Norris, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr John Spellar and Jon Trickett.

5 Draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing
       Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Liz Blackman, Mr Colin Breed, Ben Chapman, Mr Ian Davidson,
       Mr Michael Fallon, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr James Gray, John McDonnell, Mr Austin
       Mitchell, Anne Moffat, Mr George Mudie, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed,
       Andrew Selous, John Smith, Peter Viggers and Mrs Theresa Villiers.

6 Draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 3)
   Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Ian Austin, Vera Baird, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr John
       Grogan, Mr David Hamilton, David Howarth, Simon Hughes, Mr David Jones,
       Miss Julie Kirkbride, Martin Linton, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Margaret Moran, Mr Chris
       Mullan, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Angela Watkinson, Mr Michael Wills and Jeremy Wright.

7 Unnumbered Letter dated 9th May 2006, submitted by the Department for Education and
   Skills relating to Education and Training: Key Competences,—The Committee of
   Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing
   Committee nominated in respect of the Letter: Tony Cunningham, Mrs Nadine Dorries,
   Mr David Evennett, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Boris Johnson, Ian Lucas, Mr Gordon Marsden,
   Mr Ken Purchase, Bill Rammell, Sarah Teather, Stephen Williams, Mr Rob Wilson
   and Mike Wood.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxxviii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Citizenship Education]; to be printed [No. 581-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport]; to be printed [No. 981-vii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [East Asia]; to be printed [No. 860-v] [Mike Gapes].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 886-vii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

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 [Is there a future for Regional Government?]; to be printed [No. 977-v] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Department for Work and Pensions: Using leaflets to communicate with the public about services and entitlements]; to be printed [No. 1202-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-x] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxviii] [Mr David Kidney].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Local Transport Planning and Funding]; to be printed [No. 1120-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Independence for Statistics]; to be printed [No. 1111-ii] [Mr John McFall].


[No. 159; WH, No. 104]

Wednesday 7th June 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Jonathan Shaw).

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.13 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Cummings reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Collection of Fines (Final Scheme) Order 2006. 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: Electoral Administration Bill.—The Lords agree to the Electoral Administration Bill, with Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision in connection with the protection of children and vulnerable adults; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Electoral Administration Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Electoral Administration Bill to be considered on Monday 12th June; and to be printed [Bill 193].

4 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 12th June and to be printed [Bill 194].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 194-EN].

5 Compensation Bill [Lords].—The Compensation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Compensation Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Compensation Bill [Lords]:

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  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 27th June 2006.

  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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

- Other proceedings
  7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including proceedings on any message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.

7 Compensation Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Compensation Bill [Lords] [Money]; A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Compensation Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of expenditure of a Minister of the Crown attributable to the Act—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.

8 Compensation Bill [Lords] [Ways And Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Compensation Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees by the regulator appointed under the Act—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.
9 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 Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 61(1)) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 3rd May, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

10 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)) and 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)), That—
(1) the draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;
(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 20th June at Four 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 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 Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of Bishop Auckland constituency and others for the passage of the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 12th June.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Disability Discrimination,—Draft Code of Practice on Rights of Access: services to the public, public authority functions, private clubs and premises [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1461), dated 7th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Police,—Police (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1467), dated 5th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].


Other Papers:

7 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 2005-06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1100] [Clerk of the House].

8 Scotland,—Accounts of the Advances to Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Homes, Water Authorities and Registers of Scotland for 2001-02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1200] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 NHS Redress Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Baron, Andy Burnham, Sandra Gidley, Huw Irranca-Davies, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Stephen O’Brien and Anne Snelgrove members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Lorely Burt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Jeff Ennis, Margaret Hodge, Eric Joyce and Steve McCabe members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

3 NHS Redress Bill [Lords],—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg and Ann Winterton Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

4 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords],—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley and John Bercow Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

5 Draft Water and Sewage Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

7 Draft Collection of Fines (Final Scheme) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews and Jessica Morden from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mary Creagh, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Lynda Walhiho and David Wright.

8 Draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 3) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Legal Services Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill; to be printed [No. 1154-iv] [Mr David Kidney].

2 Health,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Workforce Planning]; to be printed [No. 1077-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [NHS Deficits]; to be printed [No. 1204-II] [Mr Kevin Barron]

3 International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Conflict and development: Peacebuilding and post-Conflict reconstruction]; to be printed [No. 923-vi]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Humanitarian response to natural disasters]
   [Malcolm Bruce].

4 Public Administration,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1205]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Ethics and Standards]; to be printed [No. 884-vii]
   [Dr Tony Wright].

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Economic Partnership Agreements),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Gareth Thomas.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 13th June.
PRAYERS.

1 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

2 Human Rights,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee on Human Rights in this session of Parliament be laid upon the Table from time to time.

3 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

4 Science and Technology,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Science and Technology Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

5 Work and Pensions,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Work and Pensions Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

6 Breast Cancer Bill.—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Breast Cancer Bill be now read a second time, be resumed on Friday 14th July.

7 Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Exemption from Regulation) Bill.—The Order for reading the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Exemption from Regulation) Bill a second time on Friday 16th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

8 Fraud Bill [Lords].—The Fraud Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

9 Fraud Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme Motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Fraud Bill [Lords]:

Committing

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 June 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Mr Michael Foster)—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 Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 2nd May, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.
11 Health and Safety,—Ordered, That the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 599), dated 9th March 2006, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

12 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Colin Burgon and Steve McCabe be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Margaret Moran and Martin Salter be added.—(Mr Alan Campbell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That David Maclean be added to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr Alan Campbell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Shropshire and Mid-Wales for legislation to remedy the financial crisis in the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th June 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 12, 2006),—United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, done at New York on 15th November 2000 [Cm. 6852] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Treaty Series (No. 13, 2006),—Protocol, done at Gothenburg on 30th November 1999, to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone [Cm. 6853] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Treaty Series (No. 15, 2006),—Annex V, done at Bonn on 17th October 1991, to the Protocol on Environment Protection to the Antarctic Treaty [Cm. 6855] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th June 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1450), dated 27th May 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 12th June 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

10 Climate Change Levy,—Draft Climate Change Agreements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].
11 Merchant Shipping.—Draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Automatic Identification System) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

12 Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006; and
(2) draft Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

13 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

14 College Charter.—Draft Charter and Statutes Proposing the Incorporation by Royal Charter of Elizabeth Phillips Hughes Hall, Cambridge [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

15 Local Government.—Wormley Recreation Ground (Revocation of Parish Council Byelaws) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1462), dated 5th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

16 Constitutional Affairs.—Coroner Reform: The Government’s Draft Bill: Improving death investigation in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 6849] [Ms Harriet Harman].

17 Contracting Out.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

18 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1117] [Secretary David Miliband].

19 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petitions [9th May] from—
(1) Dog breeders, owners and lovers against the Government’s proposals for revision of the current law on tail-docking; and
(2) UK farmers and others for an improved test for bovine TB and other measures to combat the disease [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

20 Treaty Series (No. 14, 2006).—United Nations Convention against Corruption, adopted at New York on 31st October 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 6854] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

21 Contracting Out.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006 [laid 22nd May].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Legal Services Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill, to be printed [No. 1154-v]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1154-vi] [Mr David Kidney].

2 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control], to be printed [No. 775-xi] [Mr John Denham].

3 Human Rights.—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Eleventh Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1216] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

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 [Is there a future for Regional Government?], to be printed [No. 977-vii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
5 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [NHS Local Improvement Finance Trusts]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 562].

(2) Forty-eighth Report from the Committee [HM Customs and Excise: Standard Report 2004-05]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 874].

(3) Forty-ninth Report from the Committee [Corporation Tax: companies managed by HM Revenue and Customs’ Area offices]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 967].

(4) Fiftieth Report from the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2005]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 889]; and

(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Re-opening the post: Postcomm and the quality of the mail service]; to be printed [No. 1217-t] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Pension Reform]; to be printed [No. 1068-v ] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 162.]

Tuesday 13th June 2006.

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

PRAyERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,— John Cummings reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Water and Sewerage Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Administration,— Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Administration Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

3 Culture, Media and Sport,— Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

4 International Development,— Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the International Development Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons,— Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons in this session of Parliament be laid upon the Table from time to time.

6 Procedure,— Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Procedure Committee in this session of Parliament be laid upon the Table from time to time.

7 Treasury,— Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Treasury Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

8 Welsh Affairs,— Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

9 Honours (Prevention of Corruption) Bill,— Mr Angus MacNeil, supported by Dr Richard Taylor, Mr Eifion Llwyd, Mr Alex Salmond, Adam Price, Angus Robertson, Hywel Williams, Mr Mike Weir, Stewart Hosie and Pete Wishart, presented a Bill to regulate the award of life peerages to donors to political parties; to create an Honours and Appointments Commission with responsibilities relating to the awarding of certain honours and life peerages to donors to political parties; to create a quarantine period between the award of an honour and a donation to a political party; to regulate donations to political parties from individuals or organisations who benefit from government contracts or sponsor government programmes; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 196].
10 Special Educational Needs.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require that statements by local authorities relating to special educational needs are issued independently of decisions about the funding of facilities and services arising from such needs: And that Mr John Bercow, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Nick Gibb, Stephen Hammond, Mr John Hayes, Mr Philip Hollobone, Kelvin Hopkins, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr George Mudie and Bob Spink do prepare and bring it in.

11 Special Educational Needs Bill.—Mr John Bercow accordingly presented a Bill to require that statements by local authorities relating to special educational needs are issued independently of decisions about the funding of facilities and services arising from such needs. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 195].

12 Work and Families Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions). That the following provisions shall apply to the Work and Families Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 5th December 2005 (Work and Families Bill (Programme)):

**Consideration of Lords Amendment**

1. Proceedings on consideration of the Lords Amendment 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 being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

13 Work and Families Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Work and Families Bill.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

14 Electoral Administration Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions). That the following provisions shall apply to the Electoral Administration Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 25th October 2005 (Electoral Administration Bill (Programme)):

**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 or at the moment of interruption on this day, whichever is the later.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely: Nos. 7 to 15, 61 to 75, 1 to 6, 16 to 60 and 76 to 132.

**Subsequent Stages**

3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any 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—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

15 Electoral Administration Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Electoral Administration Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 7 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Bridget Prentice); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 9 to 15, 61 to 75 and 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 28, to leave out from the word 'above' to end of line 35 and insert the words—

(a) is registered to vote, unless under the provision of subsection (3AA) they decline to be so, and
(b) has (so far as circumstances permit) an effective opportunity of exercising from time to time as occasion may require the rights conferred on him by this Act in relation to—
(i) the making and cancellation of appointments of a proxy;
(ii) voting in person, by post or by proxy.

(3AA) A person having a service qualification by virtue of paragraph (a) or (b) of section 14(1) above is entitled to decline to be registered by the appropriate government department if he has registered, or declined to be registered, with his local authority.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 138.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Huw Irranca-Davies: 322.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 16 to 60 and 76 to 132 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 8.

That Mr Michael Foster, Mr Oliver Heald, Simon Hughes, Martin Linton, and Bridget Prentice be members of the Committee;

That Bridget Prentice be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee; and

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)

16 Magistrates’ Courts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Collection of Fines (Final Scheme) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 20th April, be approved—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

17 Electoral Administration Bill,—Bridget Prentice reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Electoral Administration 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. 8 for the following Reason:

Because it is not appropriate for personal identifiers to be collected as part of the registration process for all purposes.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Data Protection.—Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

2 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Departmental Responses to Recommendations in NIAO Reports [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [No. 1149] [Mr Secretary Hain].
3 Defence.—Government Response to the Report of a review by Nicholas Blake QC of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of four soldiers at Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut, between 1995 and 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 6851] [Secretary Des Browne].

4 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Valuation Office Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1141] [Dawn Primarolo].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—(1) Record of the discussions of the Parliamentary Visitor Centre Sub-Committee of the Administration Committee at its meeting on 13 June 2006 (meeting held concurrently with the House of Lords Information Committee); and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Parliamentary Visitor Centre Sub-Committee [Parliamentary Visitor Centre]; to be printed [No. 1232-i] [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Seventh Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Freedom of Information—one year on], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 991]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Reform of the coroners system and death certification]; to be printed [No. 902-ii]

[Mr Alan Beith].

3 Conventions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Conventions; to be printed [No. 1212-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

4 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xvxx] [Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger].

5 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [New media and the creative industries]; to be printed [No. 1091-iv] [Mr John Whittingdale].

6 Defence.—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report of the Committee, Session 2005–06: The UK deployment to Afghanistan]; to be printed [No. 1211]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Educating Service Children]; to be printed [No. 1054-iii]

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

7 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Developments in the European Union]; to be printed [No. 768-iv] [Mike Gapes].

8 Home Affairs.—(1) Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Draft Sentencing Guidelines—Overarching Principles: Domestic Violence and Breach of a Protective Order], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1231]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Immigration Control]; to be printed [No. 775-xii]

[Mr John Denham].

9 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Humanitarian response to natural disasters]; to be printed [No. 1188-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

10 Standards and Privileges.—Tenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Conduct of Mr Michael Foster (Worcester)], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1223] [Sir George Young].

11 Trade and Industry.—(1) Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade and Investment Opportunities with India], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 881].
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Nuclear new build: issues to be addressed]; to be printed [No. 1122-iv]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK dependence on gas imports]; to be printed [No. 1123-i]
[Peter Luff]

12 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Globalisation: its impact on the real economy]; to be printed [No. 1218-i] [Mr John McFall]

13 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Future of RAF St Athan]; to be printed [No. 1129-iii]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Energy in Wales]; to be printed [No. 876-ix]
[Dr Hywel Francis]

[No. 162; WH, No. 106]

Tuesday 13th June 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Jonathan Shaw).

And it being Two o'clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.  
[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 163.]

Wednesday 14th June 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2006.

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

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions (No. 3) Order 2006.

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

3 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environmental Audit Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

5 European Scrutiny.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the European Scrutiny Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

6 Finance and Services.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance and Services Committee in this session of Parliament be laid upon the Table from time to time.

7 Transport.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

8 Sustainable Communities Bill.—The Order for reading the Sustainable Communities Bill a second time on Friday 16th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.
9 Parliamentary and Local Elections (Choice of Electoral Systems).—A Motion was made, and
the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the
holding of referendums about methods of election to the House of Commons and to local
authorities; to enable a specified number of electors to require the holding of such a
referendum; to require the Electoral Commission to establish a Citizens' Assembly to
perform functions in relation to referendums; to provide for the adoption by a local
authority of a different method of election; and for connected purposes—(Mr David
Chaytor);

And the Motion being opposed, after permitting a short explanatory statement from
the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put
the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and
nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jeremy Browne, Paul Rowen: 72.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Brian Binley: 168.

So the Question was negatived.

10 Adjournment (European Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,
That this House do now adjourn—(Steve McCabe);

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

11 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Milton Keynes against the erection of
a telecommunications tower at Fingle Drive, Stonebridge, Milton Keynes, 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 Alan Campbell);

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 to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Police.—Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Code of Practice C and Code of
Practice H) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]
[Secretary John Reid].

2 Road Traffic.—Draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations
2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary
Alexander].

3 Security Industry.—Draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2)
Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary
John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Animals.—(1) Cattle Database (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1539); and
(2) Cattle Identification (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1538),
dated 14th June 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command]
[Secretary David Miliband].

5 Food.—Eggs (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006
(S.I., 2006, No. 1540), dated 14th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum
[by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 Housing.—Home Information Pack Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1503), dated 9th June
2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth
Kelly].
7 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1530); and

Other Papers:

8 European Communities,—Report by the Department of Trade and Industry on Miscellaneous Duty Reliefs for 2005–06 [by Act], to be printed [No. 1156] [Mr Secretary Darling].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the British Hallmarking Council for 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1186] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Law Commission,—(1) Parliamentary Costs Bill: Report on the Consolidation of Legislation relating to Parliamentary Costs [by Command] [Cm. 6846]; and
(2) Report of the Law Commission for 2005–06 [by Act], to be printed [No. 1162] [Ms Harriet Harman].

11 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of Enterprise Ulster for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1131] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Police and Criminal Evidence,—Draft Codes of Practice—
(1) for the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers (Code C); and
(2) in connection with the detention, treatment and questioning by police officers of persons under section 41 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Terrorism Act 2000 (Code H) [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

13 Proceeds of Crime,—Reports of the—
(1) Appointed Person for England and Wales and Northern Ireland; and
(2) Assets Recovery Agency for 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

14 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [20th March] from Friends of Grizedale Forest against plans to redevelop the Grizedale Visitor Centre, Cumbria [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Fraud Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Lyn Brown, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Jim Cunningham, Michael Fabricant, Mr Dominic Grieve, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Heath, Mark Hunter, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ian Lucas, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Mike O’Brien, Anne Snelgrove, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Jeremy Wright.

2 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Burgon from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Kitty Ussher.

3 Compensation Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hamilton, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Philip Hollobone, Simon Hughes, Mr David Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Martin Linton, John Mann, Lembit Opik, Bridget Prentice, Paddy Tipping and Angela Watkinson.
4 Draft Human Tissue Act 2004 (Persons who Lack Capacity to Consent and Transplants) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Mr Ian Austin, John Battle, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Bone, Ben Chapman, Sandra Gidley, Helen Goodman, Nia Griffith, Huw Irranca-Davies, Alun Michael, Anne Milton, Dr Andrew Morrison, Steve Webb, Ms Rosie Winterton, Mr Iain Wright and Derek Wyatt.

5 Draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ben Chapman and Mr Austin Mitchell from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Dr Nick Palmer and Paddy Tipping.

6 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 1016):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Statement to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Peter Bottomley, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Nick Clegg, Natascha Engel, Michael Fabricant, Linda Gilroy, Damian Green, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Martin Horwood, David Lepper, Mr Alan Milburn, Jessica Morden, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Helen Southworth and Mr Gary Streeter.

7 Draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 3) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Austin and Mr Michael Wills from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins and Mr Michael Clapham.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Burrowes, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Douglas Carswell, Colin Challen, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Stephen Hammond, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Dr Doug Naysmith, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Lee Scott, Alan Simpson, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Derek Twigg.

9 Draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Gordon Banks, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Clelland, Mr Philip Dunne, Justine Greening, Dr Brian Iddon, Alan Keen, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr David Laws, Miss Anne McIntosh, Fiona Mactaggart, John Penrose, Mr James Plaskitt, Ms Gisela Stuart, Emily Thornberry, Angela Watkinson and Mr Dave Watts.

10 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2006 and the draft Courts-Martial ( Prosecution Appeals) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Simon Burns, Mr Jim Cunningham, Clive Efford, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Anne Main, Willie Rennie, Bob Russell, Jim Sheridan, Geraldine Smith, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Paul Truswell, Joan Walley and Mr Tom Watson.

11 Draft Recovery of Health Services Charges (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Paul Goggins, Lynne Jones, Kerry McCarthy, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Michael Mateo, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Iris Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, Bob Spink, Graham Stringer, Lynda Wal tho and Mrs Betty Williams.
12 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006, and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nicholas Brown, Ms Karen Buck, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Frank Dobson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Simon Hughes, Martin Linton, David Mundell, Bridget Prentice, Mr Frank Roy, Jo Swinson, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Edward Vaizey, Mr Shailesh Vara, Angela Watkinson and Mr Anthony Wright.

13 Draft Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (England) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Jim Devine, Jim Dobbins, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Christopher Fraser, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Chris Mole, Meg Munn, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Dan Rogerson, Joan Ruddock, Jonathan Shaw, Andrew Stunell, Mr Rob Wilson and Ann Winterton.

Grand Committees

14 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker and Huw Irranca-Davies from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Devine and Dan Norris.

European Standing Committees

15 European Union Document No. 7070/06 and Addendum 1 relating to a Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Stephen Byers, Greg Clark, Mr Stephen Crabb, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Roger Godsiff, Charles Hendry, David Howarth, Dr Nick Palmer, Kitty Ussher and Malcolm Wicks.

16 European Union Document No. 9390/06, relating to A Citizens' Agenda–Delivering results for Europe, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

17 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd May 2006, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2007, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xl] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Public Expenditure on Education and Skills]; to be printed [No. 1201-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport]; to be printed [No. 981-viii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy”], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1250-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-first Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxx]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

6 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—Mr David Maclean reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.
7 Public Accounts.—(1) Fifty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [A safer place for patients: learning to improve patient safety]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 831];

(2) Fifty-second Report from the Committee [Reducing brain damage: faster access to better stroke care]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 911]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Fines collection]; to be printed [No. 1269-i].

[Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-xi] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Twenty-ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxix]; and

(2) Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 871-v] [Mr David Maclean].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Trade and Industry Committee [The Export Credits Guarantee Department’s bribery rules]; to be printed [No. 1124-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Export Credits Guarantee Department’s bribery rules]; to be printed [No. 1124-iv] [Peter Luff].

11 Transport.—(1) Seventh Report from the Transport Committee [Parking Policy and Enforcement], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 748]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Local Transport Planning and Funding]; to be printed [No. 1120-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Independence for Statistics]; to be printed [No. 1111-iii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 163; WH, No. 107]

Wednesday 14th June 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Huw Irranca-Davies);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten 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 May].

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. NHS Redress Bill [Lords].—Miss Anne Beeg reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the NHS Redress Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 196].

4. Public Administration.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Public Administration in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

5. Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Regulatory Reform Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

6. Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

7. Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

8. Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill.—The Order for resuming on Friday 16th June the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd December, That the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill be read a second time, was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 14th July.

9. British Overseas Territories Bill.—The Order for reading the British Overseas Territories Bill a second time on Friday 16th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

10. Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords].—The Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

11. Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords].

Committee

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 Committee where a Bill relates exclusively to Wales) 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 29th June 2006.

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 that day.

7. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 any Message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

12 Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] [Money]—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills). That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) 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 Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from supporters of St Leonards Hospital, Sudbury, Suffolk, against reductions in community hospital services was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.44 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 County Courts.—Civil Courts (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1542), dated 13th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

2 Electricity.—(1) Electricity and Gas Appeals (Modification of Time Limits) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1519), dated 12th June 2006; and

(2) Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1521), dated 13th June 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


4 Income Tax.—(1) Tax Avoidance Schemes (Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1544); and


Other Papers:

5 Criminal Injuries Compensation.—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1196] [Secretary John Reid].

6 Home Office.—Departmental Minute, dated 15th June 2006, concerning a gift to support the victims of the London bombings and their families [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].
7 Northern Ireland,—Resource Accounts of the Northern Ireland Audit Office for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1135] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Superannuation,—(1) Principal Pension Scheme; and

(2) Supplementary Pension Scheme

for Kenneth Macdonald in respect of his appointment as Director of Public Prosecutions, dated 15th June 2006 [by Act] [Hilary Armstrong].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Fraud Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Campbell, Michael Fabricant, Mr Edward Garnier, Andrew Gwynne, Mr David Heath, Ian Lucas and Mr Mike O’Brien members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Fraud Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess and Mr Martyn Jones Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

3 Compensation Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Michael Foster, Mr Oliver Heald, Simon Hughes, Martin Linton, Bridget Prentice, Paddy Tipping and Angela Watkinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

4 Compensation Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton and Mr Peter Atkinson Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

5 Draft Human Tissue Act 2004 (Persons who Lack Capacity to Consent and Transplants) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

6 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 1016),—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Statement.

7 Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 599),—The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

8 Draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

9 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2006 and draft Courts-Martial (Prosecution Appeals) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Cunningham from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Tony Cunningham.

10 Draft Recovery of Health Services Charges (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

11 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 and draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

12 Draft Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (England) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
Grand Committees

13 The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 20th June.

European Standing Committees

14 The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Unnumbered Letter dated 9 May 2006, submitted by [Department for Education and Skills relating to Education and Training: Key Competences.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xli] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Draft Legal Services Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill, to be printed [No. 1154-vii] [Mr David Kidney]

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Workforce Planning]; to be printed [No. 1077-iv] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Private Sector Development]; to be printed [No. 921-viii] [Malcolm Bruce].

5 Liaison,—Second Report from the Liaison Committee, [A New Publication Order for Select Committee Evidence]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 1271] [Mr Alan Williams].

6 Public Administration,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Ethics and Standards]; to be printed, [No. 884-vii]

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Politics and Administration: Ministers and Civil Servants]; to be printed [No. 660-vi]; and

(3) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 15th May, together with Appendices [Propriety and Honours]; to be printed [No. 1119-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 164; WH, No. 108]

Thursday 15th June 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Human Rights Annual Report 2005—First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 20th June.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
Friday 16th June 2006.

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 Road Traffic Regulation (Location Filming) Bill.—The Order for reading the Road Traffic Regulation (Location Filming) Bill a second time on Friday 14th July was read and discharged.

   Bill withdrawn.

4 Motion to sit in private.—Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That the House sit in private.

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Dan Norris: 0.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Devine, Sir Peter Soulsby: 85.

   So the Question was negatived.

5 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

   (1) the British Chinese community against the new immigration rules on Indefinite Leave to Remain; and
   (2) residents of Greenwich, Bexley and neighbouring areas for a review and strengthening of the law concerning the possession and use of knives

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

6 International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (NC5) (Suitability of Millennium Development Goals)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up and read the first time.

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

   Another Clause (NC6) (Annual reports: parliamentary approval)—(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 Edward Leigh, Mr Christopher Chope: 8.
   Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr George Mudie: 93.

   Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

   ‘(e) promoting the establishment of a link between the commitment of aid and the reduction of corruption in recipient countries.’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Philip Davies, Mr Christopher Chope: 4.
   Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr George Mudie: 96.

   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, Tony Cunningham, Mr Kevan Jones: 115.
   Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr George Mudie: 0.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   The Bill was, accordingly, read the third time, and passed.
7 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Dawn Primarolo 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, has consented to place Her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And objection being taken to further proceeding,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

8 Green Belt Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Green Belt Reform Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

9 Children’s Food Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th October, That the Children’s Food Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 14th July.

10 Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

11 Licensing of Child Location Services Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing of Child Location Services Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

12 Humber Bridge Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Humber Bridge Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

13 International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Development (Anti-Corruption Audit) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

14 Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

15 Energy Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Energy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

16 Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food Supplements (European Communities Act 1972 Disapplication) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

17 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 14th July.

18 Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th July.

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

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 19th June.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Environmental Protection,—Ozone Depleting Substances (Qualifications) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1510), dated 8th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


5. Museums and Galleries,—Natural History Museum (Authorised Repositories) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1547), dated 15th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6. National Health Service,—National Health Service (Primary Medical Services and Pharmaceutical Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1501), dated 5th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7. Race Relations,—(1) Draft Code of Practice on Racial Equality in Housing England; (2) draft Code of Practice on Racial Equality in Housing Scotland; and (3) draft Code of Practice on Racial Equality in Housing Wales [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

8. Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Kingston upon Hull) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1515), dated 13th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


Other Papers:

10. Government Resources and Accounts,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—(1) Pesticides Safety Directorate; and (2) Veterinary Medicines Directorate, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1118 and 1134] [Secretary David Miliband].

11. Mexico (No. 1, 2006),—Agreement, done at Vienna on 12th May 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Mexican States for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6860] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health: The National Programme for IT in the NHS [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1173] [Clerk of the House].
Monday 19th June 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Human Tissue Act 2004 (Persons who Lack Capacity to Consent and Transplants) Regulations 2006.

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

2 European Standing Committee.—Hugh Bayley reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the Unnumbered Letter from the Department for Education and Skills dated 9th May 2006 relating to the Draft Recommendation on key competences for lifelong learning, and supports the Government’s view that the Recommendation will provide a useful, non-binding, common point of reference for Member States, either when choosing to undertake their own reforms of education and training systems or when learning about what has worked in other countries.

Resolution 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:

Consolidation, &c, Bills.—The Lords communicate that they have resolved that the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c, Bills, with which Resolution the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Trade and Industry.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

5 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups 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 13th July.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.
7 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups 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, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr John Heppell).—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 Water and Sewerage Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

9 Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Partnerships (Restrictions on Contributions to a Trade) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 27th April, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

10 Lord Chancellor.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No. 3) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 17th May, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell),

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Health Care and Associated Professions.—Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006, with a Statement by the Department of Trade and Industry [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Education.—Education (Individual Pupil Information) (Prescribed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1505), dated 8th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Immigration.—Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Prescribed Forms and Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1548), dated 14th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

6 Parliament.—Parliamentary Corporate Bodies (Crown Immunities etc.) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1457), dated 7th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
Other Papers:

7 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Laboratories Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1161] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 House of Commons.—Report of the House of Commons Commission for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1234] [The Speaker].

9 Pensions.—Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disability and Death) Service Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1455), dated 7th June 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

10 Terrorism.—Report on the Operation in 2005 of the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

11 Work and Pensions.—(1) Government Response to the Third Report from the Work and Pensions Committee, Session 2005–06, on Incapacity Benefits and Pathways to Work [by Command] [Cm. 6861]; and

(2) Paper, entitled A new deal for welfare: Empowering people to work: Consultation report [by Command] [Cm. 6859]

[Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Fraud Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Dominic Grieve in place of Mr Edward Garnier as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Human Tissue Act 2004 (Persons who Lack Capacity to Consent and Transplants) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nia Griffith and Derek Wyatt from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Linda Gilroy and Mike Wood.

3 Draft Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (England) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Rob Wilson from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Edward Vaizey.

European Standing Committees

4 Unnumbered Letter dated 9th May 2006, submitted by the Department for Education and Skills relating to Education and Training: Key Competences.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gordon Marsden and Mike Wood from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Letter) and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbin and Nia Griffith.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Legal Services Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill; to be printed [No. 1154-viii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1154-ix]

[Mr David kidney].

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 [Is there a future for Regional Government?], to be printed [No. 977-vii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Fifty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department for Work and Pensions: Delivering effective services through contact centres]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1034].

(2) Fifty-fourth Report from the Committee [UK Sport: supporting elite athletes]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 898].
(3) Fifty-fifth Report from the Committee [Progress in improving government efficiency]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 978], and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Support for small businesses]; to be printed [No. 1300-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Nuclear new build: issues to be addressed]; to be printed [No. 1122-vi] [Peter Luff].

5 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Pension Reform]; to be printed [No. 1068-vi] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 167.]

Tuesday 20th June 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Address of 22nd May had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your address praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 2006 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Japan) Order 2006 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House on 20th April.

I will comply with your request.

2 Regulatory Reform.—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Agricultural Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2006, which was laid before the House on 30th March, should be laid before the House.

3 Finance (No. 2) Bill.—Sir John Butterfill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 13 to 15, 26, 61, 91 and 106, Schedule No. 14, and new Clauses relating to the effect of provisions of the Bill on section 18 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984), and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 197].

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

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—David Taylor reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 1016).

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

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Janet Anderson reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 599).

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

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006.

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

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2006, and the draft Courts-Martial (Prosecution Appeals) Order 2006.

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

8 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Hugh Bayley reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee the draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, referred to it on 8th June.
9 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Electoral Administration Bill to which this House has disagreed but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof.

Conventions,—The Lords communicate that they have resolved that notwithstanding the Resolutions of the House of Lords of 25th April and 22nd May, it be an instruction to the Joint Committee on Conventions that it should report by the end of this session of Parliament; with which Resolution the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

10 Electoral Administration Bill,—Lords Amendment in lieu of Lords Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 201].

11 Constitutional Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Constitutional Affairs Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

12 National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Lords Message [yesterday] relating to the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

13 Children and Adoption Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Children and Adoption Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC3) (Parental responsibility prior to adoption abroad)—(Annette Brooke)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC4) (Presumption in favour of co-parenting)—(Tim Loughton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Huw Irranca-Davies: 324.

Another Clause (NC17) (Non-resident parents)—(Annette Brooke)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jenny Willott, Paul Rowen: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Huw Irranca-Davies: 277.

Another Clause (NC20) (Risk assessments)—(Mrs Maria Miller)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC21) (Recompense of those penalised by non-compliance with a contact order)—(Tim Loughton)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC22) (Mediation pre-child contact order where the safety of the child is not an issue)—(Mrs Maria Miller)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [2nd March].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Michael Foster: 261.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Michael Foster: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Simon Burns: 132.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed, with an Amendment.

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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 presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 2nd March 2006, made by the Governing Body of Robinson College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

2 Agriculture.—Reports on Smallholdings in England for—

   (1) 2002-03; and
   (2) 2003-04
   [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

3 Government Resources and Accounts (Northern Ireland),—General Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Financial Auditing and Reporting: 2004-05 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1199] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 1016),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Natascha Engel, Linda Gilroy, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Helen Southworth from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Statement) and nominated in substitution Mr John Grogan, Mr Shahid Malik, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Mrs Linda Riordan and Jon Trickett.

2 Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 599),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr John Grogan, Mr Shahid Malik, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Mrs Linda Riordan and Jon Trickett.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006, and the draft Courts-Martial (Prosecution Appeals) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Clive Efford, Geraldine Smith and Dr Gavin Strang from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution David Heyes, Mr Andy Reed and Mr Jamie Reed.

4 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006, and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Mundell from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Oliver Heald.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Reform of the coroners system and death certification]; to be printed [No. 902-iv] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Conventions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Conventions; to be printed [No. 1212-ii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

3 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xlii] [Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger].

4 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [New media and the creative industries]; to be printed [No. 1091-v] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence.—(1) Eighth Report from the Defence Committee [The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: The Strategic Context], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 986];
(2) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report of the Committee, Session 2005-06: Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2004-05], to be printed [No. 1293]; and
(3) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK Operations in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 1241] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Home Affairs.—Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Terrorism Detention Powers], with an Appendix, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 910] [Mr John Denham].

7 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, together with Appendices [Humanitarian response to natural disasters]; to be printed [No. 1188-iii] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Regulatory Reform.—Sixth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Agricultural Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2006]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1309] [Andrew Miller].

9 Science and Technology.—(1) Fourth Report from the Committee [Watching the Directives: Scientific Advice on the EU Physical Agents (Electromagnetic Fields) Directive], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1030]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Office of Science and Innovation Scrutiny Report 2006]; to be printed [No. 490-iv] [Mr Phil Willis].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [UK dependency on gas imports]; to be printed [No. 1123-iii];
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Nuclear new build: issues to be addressed]; to be printed [No. 1122-vi]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK dependence on coal imports]; to be printed [No. 1316-i] [Peter Luff].

[No. 167; WH, No. 109]
Tuesday 20th June 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.]
Wednesday 21st June 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—John Cummings reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Recovery of Health Services Charges (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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

2 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006, and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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 agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to the Children and Adoption Bill [Lords].

4 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

5 Sale of Green Belt Land Bill,—The Order for reading the Sale of Green Belt Land Bill a second time on Friday 14th July was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

6 St George’s Day,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to designate St George’s Day as an annual public holiday in England, and for connected purposes: And that Andrew Rosindell, Angela Browning, Mr Peter Lilley, Bob Spink, Mr Andrew Turner, James Brokenshire, Mr Simon Burns, Angela Watkinson, Mr Shahid Malik, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Geraldine Smith and Bob Russell do prepare and bring it in.

7 St George’s Day Bill,—Andrew Rosindell accordingly presented a Bill to designate St George’s Day as an annual public holiday in England, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 199].

8 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.

Future of the BBC,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises that the BBC is renowned throughout the world for its quality programming; further recognises the high regard in which it is held by the British public; expresses concern that the final decision over the new licence fee settlement has been delayed without adequate explanation by the Secretary of State; believes that greater transparency of the process is required to deliver value for money for the licence fee payer; expresses concern that a larger than necessary increase will undermine public confidence in the licence fee and will hit low income families the hardest; further expresses concern at the continued uncertainty over the costs of digital switchover; believes that the National Audit Office should be allowed a greater role in scrutinising the BBC’s accounts; and calls for a debate on the floor of the House on a substantive Motion to approve any new licence fee settlement—(Mr Hugo Swire);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word ‘public’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that the decision on the next licence fee settlement will represent best value and be announced in good time to take effect before the current settlement expires in April 2007; further notes that the decision-making process has been one of unprecedented public consultation and transparency and that the settlement should ensure a strong and independent BBC; further notes that the costs of switchover will be one of the considerations in setting the level of the licence fee; welcomes the strengthening of the arrangements for the National Audit Office’s involvement with the BBC; and recognises that changes to the level of the licence fee are subject to Parliamentary scrutiny by the negative resolution procedure’, instead thereof.—(Mr Shaun Woodward.)
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 put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 288.

So the Question was negatived.

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

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House recognises that the BBC is renowned throughout the world for its quality programming; further recognises the high regard in which it is held by the British public; notes that the decision on the next licence fee settlement will represent best value and be announced in good time to take effect before the current settlement expires in April 2007; further notes that the decision-making process has been one of unprecedented public consultation and transparency and that the settlement should ensure a strong and independent BBC; further notes that the costs of switchover will be one of the considerations in setting the level of the licence fee; welcomes the strengthening of the arrangements for the National Audit Office's involvement with the BBC; and recognises that changes to the level of the licence fee are subject to Parliamentary scrutiny by the negative resolution procedure.

Removal of Gardens from Brownfield Definition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House shares the concern of communities throughout the United Kingdom over the scale of residential development on garden land; recognises that the density and speed of such development can cause irreparable damage to neighbourhood character and cohesion; notes that the loss of garden land threatens urban biodiversity and environmental sustainability in towns and cities; further notes that garden land developments rarely exceed the threshold at which affordable housing must be provided and displaces the regeneration of derelict land; believes the official classification of garden land as brownfield to be inappropriate and misleading; and therefore urges the Government to amend all relevant planning guidance to remove gardens from the definition of previously developed land and thereby return decisions over proposed garden land developments to the discretion of local planning authorities—(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 'notes that the definition of previously developed land in draft Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS3) was first introduced in 1985, and that the proportion of residential development on previously developed residential land is now significantly lower than it was at that time; believes that more land needs to be made available for housing in future to meet rising demand and deliver sustainable, inclusive, mixed communities and environmental sustainability in towns and cities; further believes that local authorities need to bring forward appropriate land with proper regard for sustainability, local environment and quality of design within existing communities as well as new developments, further notes that draft PPS3 includes tools and powers for local authorities to turn down inappropriate development in gardens as well as other areas; and commends the Government’s policy to make better use of land for new homes by increasing the proportion of housing on previously developed land from 56 per cent. in 1997 to 73 per cent. in 2005 and provide greater protection for greenfield land as a result', instead thereof.—(Secretary Ruth Kelly.)

And the Question being proposed. That the original words stand part of the Question;

9 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:

- Work and Families Act 2006
- Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006
- Children and Adoption Act 2006
10 Opposition Day.—Removal of Gardens from Brownfield Definition.—The Question again 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, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Michael Foster: 284.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House notes that the definition of previously developed land in draft Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS3) was first introduced in 1985, and that the proportion of residential development on previously developed residential land is now significantly lower than it was at that time, believes that more land needs to be made available for housing in future to meet rising demand and deliver sustainable, inclusive, mixed communities and environmental sustainability in towns and cities; further believes that local authorities need to bring forward appropriate land with proper regard for sustainability, local environment and quality of design within existing communities as well as new developments; further notes that draft PPS3 includes tools and powers for local authorities to turn down inappropriate development in gardens as well as other areas; and commends the Government’s policy to make better use of land for new homes by increasing the proportion of housing on previously developed land from 56 per cent. in 1997 to 73 per cent. in 2005 and provide greater protection for greenfield land as a result.

11 Human Tissue.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Human Tissue Act 2004 (Persons who Lack Capacity to Consent and Transplants) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 24th May, be approved—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

12 Education and Training Key Competences.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of the Unnumbered Letter from the Department for Education and Skills dated 9th May 2006 relating to the draft recommendation on key competences for lifelong learning; and supports the Government’s view that the Recommendation will provide a useful, non-binding, common point of reference for Member States, either when choosing to undertake their own reforms of education and training systems or when learning about what has worked in other countries—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) George Henry Hamilton for legislation requiring a former employer to provide an accurate, balanced and fair reference;

(2) residents of Benfleet, Essex and others against a proposed development of a new domestic dwelling in Benfleet; and

(3) Mr D Scott and others for a moratorium on the prescription of Seroxat were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.50 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Communications,—(1) Draft Radio Multiplex Services (Required Percentage of Digital Capacity) Order 2006; and
   (2) draft Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services etc.) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1550), dated 14th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Other Papers:

4 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 21st June 2006, concerning the gifting of military bases to the Iraqi Government [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

5 Food Standards,—Report of the Food Standards Agency for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1155] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland),—Account of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1238] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords]:
   (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: Nick Ainger, Mr Stephen Crabb, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Jim Devine, Mr David Evennett, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Nia Griffith, Huw Irranca-Davies, Glenda Jackson, Helen Jones, Lynne Jones, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Jessica Morden, Lembit Öpik, Adam Price and Mark Williams.

2 Draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme) (Rights of Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Simon Burns, Tony Cunningham, Natascha Engel, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Mark Harper, Robert Key, Judy Mallaber, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Kali Mountford, Willie Rennie, Bob Russell, John Smith, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Michael Wills and Derek Wyatt.

3 Draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Clive Eilford, Mr John Horam, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Susan Kramer, Tom Levitt, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr John Maples, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Alan Simpson, Sir Robert Smith, Helen Southworth, Sir John Stanley and Dr Gavin Strang.

4 Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure and Pastoral (Amendment) Measure:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Measures to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Stuart Bell, Liz Blackman, Mr Tim Boswell, Ben Chapman, Ann Coffey, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr David Drew, James Duddridge, Angela Eagle, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Simon Hughes, Kali Mountford, Mr George Mudie, Mr Andy Reed, Andrew Selous, Mr Gary Streeter and Steve Webb.

5 Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee: James Brokenshire, Mr David Burrowes, Greg Clark, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mark Durkan, Maria Eagle, Mr Frank Field, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Bruce George, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Jane Kennedy, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr David Lidington, Mr Andrew Love, Dan Norris, Lembit Opik, Sandra Osborne, Mr Laurence Robertson, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Mark Todd, Dr Alan Whitehead and Sammy Wilson.

6 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Amendment) Order 2006 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Additional Functions and Amendment) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Richard Burden, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Michael Connarty, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Mr George Howarth, Mark Hunter, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Patrick Mercer, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Andrew Smith and Ms Dari Taylor.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mary Creagh, Mr James Gray, Mr Greg Hands, Chris Huhne, Daniel Kawczynski, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Kidney, Margaret Moran, Mr Elliot Morley, Andrew Rosindell, Mr John Spellar, Mr Dave Watts, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

8 Draft Recovery of Health Services Charges (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John MacDougall and Graham Stringer from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper and Mrs Janet Dean.

9 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Russell Brown, David Cairns, Mr Tom Clarke, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Jim Dowd, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Neil Gerrard, Linda Gilroy, Anne Main, Anne Milton, Anne Moffat, Mr Michael Moore, David Mundell, Mr Frank Roy, Jo Swinson, Mr Charles Walker, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr David Winnick and Pete Wishart.

10 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Frank Dobson and Mr Stephen Hepburn from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Devine and Mr Russell Brown.

11 Draft European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Brady, Mr Jeremy Browne, Colin Burgon, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr James Clappison, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr David Crausby, Jon Cruddas, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Curry, Frank Dobson, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mr Michael Moore, Alison Seabeck, Geraldine Smith and Dr Desmond Turner.

European Standing Committees

12 European Union Documents No. 5047/06 and Addendum 1, and No. 5050/06 and Addendum 1, relating to Waste Prevention and Recycling.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Gregory Barker, Roger Berry, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Tony Cunningham, Mr Adam Holloway, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Mr David Kidney, Dr Doug Naysmith, Gwyn Prosser, Andrew Rosindell, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr Shailesh Vara.

13 European Union Document No. 5163/06 and Addendum 1, relating to vehicle type approval: emission limits, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xlii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Education and Skills,—Third Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Special Educational Need], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 478-I, -II and -III] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Seventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Development Reporting by Government Departments], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1322]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [A new Marine Bill]; to be printed [No. 1323-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxxi]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 573]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Miscellaneous matters]; to be printed [No. 1329] [Mike Gapes].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [The Legislative Process]; to be printed [No. 1097-iv] [Mr Jack Straw].

7 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Application of the sub judice rule to proceedings in coroners’ courts]; to be printed [No. 714-i] [Mr Greg Knight].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving literacy and numeracy (Northern Ireland)]; to be printed [No. 1327-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Collections management in the National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 1328-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 20th June [Effects of Tax Increases on the Oil Industry]; to be printed [No. 1326-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].
10 Statutory Instruments.—Thirtieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxx] [Mr David Kidney].

11 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Bus Services across the UK], to be printed [No. 1317-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 168; WH, No. 110]

Wednesday 21st June 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall.
The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.13 p.m.]

[No. 169.]

Thursday 22nd June 2006.
The House met at half-past Ten 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 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 2006–07:

Department of Health, in so far as the Estimate relates to a grant-in-aid to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.

The Electoral Commission.

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 Fraud Bill [Lords].—Mr Martyn Jones reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Fraud Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment,

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 26th June.

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

3 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (England) Order 2006.

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

4 Adjournment (Defence Policy).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman);

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

5 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from residents of Oxfordshire and others for a fairer funding system for the NHS were presented and read [four Petitions]; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Seven o'clock, adjourned till Monday 26th June.

[Adjourned at 6.31 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Legal Services Commission.—(1) Draft Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) Regulations 2006;
   (2) draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2006; and
   (3) draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders: Appeals etc.) Regulations 2006
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Disabled Persons.—(1) Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Private Hire Vehicles) (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1617); and
   dated 16th June 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

3 Licensing.—Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Guidance to Police Officers on the Operation of Closure Powers in Part 8 of the Licensing Act 2003 [by Act], with Supplementary Guidance and an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:


5 Government Resources and Accounts.—Accounts of the British Transport Police Fund for 1st July 2004 to 31st March 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1157] [Clerk of the House].

6 Northern Ireland.—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) North Eastern Education and Library Board for 2004–05; and
   (2) North/South Language Body for 2001,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1148 and 1170] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Nick Ainger, Mr David Evennett, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Jessica Morden and Lembit Opik members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean and Hywel Williams Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme) (Rights of Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure and Pastoral (Amendment) Measure.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Measures.
Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Amendment) Order 2006 and draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Additional Functions and Amendment) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1200).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1200).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

11 Draft Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (England) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts, Mr Jim Devine and Jonathan Shaw from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Liz Blackman, Mr Stephen Byers and Laura Moffatt.

European Standing Committees

12 The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 7070/06 and Addendum 1 on Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xliv] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Draft Legal Services Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill to be printed [No. 1154-x] [Mr David Kidney].

3 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [NHS deficits]; to be printed [No. 1204-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Public Administration.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Governing the Future]; to be printed [No. 756-iv] and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices [Ombudsman Issues: Pensions]; to be printed [No. 1081-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 169; WH, No. 111]

Thursday 22nd June 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Human Rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 27th June.

[Adjourned at 4.54 p.m.]
Monday 26th June 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Derek Conway reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, and the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme) (Rights of Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Childcare Bill with Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Childcare Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Childcare Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 202].

4 Charities Bill [Lords].—The Charities Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

5 Charities Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Charities 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 13th July 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

6 Charities Bill [Lords][Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Charities Bill [Lords][Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Charities Bill [Lords] it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) expenditure incurred by the Charity Commission or a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums charged on the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of making good to any person sums for which the official custodian for charities may be liable—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

7 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 2006, which was laid before this House on 27th April, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.
8 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 Courts-Martial (Prosecution Appeals) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

9 Contracting out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—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 Recovery of Health Services Charges (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

11 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), That the draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

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 2006, which were laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—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 2006, which were laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

14 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Mr Elliot Morley be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Ian Pearson be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Mrs Joy Crofts and other customers of the Grafton Underwood Sub Post Office for a reversal of the Government’s announcement that it will end support for the Post Office Card Account in 2010 was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Nine o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.09 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 23rd June 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 South Africa (No. 1, 2006).—Film Co-Production Agreement, done at London on 24th May 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6866] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 23rd June 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Companies.—Companies (Disclosure of Information) (Designated Authorities) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1644), dated 20th June 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


4 Lands Tribunal.—Lands Tribunal (Superannuation) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 260), dated 12th June 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].
5 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1638), dated 19th June 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

6 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—(1) Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1661); and

   (2) Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1662), dated 22nd June 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Universities and Colleges (Trusts),—Scheme, made by the Governing Body of the College of St Mary Magdalene in the University of Cambridge, amending the scheme of the College for the administration of certain trust funds, dated 4th May 2006 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 26th June 2006:

Other Papers:

8 Commonwealth of Dominica (No. 1, 2006),—Agreement, done at Roseau on 2nd May 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica on the Transfer of Prisoners, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6869] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


10 Crown Estate,—Account of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1353] [Clerk of the House].

11 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Report and Financial Statements of the Duchy of Cornwall for the year ended 31st March 2006 [by Act] [Mr John Healey].

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1102] [Secretary David Miliband].

13 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Aviation Repair Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1207] [Clerk of the House].

14 Health and Social Care,—Report and Accounts of the Stockport NHS Foundation Trust for 2005–06 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

15 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 2006),—Amending Protocol, adopted at Brussels on 22nd April 2005, Amendments to the Convention establishing the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts and the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the Centre, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6871] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

16 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Evaluation of Regulatory Impact Assessments 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1305] [Clerk of the House].

17 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2005–06 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

18 St Lucia (No. 1, 2006),—Agreement, done at Bridgetown on 27th April 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of St Lucia on the Transfer of Prisoners, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6870] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, and the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme) (Rights of Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Ian Gibson, Kali Mountford and Derek Wyatt from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Linda Gilroy, Mr John Spellar and David Wright.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Legal Services Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill, to be printed [No. 1154-xi]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1154-xii]
   [Mr David Kidney].

2 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Human Trafficking], to be printed [No. 1127-iii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The National Programme for IT in the NHS], to be printed [No. 1360-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Trade and Industry,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Reasons for success and failure in the UK automotive industry and lessons to be learned from the Rover Taskforce], to be printed [No. 1075-ii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Ofcom’s Annual Plan 2006/07]
   [Peter Luff].

PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords],—Hywel Williams reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Compensation Bill [Lords],—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Compensation Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Ann Winterton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure and Pastoral (Amendment) Measure.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 European Standing Committee,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Health,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Health Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.
7 Sexually Explicit Material (Regulation of Sale and Display).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an Office for the Regulation of the Sale and Display of Sexually Explicit Material; to require the Office to regulate the sale and display of such material; and for connected purposes—(Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business)—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Annette Brooke, Dr Evan Harris, Lynda Waltho, Andrew Selous, Helen Goodman, Mr Barry Sheerman, Peter Bottomley, Stephen Hammond, Mrs Stun C. James, Ms Diane Abbott and Rosie Cooper do prepare and bring in the Bill.

8 Sexually Explicit Material (Regulation of Sale and Display) Bill.—Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas accordingly presented a Bill to establish an Office for the Regulation of the Sale and Display of Sexually Explicit Material; to require the Office to regulate the sale and display of such material; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 200].

9 Pensions Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the White Paper 'Security in retirement: towards a new pensions system' [Cm 6841] as the basis for a consensus on the future of pensions policy.—(Mr Secretary Hutton);

The Question was amended, in line 3, at the end, by adding the words '; recognises the importance of consensus in ensuring long-term, affordable and sustainable pension reform; and therefore welcomes the commitment of all major parties in the House to engage in the process of consensus building, while acknowledging that a number of concerns remain to be addressed in the course of that process, including the impact of the projected future level of means-testing on savings behaviour, the design of an auto-enrolled savings scheme, the need to strengthen existing occupational pension provision to reduce the risk of "levelling down" on the introduction of personal accounts and the need to restore public confidence in the fairness and security of the pensions system.'.—(Mr Philip Hammond)

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House welcomes the White Paper 'Security in retirement: towards a new pensions system' [Cm 6841] as the basis for a consensus on the future of pensions policy; recognises the importance of consensus in ensuring long-term, affordable and sustainable pension reform; and therefore welcomes the commitment of all major parties in the House to engage in the process of consensus building, while acknowledging that a number of concerns remain to be addressed in the course of that process, including the impact of the projected future level of means-testing on savings behaviour, the design of an auto-enrolled savings scheme, the need to strengthen existing occupational pension provision to reduce the risk of 'levelling down' on the introduction of personal accounts and the need to restore public confidence in the fairness and security of the pensions system.

10 Mobile Homes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (England) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

11 Estimates.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [22nd June] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

12 Standing Orders Etc. (Machinery of Government Changes).—Ordered, That the following amendments be made to Standing Orders and to the Resolution of the House of 13th July 2005 relating to Liaison Committee (Membership):

A. EUROPEAN STANDING COMMITTEES

That Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees) be amended, by leaving out in the Table in paragraph (6) the words 'Office of the Deputy Prime Minister' and inserting the words 'Communities and Local Government'.
B. SELECT COMMITTEES RELATED TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

That Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended in respect of the Table in paragraph (2), by—

(i) leaving out item 11 and inserting, at the appropriate point, ‘Communities and Local Government/Department for Communities and Local Government/11’;

and

(ii) in items 12 and 14, in column 2, leaving out the words ‘Office of Science and Technology’ and inserting the words ‘Office of Science and Innovation’;

and that all proceedings of the House and of its select committees in this Session in respect of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee shall be deemed to have been in respect of the Communities and Local Government Committee.

C. LIASON COMMITTEE

That the Resolution of the House of 13th July 2005 relating to Liaison Committee (Membership) be amended by leaving out, in paragraph (2), the words ‘Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions’ and inserting the words ‘Communities and Local Government’—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) the people of Chippenham, Wiltshire, and the surrounding district for the preservation of Chippenham hospital; and

(2) pensioners affected by the freezing of their pensions for fully uprated pensions for all state pensioners were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn,—(Mr Alan Campbell).

And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

15 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

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 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—(1) Draft Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Consequential Amendment to Statutory Adoption Pay) Order 2006; and

(2) draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Place of Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1683), dated 26th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

5 Constitutional Affairs,—Department for Constitutional Affairs Minute, dated 27th June 2006, concerning the provision of indemnity to directors and officers of Central Council of Magistrates’ Courts Committees [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Cousins from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Palmer.

2 Draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Helen Southworth and Dr Gavin Strang from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Austin, Jim Sheridan, Mark Simmonds and Mr Dennis Skinner.

3 Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure and Pastoral (Amendment) Measure.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Coe from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Measures) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello.

4 Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Peter Atkinson.

5 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jo Swinson from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Beith.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 7070/06 and Addendum 1 relating to a Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers, Dr Nick Palmer and Kitty Ussher from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Ann Coe, Jim Dobbin and Mr Jamie Reed.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—(1) Third Report from the Administration Committee [House of Commons Accommodation]; together with part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 25th April and 9th May, and Appendices thereto, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1279];

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [House of Commons Accommodation], and

(3) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 27th June [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Reform of the coroners system and death certification]; to be printed [No. 902-v] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Conventions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Conventions; to be printed [No. 1212-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

4 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xl] [Sir Peter Soulsby].

5 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Women’s Football]; to be printed [No. 1357-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

6 Defence.—(1) Ninth Report from the Defence Committee [Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2006-07], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1366]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Defence Procurement 2006]; to be printed [No. 1339] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

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 [Coastal Towns]; to be printed [No. 1023-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
8 Standards and Privileges.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Conduct of Ms Emily Thornberry], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1367], and (2) Twelfth Report from the Committee [Conduct of Nadine Dorries], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1368]

[Sir George Young].

9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [UK dependency on gas imports]; to be printed [No. 1123-iv] [Peter Luff].

[No. 171; WH, No. 112]

Tuesday 27th June 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 172.]

Wednesday 28th June 2006.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—John Cummings reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Foreign Affairs.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

4 Ministerial and Other Salaries (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 so as to reduce from 83 to 60 the total number of Ministerial salaries payable by virtue of paragraph 2(c) of Part V of Schedule 1: And that Mr Jeremy Browne do prepare and bring it in.

5 Ministerial and Other Salaries (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Jeremy Browne accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 so as to reduce from 83 to 60 the total number of Ministerial salaries payable by virtue of paragraph 2(c) of Part V of Schedule 1: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 203].

6 Police.—Resolved, That the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Code of Practice C and Code of Practice H) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

7 Electoral Administration Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [20th June] relating to the Electoral Administration Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 8B

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Bridget Prentice);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [13th June].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Mr Dave Watts: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee), That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 8B;

That Mr Michael Foster, Mr Oliver Heald, Simon Hughes, Martin Linton and Bridget Prentice be members of the Committee;

That Bridget Prentice be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee; and

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

8 National Lottery Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the National Lottery Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 14th June and 11th October 2005:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely: 1, 2, 6, 7 and 3 to 5.

Subsequent stages

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—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

9 National Lottery Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the National Lottery Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 7 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 5 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. 1 and 2;

That Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Mark Field, Mr Don Foster, Nia Griffith and Huw Irranca-Davies be members of the Committee;

That Mr Richard Caborn be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee; and

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

10 Electoral Administration Bill.—Bridget Prentice reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Electoral Administration 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. 8B for the following Reason:

Because it is not appropriate for personal identifiers to be collected as part of the registration process for all purposes.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.
11 Childcare Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), that the following provisions shall apply to the Childcare Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 28th November 2005 (Childcare Bill (Programme)):

**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 being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

12 National Lottery Bill.—Mr Richard Caborn reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the National Lottery Bill, that it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 for the following Reason: Because it would not be appropriate to remove the power of the Secretary of State to prescribe descriptions of expenditure.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

13 Childcare Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Childcare Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 19 were agreed to.

14 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

15 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme) (Rights of Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

16 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions more than one stage of the Finance (No. 2) Bill may be taken at any sitting of the House—(Jonathan Shaw—)

17 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the users of Nunney Post Office, Somerset, against the closure of rural post offices was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

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**APPENDIX I**

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


3 Lands Tribunal,—Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 265), dated 15th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4 Seeds.—Cereal Seed (England) and Fodder Plant Seed (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1678), dated 25th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Papers:

5 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 28th June 2006, concerning the gifting of military bases to the Iraqi Government [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

6 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Naval Recruiting and Training Agency for 2005-06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1128] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Higher Education,—Report and Accounts of the Office for Fair Access for 2005-06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1193] [Secretary Des Browne].

8 Industrial Development,—Report 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 for 2005-06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1292] [Mr Secretary Darling].

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Work and Pensions: Child Support Agency—Implementation of the Child Support Reforms [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1174] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth to Thirty-ninth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6863] [John Healey].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petitions [23rd May] from Councillors and residents of the East Devon District Council area against government plans to end Post Office card accounts [two Petitions] [by Standing Order]; to be printed [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 Instruments came into operation:


[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Charities Bill [Lords]:
(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 Adrian Bailey, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Liz Blackman, Mr Peter Bone, Peter Bottomley, James Duddridge, Mr Robert Fidler, Helen Goodman, Martin Horwood, Tom Levitt, Alan Michael, Edward Miliband, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Andrew Turner, Lynda Walmsley, Angela Watkinson and Stephen Williams.

2 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mary Creagh, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Mr David Evennett, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Ivan Lewis, Tim Loughton, Shona McNaught, Anne Main, Judy Mallaber, Mrs Maria Miller, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Christine Russell, Joan Ryan, Sarah Teather and Mr Rob Wilson.

3 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, John Bercow, Mr Crispin Blunt, Lorely Burt, Mr William Cash, Ann Coffey, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Alan Duncan, Bill Etherington, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Sadiq Khan, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Steve McCabe, Mr John MacDougall, Rob Marris, Mr Gordon Marsden and Mr Alan Milburn.

4 Draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Lyn Brown, Chris Bryant, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mark Hunter, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Maples, Patrick Mercer, Helen Southworth, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Don Touhig and Kitty Ussher.

5 Draft Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Bents, Mr David Crausby, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hanson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Andrew Love, Ann McKechin, Julie Morgan, Albert Owen, Mark Pritchard, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Graham Stuart and Lynda Walsh.

6 Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Durkin, Mr Frank Field, Maria Eagle, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Andrew Love, Dan Norris and Dr Howard Stoate from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Drew, Andrew Gwynne, Mr David Hanson, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Helen Southworth and Lynda Waltho.

7 Draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Frank Dobson, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Doug Henderson, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Frank Roy, Martin Salter, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Mr Ian Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner, Mr Edward Vaizey and Peter Viggers.

8 Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Mr David Chaytor, Harry Cohen, Michael Connarty, Mr David Heath, Simon Hughes, Mr Bob Laxton, Martin Linton, Margaret Moran, Mr Gordon Prentice, Jonathan Shaw, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Robert Walter, Angela Watkinson, Mr Rob Wilson and Jeremy Wright.

9 Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1200).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Margaret Moran and Mr John Spellar from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth and Tom Levitt.

10 Draft Climate Change Agreements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Mr Richard Bacon, John Battle, Kevin Brennan, James Brokenshire, Colin Challen, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr John Grogan, John Healey, Chris Huhne, Chris McCafferty, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Ken Purchase, Andrew Selous, Mark Tami, Mr Robert N. Warren and Mr Roger Williams.

11 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Karen Buck, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garnier, Andrew Gwyne, David Heyes, Mr Brian Jenkins, David Lepper, Fiona Mactaggart, Graham Stringer, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Emily Thornberry and Sir George Young.

12 Draft European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Crausby, Frank Dobson, Geraldine Smith and Dr Desmond Turner from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen Byers, Andrew Gwynne, Jane Kennedy and Mr Geoffrey Robinson.

13 Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Andy Burnham, Mark Fisher, Michael Jabez Foster, Sandra Gidley, Mr Roger Godsiff, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Denis MacShane, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mike Penning, Geraldine Smith, Anne Snelgrove, Dr Gavin Strang and Steve Webb.

14 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd May relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Memorandum: Ed Balls, Dr Vincent Cable, Tony Cunningham, Julia Goldsworthy, Alan Keen, Mr Mark Lancaster, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Andy Reid, Andrew Selous, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Shaimesh Vara and Mrs Theresa Villers.

15 European Union Document No. 9898/06, relating to consultation on fisheries management proposals, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

16 European Standing Committees,—The European Scrutiny Committee has withdrawn its recommendation [15th February 2006] that European Union Document No. 5198/06, relating to the adoption by co-decision of measures relating to maintenance obligations, be further considered and the document no longer stands referred to European Standing Committee B.

17 European Standing Committees,—The European Scrutiny Committee has withdrawn its recommendation [26th October 2005] that European Union Document No. 8064/05, relating to health and consumer protection 2007–13, be further considered and the document no longer stands referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-4vii] [Mr Brian Binley].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Rural Payments Agency], together with Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 1071-v] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [A new Marine Bill]; to be printed [No. 1323-v] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 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. 34-xxxxii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1371-v] [Mike Gapes].

6 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Independent Sector Treatment Centres]; to be printed [No. 934-v] [Mr Kevin Barron].
7 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [The Legislative Process]; to be printed [No. 1097-v] [Mr Jack Straw].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Third Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 886] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

9 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ombudsman Issues: Pensions], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1081-iii] [Dr Tony Wright].

10 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Research Council Institutes]; to be printed [No. 1307-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

11 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxxi] [David Maclean].

12 Transport,—(1) Eighth Report from the Transport Committee [Piracy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1026]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Bus Services across the UK]; to be printed [No. 1317-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

13 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Financial Assistance Scheme]; to be printed [No.1362] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 172; WH, No. 113]

Wednesday 28th June 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Steve McCabe.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.]

[No. 173.]

Thursday 29th June 2006.

The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Report of the Zahid Mubarek Inquiry,—Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report of the Zahid Mubarek Inquiry.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)
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.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Amendment) Order 2006 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Additional Functions and Amendment) Order 2006.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1200).
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006.
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 insist on certain of their Amendments to the Civil Aviation Bill to which this House has disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reasons; they disagree to the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu; and they do not insist on the remaining Amendment to which this House has disagreed.

6 Reason for insisting, non-insistence and Reason for disagreeing to Commons Amendment in lieu to the Civil Aviation Bill to be considered on Monday 3rd July; and to be printed [Bill 204].

7 Commons Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Commons Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Vehicular access)—(Barry Gardiner)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Stock proof fences)—(Mr Roger Williams)—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 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 112) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 41, after the word ‘greens’, insert the words ‘as attached to land’.—(Mr James Paice.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 46) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 122) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) Where a commons council consists of two or more voluntary commons associations the powers given to councils by this legislation and by regulation can be conferred to those associations.’—(Mr Roger Williams.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 to 75) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 114) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 36, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) Subsection (2)(a) does not include works for the purposes of—

(a) the safety of users of the Common; or

(b) animal welfare; or

(c) conservation;

Provided that they are either—

(i) necessary for immediate reasons whilst consent is obtained under subsection (3); or

(ii) constructed for a limited period as may be specified in Regulations made by the appropriate national authority.’.—(Mr James Paice.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 76 to 80) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 118) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 23, to leave out the words ‘an agricultural’ and insert the word ‘any’, instead thereof.—(Mr Roger Williams.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 81 to 91, 115 and 92 to 111) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: To make provision about common land and town or village greens; and for connected purposes.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Thomas Mcadvay, 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 Thomas McAvoy, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

8 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 (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

9 Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament—(Sir Stuart Bell)—It was agreed to.

10 Pastoral (Amendment) Measure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Pastoral (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—(Sir Stuart Bell)—It was agreed to.

11 Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy.—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. 7070/06, European Commission Green Paper: A European Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy, and endorses the Government’s approach of supporting the Green Paper’s strategy for a more cohesive European Energy Policy—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd July.

[Adjourned at 5.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) General Dental Council (Constitution) Order of Council 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1666) dated 23rd June 2006 [by Act];

(3) General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules Order of Council 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1663) dated 23rd June 2006 [by Act];


(5) General Dental Council (Professions Complementary to Dentistry) (Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists) Regulations Order of Council 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1667) dated 23rd June 2006 [by Act]; and


4 Social Care,—Local Authority Social Services Complaints (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1681), dated 27th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:


6 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Duke of York’s Royal Military School for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1061] [Secretary Des Browne];
   (2) Report and Resource Accounts of the Government Actuary’s Department for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1209] [John Healey]; and
   (3) Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of—
      (i) HM Treasury; and
      (ii) the Privy Council Office with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1344 and 1313] [John Healey].

7 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Meteorological Office for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1126] [Clerk of the House].


9 Intelligence Services,—Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6864] [The Prime Minister].

10 Report of the Zahid Mubarek Inquiry,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report of the Zahid Mubarek Inquiry [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 1082-I and -II] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Charities Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Liz Blackman, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Martin Horwood, Tom Levitt, Edward Miliband, Mr Andrew Turner, Angela Watkinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Charities Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mrs Joan Humble Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.
7 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Amendment) Order 2006 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Additional Functions and Amendment) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Connarty and Mr George Howarth from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Kevan Jones and Margaret Moran.

8 Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

9 Draft Climate Change Agreements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

10 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris.

11 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

12 Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xvii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Workforce Planning]; to be printed [No. 1077-v] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Human Trafficking]; to be printed [No. 1127-iv] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts.—(1) Fifty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Serving time: prisoner diet and exercise]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1063]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 28th June 2006 [Ministry of Defence: Reserve forces]; to be printed [No. 1393-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Politics and Administration: Ministers and Civil Servants]; to be printed [No. 660-vi] [Dr Tony Wright].

6 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England May 2006 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 1185-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 173; WH, No. 114]

Thursday 29th June 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment (Changes to Primary Care Trusts—Second Report from the Health Committee, Session 2005–06, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Tony Cunningham).

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 4th July.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
Monday 3rd July 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2006.
   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:
   Wireless Telegraphy Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to consolidate enactments about wireless telegraphy, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Wireless Telegraphy Bill [Lords].—The Wireless Telegraphy Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 207].

5 New Member sworn,—Robert James MacGillivray Neill, Esquire, Member for Bromley and Chislehurst, was sworn.

6 Estimates [3rd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [27th June], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).
   Estimates, 2006-07 (Department of Health).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department of Health—
   (1) further resources, not exceeding £37,417,520,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 1035,
   (2) a further sum, not exceeding £38,276,451,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and
   (3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid—(Liz Blackman).
   The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).
   Estimates, 2006-07 (The Electoral Commission).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by The Electoral Commission—
   (1) further resources, not exceeding £15,334,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 1039,
   (2) a further sum, not exceeding £15,777,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and
   (3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid—(Mr Dave Watts);
   And it being Ten 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, 2006-07.

   Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department of Health—
   (1) further resources, not exceeding £37,417,520,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 1035,
   (2) a further sum, not exceeding £38,276,451,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and
   (3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.
Estimates, 2006–07: The Electoral Commission

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Electoral Commission—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £15,334,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 1039,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £15,777,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and

(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.

7 Estimates.—The Deputy Speaker then put the Question required to be put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Estimates, 2006–07

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £189,522,522,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Paper Nos. 1035, 1037, 1038 and 1039,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £173,632,056,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services as so set out, and

(3) limits as so set out in House of Commons Paper Nos. 1035, 1038 and 1039 be set on appropriations in aid.

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 Stephen Timms, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Ed Balls do prepare and bring it in.

8 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 3) Bill.—John Healey accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2007 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending with 31st March 2007; 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 205].

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 30th June 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 ( Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs,—(1) Expert Control (Security and Para-military Goods) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1696); and

(2) Technical Assistance Control Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1719), dated 29th June 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Education,—Education (Designated Institutions) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1674), dated 22nd June 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Industrial and Provident Societies,—Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 258), dated 12th June 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].


5 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1695), dated 27th June 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 3rd July 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

6 Broadcasting.—Agreement dated 30th June 2006 between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command] [Cm. 6872] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Marriage.—Draft Marriage Act 1949 (Remedial) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Environmental Protection.—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1735), dated 29th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


Other Papers:

11 Church Commissioners.—Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for 2005 [by Measure] [Bridget Prentice].

12 Enterprise.—Account of the Competition Appeal Tribunal and Competition Service for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1392] [Clerk of the House].


14 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1112] [Clerk of the House].

15 Learning and Skills.—Report and Accounts of the Adult Learning Inspectorate for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1167] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

16 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Department for International Development: Working with Non-Governmental and other Civil Society Organisations to promote development; and

(2) The creation of Ofcom: Wider lessons for public sector mergers of regulatory agencies [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1311 and 1175] [Clerk of the House].

17 New Roads and Street Works.—Report under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 for 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

18 North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland).—Report and Accounts of the Special EU Programmes Body for 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1236] [Mr Secretary Hain].

19 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [21st June] from the Isitfair Council Tax protest campaign for a fair and equitable replacement for council tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr John MacDougall and Rob Marris from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Jonathan Djanogly and Lynda Waltho.
2 Draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lyn Brown and Helen Southworth from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Sarah McCarthy-Fry.

European Standing Committees

3 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd May relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Theresa Villiers from European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Francois.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Sustainable Schools]; to be printed [No. 1150-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [UK dependency on gas and coal imports]; to be printed [No. 1123-v] [Peter Luff].

3 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Departmental Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 1380] [Mr Terry Rooney].

COURT OF REFEREES

In pursuance of Standing Order 89 relating to Private Business (Constitution of Court of Referes on private bills) the Speaker appointed the following Members to the Court of Referes on Private Bills: Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir John Butterfill, Andrew Gwynne, Mr David Heath, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Ms Angela C. Smith.

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Tuesday 4th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 19th June, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Liaison,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

4 Regulation of Mortgage Repossessions Bill,—The Order for reading the Regulation of Mortgage Repossessions Bill a second time on Friday 14th July was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

5 New Member sworn,—David Clifford Davies, Esquire, Member for Blaenau Gwent, was sworn.

6 Welfare Reform Bill,—Mr Secretary Hutton, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Alexander, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Hain, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Jack Straw, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Jim Murphy and Mrs Anne McGuire, presented a Bill to make provision about social security; to amend the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979; 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 208].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Welfare Reform Bill be printed [Bill 208–EN].
7 Caravan Sites (Security of Tenure).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for security of tenure for gypsies and travellers on local authority caravan sites; and for connected purposes: And that Julie Morgan, Mr David Amess, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Martin Caton, Harry Cohen, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Drew, Nick Harvey, Kelvin Hopkins, Bob Russell, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Mrs Betty Williams do prepare and bring it in.

8 Caravan Sites (Security of Tenure) Bill.—Julie Morgan accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for security of tenure for gypsies and travellers on local authority caravan sites; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 206].

9 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 3) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 3) 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.

10 Finance (No. 2) Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance (No. 2) Bill for the purposes of income tax and corporation tax in relation to—

(a) arrangements for the sale and repurchase of securities, and

(b) other arrangements that equate, in substance, to transactions for the lending of money.—(Ed Balls.)

11 Finance (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance (No. 2) Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses relating to Part 6, new Schedules relating to Part 6, remaining new Clauses, remaining new Schedules, amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 27, Schedule No. 1, Clause No. 28, Schedule No. 2, Clause No. 29, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 30 to 37, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 38 to 42, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 43 to 78, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 77 to 78, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 80 and 81, Schedules Nos. 8 and 9, Clause No. 82, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 83 to 86, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 87 and 88, Schedule No. 12, Clause No. 89, Schedule No. 13, Clauses Nos. 90 and 91, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 92 to 102, Schedule No. 15, Clauses Nos. 103 and 104, Schedule No. 16, Clauses Nos. 105 to 134, Schedule No. 17, Clauses Nos. 135 to 146, Schedule No. 18, Clauses Nos. 147 to 154, Schedule No. 19, Clause No. 158, Schedule No. 21, Clauses Nos. 159 and 160, Schedule No. 22, Clause No. 161, Schedule No. 23, Clauses Nos. 162 and 163, Schedule No. 24, Clause No. 164, Schedule No. 25, Clauses Nos. 165 to 178, Schedule No. 26, and Clauses Nos. 179 and 180.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

A Clause (NC2) (Trusts relating to divorce, life protection policies and disabled persons)—(Mrs Theresa Villiers)—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 Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Kevin Brennan: 277.

Amendments (Nos. 70 to 77) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 388, line 18, at the beginning to insert the words—

‘6 (1) In section 89 (trusts for disabled persons)—

(a) in subsection (4)(a) at end insert—

“(aa) a person who lacked capacity within the meaning of section 272 below, or”;

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(b) in subsection (4)(c), leave out “or middle” and insert “middle or lower”; and
(c) after subsection (4)(c) at end insert—

“(d) a person who satisfies the Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs that he had a condition that it was at that time reasonable to expect would have such effects on him as to lead to him becoming a person—
(i) falling within subsection (4)(a) or (aa) above, or
(ii) in receipt of an attendance allowance mentioned in subsection (4)(b) above, or
(iii) in receipt of a disability living allowance mentioned in subsection (4)(c) above.”.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 215.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 276.

Other Amendments (Nos. 78 to 96) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC3) (Amendments to Finance Act 2004: Retirement Income Fund)—(Mr Mark Hoban)—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 Henry Bellingham, Michael Fabricant: 207.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 289.

Another Clause (NC4) (Fuel duty (remote areas))—(Danny Alexander)—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, Sir Robert Smith: 60.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jonathan Shaw: 297.

Another Clause (NC9) (Energy efficiency and water conservation: fiscal and economic report)—(Alan Simpson)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Philip Hollobone: 214.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jonathan Shaw: 279.

Ordered,—That further consideration be now adjourned.—(Mr John Heppell.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

12 International Immunities and Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft European Organization for Nuclear Research (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

13 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

14 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) (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

15 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) (Additional Functions and Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.
16 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell);

And the Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

17 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 Tuesday 25th July, do adjourn till Monday 9th October 2006—(Mr Alan Campbell);

And the Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

18 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, on Tuesday 25th July—

(1) references to specific times in the Standing Orders of this House shall apply as if that day were a Wednesday; and

(2) there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

19 Delegated Legislation,—Ordered, That the Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Amendment Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1448), and the Home Information Pack Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1503), be referred to Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

20 Conventions,—Resolved, That the Lords Message of 20th June relating to the Joint Committee on Conventions be now considered.

That this House concurs with the Lords that, notwithstanding the Resolution of this House of 17th May, it be an instruction to the Joint Committee on Conventions that it should report by the end of this session of Parliament.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

21 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Revenue and Customs,—Revenue and Customs (Complaints and Misconduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1748), dated 3rd July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

6 Education,—Report and Accounts of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for 2005-06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1195] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
7 Northern Ireland.—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of—
   (1) Environment and Heritage Service;
   (2) Laganside Corporation; and
   (3) Northern Ireland Health and Social Services Estates Agency,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon
   [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1171, 1275 and 1198] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the
   Petition [23rd May] from students of the University of Oxford against rising
   accommodation costs [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Social Security.—Secretary of State’s report on the standards of decision making in Jobcentre
   Plus, the Pension Service, Disability and Carers Service and the Child Support Agency
   in 2002 and 2003, with a Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
   [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1090] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

10 Terrorism.—Report of the Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in
   Northern Ireland for 2005, with a Review of Military use of Impact Rounds (Attenuating
   Energy Projectiles) in Northern Ireland during September 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
   Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has
   appointed Dr Nick Palmer in place of Jeff Ennis as a member of the Programming
   Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006.—The
   Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Fisher and Mr Peter Kilfoyle from the
   Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft
   Order) and nominated in substitution Martin Salter and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the discussions of the Parliamentary Visitor Centre
   Sub-Committee of the Administration Committee at its meeting on 4th July (meeting
   held concurrently with the House of Lords Information Committee) [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities
   and Local Government Committee [Coastal Towns]; to be printed [No. 1023-i] [Dr
   Phyllis Starkey].

3 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs
   Committee [Department for Constitutional Affairs: key policies and priorities]; to be
   printed [No. 566-ii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Party funding]; to be printed
   [No. 1060-i]
   [Mr Alan Beith].

4 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill;
   to be printed [No. 837-iv] [Mr Alan Meale].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment,
   Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The UK Government’s “Vision for the Common
   Agricultural Policy”], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed
   [No. 1250-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 International Development.—(1) Third Special Report from the International Development
   Committee [The WTO Hong Kong Ministerial and the Doha Development Agenda:
   Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed
   [No. 1425]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Conflict and development:
   peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction], together with Appendices; to be printed
   [No. 923-vii]
   [Malcolm Bruce].
7 Liaison.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee [The Prime Minister]; to be printed [No. 709-iii] [Mr Alan Williams].

8 Regulatory Reform.—Seventh Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Draft Regulatory Reform (Registered Designs) Order 2006]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1439] [Andrew Miller].

9 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Scotland Office Annual Report 2006]; to be printed [No. 1440-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [New nuclear? Examining the issues]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1122]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Written evidence relating to the Government’s Energy Review]; to be printed [No. 1443] [Peter Lilfi].

11 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Proposed Restructuring of the Police Force in Wales: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1431]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Current Restructuring of the Police Forces in Wales]; to be printed [No. 1418-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 175; WH, No. 115]

Tuesday 4th July 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 3) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 176.]

Wednesday 5th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hywel Williams reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Janet Anderson reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2006.

   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 Health Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
5 Health Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Health Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 210].

6 Sir Roger Sands, KCB, Clerk of the House of Commons,—The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Sir Roger Sands, KCB, Clerk of the House of Commons, which he read to the House, as follows:

As I have previously indicated to you, I would wish to retire on 30th September this year, on the 41st anniversary of my first joining the service of the House.

The procedural and management responsibilities which are now combined in the post of Clerk of the House present a formidable challenge. But I have been able to rely on the high quality and commitment of the staff at every level in the House and on the strengths of my fellow members of the Board of Management, who bring a richly diverse range of skills and expertise to their work for Parliament. I have also been greatly assisted by the moral and practical support which I have received from you, from the Deputy Speakers, and from your colleagues on the House of Commons Commission.

The House of Commons is a much criticised institution; and its own Members are often as critical as anyone. But whatever its perceived failings, the House remains at the centre of political and public life and is the envy of most other countries in the world. Its durability and occasional bloody-mindedness have made, and continue to make, a crucial contribution to the country’s stability and prosperity. I have never for a moment regretted making my career in the House, and I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to serve as its Clerk.

7 Climate Change (Commercial and Public Services Sectors)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the reduction of greenhouse gases, to promote energy efficiency and the consumption of renewable and low carbon energy in the commercial and public services sectors; to provide for the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on energy usage in the commercial and public services sectors; and for connected purposes: And that Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Tim Yeo, Chris Huhne, Colin Challen, Helen Goodman, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Bob Spink, Kitty Ussher and Mr Edward Vaizey do prepare and bring it in.

8 Climate Change (Commercial and Public Services Sectors) Bill,—Dr Alan Whitehead accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the reduction of greenhouse gases, to promote energy efficiency and the consumption of renewable and low carbon energy in the commercial and public services sectors; to provide for the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on energy usage in the commercial and public services sectors; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 209].

9 Finance (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance (No. 2) Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 to 20 and 121) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 122) proposed to the Bill, in page 155, line 21, to leave out from the second ‘the’ to the end of line 22 and insert the words ‘earlier of—

(a) two years after the end of the accounting period; or

(b) the deadline for filing corporate tax returns in the EEA territory concerned.’.

instead thereof.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 98) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 126) proposed to the Bill, in page 46, line 29, to leave out Clause No. 61.—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Mr Dan Rogerson: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Huw Irranca-Davies: 274.

Other Amendments (Nos. 99, 16, 100, 17, 21, 24 to 26, 22 and 23) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 92, line 2, to leave out Clause No. 99.—(Rob Marris.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

10 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Northern Ireland.—That the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.

Ayes: 303.
Noes: 163.

So the Question was agreed to.

Adjournment (Summer).—That this House, at its rising on Tuesday 25th July, do adjourn till Monday 9th October 2006.

Ayes: 409.
Noes: 53.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Finance (No. 2) Bill.—Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 28, 29 and 101) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 130) proposed to the Bill, in page 97, line 24, at the end, to insert the words ‘or on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange or its equivalent European Union exchanges.’.—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 166.
Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Tony Cunningham: 348.

Other Amendments (Nos. 27 and 30) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 135, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(7) The Treasury may make regulations about the application of subparagraph (2) of this section which will be deemed to take effect from 6th April 2006.’.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 222.
Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Kevin Brennan: 295.

Other Amendments (Nos. 31, 97 and 102 to 106) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 287.
Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 203.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

12 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the Order of 6th June 2006 (Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme)) shall be varied by the substitution for ‘13th July’ of ‘20th July’—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

13 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.
14 Security Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

15 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) and Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Landlord and Tenant,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Agricultural Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2006 [by Act], with a Statement by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1742), dated 29th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


4 Health Care and Associated Professions,—European Qualifications (Professions Complementary to Dentistry) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1718), dated 28th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Public Health,—Private and Voluntary Health Care (England) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1734), dated 28th June 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 5th July 2006, Reporting the Transfer of the National Stud to an Independent Charitable Trust [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Explosives (Northern Ireland),—Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 2005 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1283] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1181] [Secretary David Miliband].

9 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1190] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Postal Services,—Report of the Postal Services Commission for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1351] [Mr Secretary Darling].

11 Reserve Forces,—Amendment List 12 to Air Publication 3392 Volume 7 (First Edition) Regulations for the Reserve Air Forces [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

12 Transport,—Department of Transport Minute, dated 5th July 2006, concerning Government support for Network Rail Borrowing Annual Update [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Automatic Identification System) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Julian Brazier, Lyn Brown, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Michael Clapham, Jim Cousins, Mrs Ann Cryer, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Philip Davids, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Sadiq Khan, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Frank Roy and Mr Andrew Slaughter.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Ed Balls, Kevin Brennan, Colin Burgon, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Frank Field, Dr Ian Gibson, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Mark Hoban, Kate Hoey, Mr David Jones, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Andy Reed, Sir Malcolm Rifkind and Andrew Selous.

3 Draft Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Crausby, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Andrew Love, Julie Morgan and Albert Owen from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper, Mark Fisher, Mr Robert Fiell, Meg Hillier and Michael Wills.

4 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) Regulations 2006, the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders: Appeals etc) Regulations 2006, and the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr David Crausby, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Dai Havard, Simon Hughes, Helen Jones, Mr Bob Laxton, Martin Linton, Tony Lloyd, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Clare Short, Dr Rudi Vis, Angela Watkinson, Jeremy Wright and Mr Tim Yeo.

5 Draft Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dai Havard and Martin Salter from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr John MacDougall and Julie Morgan.

6 Draft Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006, and the draft Radio Multiplex Services (Required Percentage of Digital Capacity) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Roger Berry, Mr Peter Bone, Tom Brake, Lorely Burt, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Mark Field, Paul Flynn, Barbara Follett, Huw Irranca-Davies, Glenda Jackson, Mr Brian Jenkins, David Lepper, Jessica Morden, Graham Stringer and Mr Shaun Woodward.

7 Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Laxton from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Albert Owen.

8 Draft Climate Change Agreements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Tami and Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ann Keen and Rob Marris.
European Standing Committees

9 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd May relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Francois from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Mrs Theresa Villiers.

10 European Union Document No. 5163 and Addendum 1 relating to Vehicle Type Approval: Emission Limits.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee in respect of the Document: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Tony Cunningham, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Andrew Mackinlay, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Mike Wood.

11 European Union Document No. 10014/06, relating to voluntary reduction (“modulation”) of direct farm support payments, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-xxix] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Sustainable Schools]; to be printed [No. 1150-ix] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Climate Change—the UK Programme 2006]; to be printed [No. 1452-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Thirty-fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxxv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Jimmy Hood].

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [The Legislative Process]; to be printed [No. 1097-v] [Mr Jack Straw].

6 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific advice, risk and evidence: how Government handles them]; to be printed [No. 900-xii] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxxii] [David Maclean].

8 Transport.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising]; to be printed [No. 1354-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Local Transport Planning and Funding]; to be printed [No. 1120-v]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury.—Ninth Report from the Treasury Committee [Globalisation: the role of the IMF], 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. 875] [Mr John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions.—(1) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee on 28th June 2006 [Financial Assistance Scheme]; to be printed [No. 1362]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Financial Assistance Scheme]

[Mr Terry Rooney].
Wednesday 5th July 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.14 p.m.]

Thursday 6th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Climate Change Agreements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Extradition (United States) Bill,—Mr Nick Clegg, supported by Mark Hunter, Lynne Featherstone, Mr David Heath, Simon Hughes and Tim Farron presented a Bill to require the presentation of prima facie evidence to a judge before a person can be extradited to the United States of America. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 211].

4 Adjournment (Armed Forces personnel),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

5 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland against the Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell);

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-five minutes to Seven o’clock, till Monday 10th July.

[Adjourned at 6.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1793), dated 5th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].
Other Papers:

3 Communications.—Accounts of the Office of Communications Section 400 Licence Fees and Penalties for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1430] [Clerk of the House].

4 Employment Relations.—Report of the Central Arbitration Committee for 2005–06 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Government Resources and Accounts.—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—

   (1) Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1158] [Secretary Des Browne]; and

   (2) Meat Hygiene Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1318] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of OGCbuying.solutions for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1332] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Health Service.—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1429] [Clerk of the House].

8 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the Valuation and Lands Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1243] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [10th January] from R. McQuillan and others in support of the establishment of an independent agency and other measures to ensure that public health laws are enforced [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mary Creagh, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr David Evennett, Mrs Maria Miller and Christine Russell members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway and Mr Eric Martlew Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Automatic Identification System) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.


5 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) Regulations 2006, the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders: Appeals etc.) Regulations 2006, and the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2006:

   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged the Members previously nominated to serve on the Committee and nominated instead the following seventeen Members: Vera Baird, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr David Crausby, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Dai Havard, David Howarth, Simon Hughes, Helen Jones, Mr Bob Laxton, Martin Linton, Tony Lloyd, Clare Short, Dr Rudi Vis, Angela Watkinson, Jeremy Wright and Mr Tim Yeo.

6 Draft Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006, and draft Radio Multiplex Services (Required Percentage of Digital Capacity) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.
7 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian Jenkins, David Lepper and Graham Stringer from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Lyn Brown, Mr Wayne David and Mr Iain Wright.

European Standing Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd May relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Conventions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Conventions on 4th July; to be printed [No. 1212-iv] [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-1] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Health,—Third Report from the Health Committee [NHS Charges], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 815-I and -III] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [International Trade and the WTO]; to be printed [No. 1455-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Humanitarian response to natural disasters], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1188-iv] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Public Administration,—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Propriety and Honours: Interim Findings], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1119] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 177; WH, No. 117]

Thursday 6th July 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Analogue switch-off—Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, and the Government response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th July.

[Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.]
Monday 10th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Automatic Identification System) Order 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Electoral Administration Bill to which this House has disagreed.

3 Education and Skills.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education and Skills Committee in this session of Parliament, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of any sub-committee which it may appoint, be laid upon the Table from time to time.

4 Broadcasting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Agreement (Cm. 6872) dated 30th June 2006, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation, which was laid before this House on 3rd July 2006—(Secretary Tessa Jowell).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 4, at the end to add the words ‘but regrets that the proposed BBC Trust will not be sufficiently independent as a regulator for the BBC, believes that the National Audit Office should have full access to the BBC’s accounts; is concerned that the announcement of the licence fee has been delayed without adequate explanation; further regrets the fact that the Charter Renewal process has been separated from the final licence fee decision; and further believes that the BBC’s bid for an increase in the licence fee of 2.3 per cent. on top of the Retail Price Index is excessive.’—(Mr Hugo Swire.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 284.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House approves the Agreement (Cm. 6872) dated 30th June 2006, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation, which was laid before this House on 3rd July 2006.

5 Climate Change Levy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Agreements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—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 Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

7 Data Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

8 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 2006, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

9 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 Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 14th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.
10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of Willalla House, Canvey Island, Essex, for a full time warden at
       Willalla House; and
   (2) residents of Benfleet, Essex, and others against the proposed development of a
       military style assault course near Rivenhall;
   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 Michael Foster.)
   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 7th July 2006 pursuant to Standing
Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Broadcasting,—(1) Papers, entitled:
   (i) BBC Outsourcing: The contract between the BBC and Siemens Business Services
       for the provision of technology services—National Audit Office review presented
       to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, June 2006, by the Comptroller and
       Auditor General, and a response to the review from the BBC; and
   (ii) The BBC’s definition of overheads—National Audit Office review presented to
       the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, June 2006, by the Comptroller and
       Auditor General, and a response to the review from the BBC; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 2005-06
       [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Treaty Series (No. 16, 2006).—Protocol, done at New York on 15th November 2000, against
   the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations
   Convention against Transnational Organized Crime [Cm. 6880] [Secretary Margaret
   Beckett].

3 Treaty Series (No. 17, 2006).—Protocol, done at New York on 15th November 2000, to
   Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children,
   supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
   [Cm. 6881] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 7th July 2006 pursuant to Standing
Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Animals,—Horses (Zootechnical Standards) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006,
   No. 1757), dated 3rd July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David
   Miliband].

5 Children and Young People.—Children Act 1989 Representations Procedure (England)
   Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Education.—Education (Outturn Statements) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006,
   No. 1760), dated 4th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan
   Johnson].

7 Family Proceedings.—Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2006
   (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 304), dated 4th July, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Bridget
   Prentice].

8 Financial Services and Markets.—Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Gibraltar)
   Explanatory Memorandum [Ed Balls].

9 Road Traffic.—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2006
   (S.I., 2006, No. 1756), dated 4th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum
   [Mr Secretary Alexander].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th July 2006:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


12 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 305), dated 5th July, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Bridget Prentice].


14 Designs.—Design Right (Semiconductor Topographies) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1833), dated 10th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


16 Education.—(1) Josiah Mason Sixth Form College, Erdington, Birmingham (Dissolution) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1754), dated 3rd July 2006;
   (2) Widnes and Runcorn Sixth Form College (Dissolution) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1739), dated 1st July 2006; and
   (3) Wimbledon School of Art Higher Education Corporation (Dissolution) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1746), dated 1st July 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

17 British Library.—Statement of appointment and salary of Sir Colin Lucas as Chairman of the Board of the British Library [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

18 Children.—Report and Accounts of the Office of the Children’s Commissioner for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1278] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

19 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Report and Accounts of the Defence Estates Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1273] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
   (2) Resource Accounts of the Postal Services Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1421] [John Healey].

20 Health and Social Care.—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of—
   (1) Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust; and
   (2) University College London Hospitals
   [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

21 Home Office.—Paper, entitled Countering International Terrorism: The United Kingdom’s Strategy [by Command] [Cm. 6888] [Secretary John Reid].

22 Law Commission.—Report of the Law Commission on Inchoate Liability for Assisting and Encouraging Crime [by Command] [Cm. 6878] [Bridget Prentice].

23 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Improving the use of temporary nursing staff in NHS acute and foundation trusts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1176] [Clerk of the House].

24 National Heritage.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1306] [Clerk of the House].
25 National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1160] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

26 National Statistics.—Report and Accounts of the Statistics Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 6857] [John Healey].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Joan Humble from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Kali Mountford.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Research Funding], to be printed [No.1405-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

[No. 179.]

Tuesday 11th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Lynda Waltho reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords], the National Health Service Bill [Lords], the National Health Service (Wales) Bill [Lords] and the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Bills; and had agreed to a Report which it had directed her to make to the House; and had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th July.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 1501-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No.1501-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1501-II].

2 European Standing Committee,—Mr Greg Pope reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 23rd May 2006 relating to Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2007; and supports the Government's efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community.

Resolution 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:

The Lords have agreed to the Leicester City Council Bill, the Liverpool City Council Bill and the Maidstone Borough Council Bill, without Amendment;

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the National Lottery Bill to which this House has disagreed; and agree without Amendment to the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu of the remaining Lords Amendment.

4 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill.—The Order for resuming on Friday 14th July the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd December, That the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill be read a second time, was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 20th October.
5 Adjournment (Extradition Treaty between the USA and the UK).—Mr Nick Clegg, Member for Sheffield, Hallam, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration, namely the Extradition Treaty between the USA and the UK, and the leave of the House having been given, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business to-morrow.

6 Accidents Involving Animals (Strict Liability).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Animals Act 1971 to make it a defence in law for the owner of an animal involved in an accident to show that he took all reasonable steps to keep the animal in a secure enclosure; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Peter Atkinson, Angela Watkinson, Philip Davies, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Richard Benyon, Kate Hoey, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr David Anderson and Lembit Opik do prepare and bring it in.

7 Accidents Involving Animals (Strict Liability) Bill.—Mr Laurence Robertson accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Animals Act 1971 to make it a defence in law for the owner of an animal involved in an accident to show that he took all reasonable steps to keep the animal in a secure enclosure; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 214].

8 Adjournment (Intelligence and Security Committee Annual Report 2005–06).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Kevin Brennan).

9 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 Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:

- Childcare Act 2006
- Electoral Administration Act 2006
- National Lottery Act 2006
- Leicester City Council Act 2006
- Liverpool City Council Act 2006
- Maidstone Borough Council Act 2006
- Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2006
- Pastoral (Amendment) Measure 2006.

10 Adjournment (Intelligence and Security Committee Annual Report 2005–06).—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

11 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of Thundersley and Benfleet against the storage of hazardous asbestos waste in their area 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 Michael Foster);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Education (Designated Institutions) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1744); and
(2) Education (Student Support) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1745), dated 1st July 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

4 Access to Justice,—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Complaints Commissioner for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1225] [Bridget Prentice].

5 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1229] [Secretary David Milliband].

6 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and Horserace Totalisator Board for 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Broadcasting,—(1) Report; and
(2) Statement of Accounts of S4C for 2005 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Chiropractors,—Financial Statements of the General Chiropractic Council for the period from 1st August 2004 to 31st December 2005 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

9 Coal Industry,—Accounts of the Coal Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1406] [Clerk of the House].

10 Constitutional Affairs,—Paper, entitled Confidence and confidentiality: Improving transparency and privacy in family courts [by Command] [Cm. 6886] [Ms Harriet Harman].

11 Courts and Legal Services,—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1375] [Bridget Prentice].

12 Data Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Information Commissioner’s Office for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1228] [Clerk of the House].

13 Energy,—Second Annual Report on the Security of Gas and Electricity Supply in Great Britain, dated July 2006 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1370] [Mr Secretary Darling].

14 Enterprise,—Report and Accounts of the Competition Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1295] [Mr Secretary Darling].

15 Fair Trading,—Report of the Office of Fair Trading for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1213] [Mr Secretary Darling].

16 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
(i) HM Revenue and Customs, with Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1159];
(ii) National Audit Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1487] [Mr Alan Williams]; and
(iii) Office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools in England, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1417] [John Healey]; and
(2) Report and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
(i) Defence Procurement Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1164] [Secretary Des Browne].
17 Intelligence Services.—Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6865] [The Prime Minister].

18 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on A Foot on the Ladder: Low Cost Home Ownership Assistance [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1048] [Clerk of the House].

19 National Health Service.—Report and Accounts of the National Health Service Litigation Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1179] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

20 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1345] [Mr Secretary Hain].

21 Oil and Pipelines.—Accounts of the Oil and Pipelines Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1479] [Clerk of the House].

22 Prisons (Northern Ireland).—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1251] [Mr Secretary Hain].

23 Public Petitions.—Observations by—

   (1) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [21st June] from residents of Benfleet, Essex and others against a proposed development of a new domestic dwelling in Benfleet; and

   (2) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [27th June] from pensioners affected by the freezing of their pensions for fully uprated pensions for all state pensioners

   [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

24 Trade and Industry.—Paper, entitled The Energy Challenge: Energy Review Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6887] [Mr Secretary Darling].

25 Trade Union and Labour Relations.—Report of the Certification Officer for 2005–06 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd May relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget. —The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Andy Reed and Mr Paul Truswell from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Ms Diana R. Johnson, Tony Lloyd and Jessica Morden.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 11th July [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee [Coastal Towns]; to be printed [No. 1023-iii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Conventions.—Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee on Conventions [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

4 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-li] [Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger].

5 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [BBC Report and Accounts, 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1490-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].
6 Defence,—(1) Tenth Report from the Defence Committee [The Work of the Met Office],
together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed,
with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 823];

(2) Eleventh Report from the Committee [Educating Service Children], together with
Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with
the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1054];

(3) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh
Report of the Committee, Session 2005–06: The Defence Industrial Strategy]; to be printed
[No. 1488]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Introductory Evidence Session
with the Secretary of State for Defence]; to be printed [No. 1458-i]

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade,
Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee
[International Trade and the WTO]; to be printed [No. 1455-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

8 International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International
Development Committee [Humanitarian response to natural disasters], together with
Appendices; to be printed [No. 1188-x]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Department for International
Development: Departmental Report 2006], together with Appendices; to be printed
[No. 1491-i]

[Malcolm Bruce].

9 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee
[Reasons for success and failure in the UK automotive industry and lessons to be learned
from the Rover Taskforce], to be printed [No. 1075-iii] [Peter Lilley].

10 Treasury,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response
to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on The 2005 Budget]; to be printed [No. 1472]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Globalisation: its impact on the
real economy] be printed [No. 1218-ii]

[Mr John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs,—Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy 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. 876]
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 179; WH, No. 118]

Tuesday 11th July 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Wednesday 12th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) Regulations 2006, the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders: Appeals etc.) Regulations 2006, and the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Adjournment (Extradition Treaty between the USA and the UK),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Clegg).

Mr Douglas Hogg 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, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Dan Rogerson: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, David Maclean, Mr Douglas Hogg: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Four o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 3.54 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs,—Export of Radioactive Sources (Control) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1846), dated 7th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Education,—Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1751), dated 1st July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Justices of the Peace,—Local Justice Areas (No. 1) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1839), dated 11th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].


Other Papers:

5 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 2004-05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1427] [Secretary John Reid].

6 Farm Land and Rural Development,—Review by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, under section 2 of the Farm Land and Rural Development Act 1998, of the Farm Woodland Scheme and the Farm Woodland Premium Scheme [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 Government Resources and Accounts.—Accounts of the Royal Marines Museum for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1505] [Clerk of the House].

9 Health Protection Agency.—Report and Accounts of the Health Protection Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1221] [Clerk of the House].

10 Land Registration.—Report and Accounts of the Land Registry for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1434] [Bridget Prentice].


12 Nursing and Midwifery.—Accounts of the Nursing and Midwifery Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument] [Ms Harriet Harman].

13 Parliamentary Commissioner.—(1) Report of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1363]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1433] [Clerk of the House].

14 Planning and Compulsory Purchase.—Report by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for 2005–06 under Schedule 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

15 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [21st June] from George Henry Hamilton for legislation requiring a former employer to provide an accurate, balanced and fair reference [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

16 Railways.—Report and Accounts of Passengerfocus for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1299] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

17 Social Security Administration.—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 reviewing the prescription of extrinsic allergic alveolitis for work involving exposure to mists from metalworking fluids [by Command] [Cm. 6867] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1969).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Anderson, Mr Stephen Hepburn and Mr Andy Reed from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Paul Flynn, Mark Tami and Mr Paul Truswell.

2 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) Regulations 2006, the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders: Appeals etc.) Regulations 2006, and the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dominic Grieve, Helen Jones, Mr Bob Laxton, Tony Lloyd and Dr Rudi Vis from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr David Kidney, Anne Snellgrove and Dr Howard Stoate.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Culture, Media and Sport,—Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Protecting and Preserving our Heritage], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 912] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2. Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [The effects of family breakdown on educational achievement]; to be printed [No. 1398-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3. Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Climate Change—the UK Programme 2006] to be printed [No. 1452-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4. Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2005-06]; to be printed [No. 1371-ii] [Mike Gapes].

5. Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Human Reproductive Technologies and the law: follow-up]; to be printed [No. 1308-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

6. Transport,—(1) Eleventh Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06, on the Departmental Annual Report 2005]; to be printed [No. 1517]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising]; to be printed [No. 1354-ii]

[Mr Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 180; WH, No. 119]

Wednesday 12th July 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.13 p.m.

[No. 181.]

Thursday 13th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1. Charities Bill [Lords].—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Charities Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 213].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2. Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—Mr Eric Martlew reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 212].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3. Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006, and the draft Radio Multiplex Services (Required Percentage of Digital Capacity) Order 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Government of Wales Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Government of Wales Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Government of Wales Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 215].

NHS Redress Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the NHS Redress Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (General duty to promote resolution under scheme)—(Mr Simon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 8 to 10) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 16, after the first 'the', to insert the word 'independent'.—(Mr John Baron.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 265.

Another Amendment (No. 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 41, to leave out the words 'subsection (2)' and insert the words 'subsections (2) and (4);' instead thereof.—(Andy Burnham.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Five o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [5th June]—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 1, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr John Baron.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr David Evennett: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Huw Irranca-Davies: 254.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 13 to 18) 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, Jonathan Shaw, Huw Irranca-Davies: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Andrew Selous: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Preliminary Draft Budget.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), that this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 23rd May 2006 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2007, and supports the Government's efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community—(Jonathan Shaw).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jonathan Shaw, Huw Irranca-Davies: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Andrew Selous: 157.

So the Question was agreed to.
8 Human Tissue,—Ordered, That the Human Tissue Act 2004 (Ethical Approval, Exceptions from Licensing and Supply of Information about Transplants) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1260) and the Code of Practice on Consent (Code 1) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 18th July, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Edward Leigh relating to Public Accounts not later than Ten o'clock or three hours after their commencement, whichever is the later; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

10 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 20th July, proceedings on the Motion for the adjournment of the House in the name of the Prime Minister relating to International Development may continue, though opposed, for three hours or until six o'clock, whichever is the later; and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of South Bedfordshire for the retention of the three tier school system in Bedfordshire; and

(2) Respect for Animals and citizens opposed to the brutal slaughter of seal pups by Canada for legislation to prohibit the import of all seal products

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—(Mr Michael Foster);

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-five minutes to Seven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Mental Capacity,—Draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (Expansion of Role) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Mental Capacity,—Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (General) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1832), dated 7th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1837), dated 11th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Pensions,—Draft Code of Practice No. 8 by the Pensions Regulator on Member-nominated trustees and directors—putting in place and implementing arrangements [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

5 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 2005–06, and Report and Accounts of Hybu Cig Cymru for 2005–06, with Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1168-I and -II] [Secretary David Miliband].


7 Environmental Audit,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2005–06, on Sustainable Housing: A Follow-up Report [by Command] [Cm. 6893] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
8 Government Resources and Accounts.—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and
       Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1249] [Mr Secretary Alexander];
   (2) Office for National Statistics, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
       General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1240] [Mr John Healey]; and
   (3) Planning Inspectorate, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General
       thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1165] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

9 Government Trading Funds.—Treasury Minute, dated 13th July 2006, on the Royal Mint
Trading Fund [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

10 International Development.—Paper, entitled Eliminating World Poverty: Making
Goverance Work for the Poor [by Command] [Cm. 6876] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

11 Life Sentences (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Life Sentence Review Commissioners for
2005–06 [by Statutory Instrument]: to be printed [No. 1220] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 National Statistics.—Report of National Statistics for 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6862]
[John Healey].

13 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the Business Development Service for 2005–06,
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]: to be
printed [No. 1242] [Mr Secretary Hain].

14 Northern Ireland (Sentences).—Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 2005–06
[by Act]: to be printed [No. 1219] [Mr Secretary Hain].

15 Police.—Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner for 2005–06 [by Act]: to be printed
[No. 1298] [The Prime Minister].

16 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Fortieth to Forty-second Reports from the
Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6884] [John
Healey].

17 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local
Government on the Petition [14th June] from residents of Milton Keynes against the
erection of a telecommunications tower at Fingle Drive, Stonebridge, Milton Keynes
[by Standing Order]: to be printed [Clerk of the House].

18 Science and Technology.—Report and Accounts of the Biotechnology and Biological
Sciences Research Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1270] [Mr Secretary Darling].

19 Treasury.—Paper, entitled Releasing the resources to meet the challenges ahead: Value for
money in the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review [by Command] [Cm. 6889]
[Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Consequential Amendment to Statutory Adoption
Pay) Order 2006, and the draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and
Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and draft Regulations to the First
      Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr David Wilshire
      Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
      Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Burrowes, Lorely Burt,
Greg Clark, Ann Coffey, Mr Edward Davey, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Stephen Hepburn,
Mr Kevan Jones, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Eleanor Lang, Steve McCabe, John
McDonnell, Mr Alan Milburn, Gwyn Prosser and Derek Wyatt.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on
      Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
      Committee: Mr David Curry, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr
Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr David Hamilton, Mr David
Hanson, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Brian Jenkins, Lynne Jones, Mr Dennis Murphy, Mr Alan
Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, Joan Walley and
Lynda Waltho.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Hugh Bayley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Tom Brake, Yvette Cooper, James Duddridge, Michael Gove, Nia Griffith, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Kerry McCarthy, Joan Ruddock, Jonathan Shaw, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Mr John Spellar, Ms Gisela Stuart, Andrew Stunell, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

4 Draft Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006, and the draft Radio Multiplex Services (Required Percentage of Digital Capacity) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Flynn, Mr Brian Jenkins and Jessica Morden from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr David Anderson, Mr Bob Laxton and Dr Gavin Strang.

5 Draft Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ben Chapman, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Bruce George, Paul Goggins, Mr David Jones, Jane Kennedy, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Eddie McGrady, Mr Elliot Morley, Dan Norris, John Penrose, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Iris Robinson, AndrewRosindell and Helen Southworth.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 5163 and Addendum 1 relating to Vehicle Type Approval: Emission Limits,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Julian Brazier and Mrs Nadine Dorries from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Greg Knight and Mr Edward Vaizey.

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 5163/06 and Addendum 1 relating to Vehicle Type Approval: Emission Limits.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee [Introductory Hearing with the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government]; to be printed [No. 1524] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Crossrail Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill on 12th July 2006; to be printed [No. 837-lii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed [No. 837-lii]

[Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger].

3 Draft Legal Services Bill.—Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Legal Services Bill, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 1154] [Mr David Kidney].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Climate Change—the UK Programme 2006]; to be printed [No. 1452-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 12th July [The work of Defra], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1520-i];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 12th July [The UK Government’s “Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy ”], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1250-iii]; and
(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Correspondence relating to the Seventh Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on The Environment Agency];

[Mr Michael Jack].

6 European Scrutiny.—(1) Thirty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxx];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 12th July [Current matters relating to the European Union]; to be printed [No. 1515-4]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Michael Connarty].

7 Health.—(1) Fourth Report from the Health Committee [Independent Sector Treatment Centres], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 934-I and -III]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Independent Sector Treatment Centres]

[Mr Kevin Barron].

8 Home Affairs,—Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Immigration Control], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 775-I and -III] [Mr John Denham].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Fifty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [MG Rover]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1003];

(2) Fifty-eighth Report from the Committee [Enhancing urban green spaces]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1073].

(3) Fifty-ninth Report from the Committee [Improving poorly performing schools]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 956].

(4) Sixtieth Report from the Committee [Home Office Resource Accounts 2004-05]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1079].

(5) Sixty-first Report from the Committee [Crown Prosecution Service: Effective use of magistrates courts’ hearings]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 982].

(6) Sixty-second Report from the Committee [The electronic monitoring of offenders]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 800]; and

(7) Sixty-third Report from the Committee [Delivering high quality public services for all]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1530]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Thirty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxxii]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Scrutinising Statutory Instruments: Departmental Returns 2005]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1523]

[David Maclean].

11 Welsh Affairs,—Fourth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Future of RAF St Athan], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1129] [Dr Hywel Francis].

12 Work and Pensions.—Fourth Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Pension Reform], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1068] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Thursday 13th July 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment (Efficiency savings programme in Jobcentre Plus—Second Report from the Work and Pensions Committee and the Government's response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 18th July.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]

Friday 14th July 2006.

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 Motion to sit in private,—Mr David Kidney 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, Dr Brian Iddon, Helen Southworth: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Pelling, Anne Milton: 30.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided.

4 Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Bill (changed from Emergency Workers (Protection) Bill),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [12th May], That the Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Bill be now read the Third Time.

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate;

And the Question being put,

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

5 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) 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 Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

6 Prison Reform (Mental Health) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison Reform (Mental Health) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

7 Registration Service Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration Service Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 17th July.

8 Identification and Support of Carers (Primary Health Care) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Identification and Support of Carers (Primary Health Care) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.
9 Protection of Runaway and Missing Children Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Runaway and Missing Children Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

10 Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

11 Care of Older and Incapacitated People (Human Rights) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Care of Older and Incapacitated People (Human Rights) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

12 Fireworks (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fireworks (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

13 Housing and Commercial Development (Water Supply Assessment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing and Commercial Development (Water Supply Assessment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

14 Lighter Evenings (Experiment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lighter Evenings (Experiment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

15 Breast Cancer Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Breast Cancer Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 20th October.

16 Sustainable Communities Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sustainable Communities Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

17 British Overseas Territories Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Overseas Territories Bill;

Ms Harriet Harman 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, has consented to place Her prerogative, so far as it is affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And objection being taken to further proceeding,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

18 Humber Bridge Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Humber Bridge Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

19 Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

20 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

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 ten minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 17th July.

[Adjourned at 3.10 p.m.]
PAPERS PRESENTED OR LAYED UPON THE TABLE:

PAPERS SUBJECT TO NEGATIVE RESOLUTION:

1. Education,—Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1785), dated 1st July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


OTHER PAPERS:


5. Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) British Forces Post Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1397] [Secretary Des Browne];
   (ii) Central Science Laboratory, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1346] [Secretary David Miliband];
   (iii) Defence Analytical Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1364] [Secretary Des Browne];
   (iv) Defence Bills Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1272] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
   (v) Ministry of Defence, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1394] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
   (2) Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) Charity Commission; and
   (ii) Office of Rail Regulation,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1183 and 1414] [John Healey].

6. Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1436] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7. Treaty Series (No. 18, 2006),—Exchange of Notes, done at Nairobi on 13th and 30th August 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Kenya concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Kenya Debt Agreement No. 3 (2004)) [by Command] [Cm. 6890] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Consequential Amendment to Statutory Adoption Pay) Order 2006, and the draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 European Standing Committee.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5163/06 and Addendum 1, Draft Regulation on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions and on access to vehicle repair information, amending Directive 72/306/EEC and Directive /.../EC; endorses the Government’s support for a package of measures to reduce vehicle emissions substantially, leading to improvements to health and the environment, whilst allowing appropriate flexibility for industry in the short-term; and further notes that the Government will keep under review the costs and impacts of the proposal, so that it can continue to seek the right balance between environmental and other benefits and burdens on industry.

Resolution 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:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation ) (No. 3) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Finance (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Commons Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Piped Music and Showing of Television Programmes Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide for the Secretary of State to draw up a plan to prohibit piped music and the showing of television programmes in the public areas of hospitals and on public transport; and to require the wearing of headphones by persons listening to music in the public areas of hospitals and on public transport; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Compensation Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Compensation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC13) (Mesothelioma: damages) — (Bridget Prentice) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Specified conditions for exemption) — (Mr Oliver Heald) — brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr David Evennett: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Huw Irranca-Davies: 301.

It being after Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions on Amendments which had been selected for separate decision, pursuant to Order [8th June].

Amendments (Nos. 15 and 16) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 11, 12 and 7 to 10) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to specify certain factors that may be taken into account by a court determining a claim in negligence or breach of statutory duty; to make provision about damages for mesothelioma; and to make provision for the regulation of claims management services.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
5 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 General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Automatic Identification System) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw):—It was agreed to.

6 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 Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw):—It was agreed to.

7 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 Radio Multiplex Services (Required Percentage of Digital Capacity) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw):—It was agreed to.

8 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw):—It was agreed to.

9 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders: Appeals etc.) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw):—It was agreed to.

10 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw):—It was agreed to.

11 Financial Services and Markets.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1969), dated 28th June 2006, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw):—It was agreed to.

12 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 19th July, paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Mr David Cameron as if the day were an Opposition Day; proceedings on the Motion may continue, though opposed, for three hours and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of, and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

13 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 25th July, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he has notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

14 Constitutional Affairs.—Ordered, That Barbara Keeley be discharged from the Constitutional Affairs Committee and Siân James be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Education and Skills.—Ordered, That Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods be discharged from the Education and Skills Committee and Fiona Mactaggart be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Home Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Shahid Malik be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Ms Karen Buck be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

17 Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Gordon Banks be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr Jim Devine be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 European Scrutiny.—Ordered, That Mrs Sharon Hodgson be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Ms Katy Clark be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
19 Human Rights (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Dan Norris be discharged from the Joint Committee on Human Rights and Nia Griffith be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

20 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

   (1) the Ashmere Avenue, Oakway and Scotts Lane Action Group in support of the Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill; and
   (2) the residents of Filey, North Yorkshire for the protection of services at Scarborough Hospital

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Tony Cunningham);
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—(Tony Cunningham.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Prescribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Clean Air.—Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1869), dated 12th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

3 Education.—(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1812); and
dated 6th July 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Fire and Rescue Services.—(1) Firefighters’ Compensation Scheme (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1811); and
   (2) Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Amendment) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1810),
dated 10th July 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Proscribed Organisations (Name Changes) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1919), dated 14th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Other Papers:

6 Audit Commission.—Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England for 2005-06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1459] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

7 Crime and Disorder.—Report and Accounts of the Youth Justice Board for 2005-06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1388] [Secretary John Reid].
8 Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1380] [Clerk of the House].

9 Energy,—Report and Accounts of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1481] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Environmental Protection,—Report and Accounts of English Nature for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1410] [Clerk of the House].


12 Government Resources and Accounts,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Army Training and Recruiting Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1330] [Secretary Des Browne].
   (2) Forensic Science Northern Ireland, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1324] [Mr Secretary Hain].
   (3) HM Prison Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1291] [Secretary John Reid]; and
   (4) United Kingdom Debt Management Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1504] [Ed Balls].

13 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Agency; and
   (2) Patent Office,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1163 and 1391] [Clerk of the House].

14 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of—
   (1) Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
   (2) Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; and
   (3) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
   [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

15 Home Office,—Paper, entitled New Powers Against Organised and Financial Crime [by Command] [Cm. 6875] [Secretary John Reid].

16 Learning and Skills,—Report and Accounts of the Learning and Skills Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1227] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

17 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Accounts of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1522] [Clerk of the House].

18 Medicines,—Reports of the Advisory Board on the Registration of Homoeopathic Products and the British Pharmacopoeia Commission for 2005, with the Reports of the Medicines Commission, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Independent Review Panel for Advertising and the Independent Review Panel for Borderline Products for 2005 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

19 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) HM Revenue and Customs: ASPIRE—the re-competition of outsourced IT services; and
   (2) International benchmark of fraud and error in social security systems
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 938 and 1387] [Clerk of the House].

20 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Driver and Vehicle Testing Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1284] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Home Information Pack Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1503),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Henry Bellingham from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Andrew Rosindell.

2 Draft Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Eddie McGrady from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Dr Alasdair McDonnell.

3 European Union Document No. 5163/06 and Addendum 1 relating to Vehicle Type Approval: Emission Limits,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Mackinlay and Dr Doug Naysmith from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Lynne Jones and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Fourth Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 649] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—Eighth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Proposals for a draft Marine 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. 1323] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Human Rights,—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Legislative Scrutiny: Twelfth Progress Report], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1547] [Mary Creagh].

4 International Development,—(1) Fourth Report from the International Development Committee [Private Sector Development], 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. 921-I and -II].

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Humanitarian response to natural disasters], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1188-vi]; and

   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Private Sector Development] [Malcolm Bruce].
Tuesday 18th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Agricultural Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 5th July, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc Bill, without Amendment.

3 Registration Service Bill,—The Order for reading the Registration Service Bill a second time this day was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

4 Food Labelling,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to introduce a uniform system for the labelling of food and drinks retailed in England and Wales to show the quantity of salt, sugar and fats they contain; and for connected purposes: And that Mr David Amess, Dr Richard Taylor, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Sandra Gidley, Dr Howard Stoate, Bob Russell, Jim Dowd, Charlotte Atkins, David Taylor, Mike Penning, Jeremy Corbyn and Dr Doug Naysmith do prepare and bring it in.

5 Food Labelling Bill,—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to introduce a uniform system for the labelling of food and drinks retailed in England and Wales to show the quantity of salt, sugar and fats they contain; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 216].

6 Health Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Health Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 29th November 2005 and 14th February 2006 (Health Bill (Programme) and Health Bill (Programme) (No. 2)).

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 being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

7 Health Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Health Bill.

Mr Secretary Hutton, 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.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 58 were agreed to.

8 Government of Wales Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Government of Wales Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 9th January and 27th February 2006 (Government of Wales Bill (Programme) and Government of Wales Bill (Programme) (No. 2)).

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. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely: Nos. 3, 17, 21, 22, 18, 4 to 9, 19, 20, 16, 1, 2, 10 to 15 and 23 to 102.
Subsequent stages

3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any 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—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

9 Government of Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Government of Wales 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 Secretary Hain);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Michael Foster: 294.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Simon Burns: 213.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Nick Ainger);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Huw Irranca-Davies: 287.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 153.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 21 and 22 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Hain);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Liz Blackman: 294.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 4 was disagreed to.

Amendment (a) was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 4 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5 was disagreed to.

Amendments (a) to (d) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 5 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 9, 19 and 20 were disagreed to.

Amendment (a) was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 9, 19 and 20 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 16, 1, 2, 10 to 15 and 23 to 102 were agreed to.

A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme Orders: Reas...
Government of Wales Bill.—Nick Ainger reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Government of Wales 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 is not desirable that, at any election of Assembly members, a person should be both a candidate to be an Assembly constituency member and a candidate to be an Assembly regional member.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 17 for the following Reason:
Because it is desirable that an Order in Council under Clause 94 should be able to include any provision having retrospective effect which appears appropriate.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 21 for the following Reason:
Because it is desirable that an order under Clause 149 should be able to include any provision having retrospective effect which appears appropriate.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 22 for the following Reason:
Because it is desirable that an Order in Council under Clause 150 should be able to include any provision having retrospective effect which appears appropriate.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 18 for the following Reason:
Because it is important that the Secretary of State should have discretion to refuse to lay before Parliament an Order in Council for a referendum about the commencement of the Assembly Act provisions which has been requested by the National Assembly for Wales.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Public Accounts.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 4th, the 7th to the 9th, the 12th to the 34th and the 36th to the 42nd Reports, and the Second Special Report from the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2005–06, and of the Treasury Minutes and the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on these Reports, Cm. 6699, 6728, 6743, 6766, 6775, 6789, 6843, 6863 and 6884.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

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 Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Consequential Amendment to Statutory Adoption Pay) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved.—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

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 the draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 27th June, be approved.—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

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 (Registered Designs) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved.—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) citizens of Buckinghamshire and others for the provision of infrastructure improvements to support local development; and
(2) users of Post Offices in the Ludlow area against the withdrawal of Post Office Card Accounts
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies);

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And the Question being put;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.21 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Family Law,—(1) Dissolution etc. (Pension Protection Fund) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1934); and
   (2) Divorce etc. (Pension Protection Fund) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1932),
   dated 17th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memoranda [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

2 Pensions,—Draft Code of Practice No. 9 by the Pensions Regulator on Internal Controls [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

3 Commissioners for Revenue and Customs,—Report of the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office for the period 18th April 2005 to 31st March 2006 [by Act] [The Solicitor General].

4 Covent Garden Market,—Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Criminal Justice,—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for the period 5th April 2005 to 4th April 2006 [by Act] [The Solicitor General].


7 Gangmasters (Licensing),—Report and Accounts of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1191] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) Defence Vetting Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1347] [Secretary Des Browne];
   (ii) Employment Tribunals Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1303] [Mr Secretary Darling];
   (iii) Pay and Personnel Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1449] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
   (iv) Treasury Solicitor’s Department, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1247] [The Solicitor General]; and

   (2) Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) Crown Estate, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1525] [John Healey]; and
   (ii) HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1413] [John Healey].

9 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Army Base Repair Organisation Agency; and
   (2) Royal Mint,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1314 and 1432] [Clerk of the House].

10 Immigration and Asylum,—Report and Accounts of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1281] [Clerk of the House].

11 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Trustee Exemption Clauses [by Command] [Cm. 6874] [Ms Harriet Harman].

12 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in England for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1545] [Clerk of the House].
13 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on progress in tackling pensioner poverty: Encouraging take-up of entitlements [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1178-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Arts Council England grant-in-aid and lottery for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1365] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

15 Northern Ireland,—(1) Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Forty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6879] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and (2) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of—(i) General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland; (ii) Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland; (iii) Rivers Agency; and (iv) Social Security Agency, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1285, 1286, 1467 and 1384] [Mr Secretary Hain].

16 Prisons,—Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6873] [Secretary John Reid].


18 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for International Development on the Petition [8th June] from residents of Bishop Auckland constituency and others for the passage of the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

19 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Research Councils’ Pension Scheme for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1546] [Clerk of the House].

20 Transport,—Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].


APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Eighth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Reform of the coroners’ system and death certification], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 902-I and -II]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The operation of the Judicial Appointments Commission]; to be printed [No. 1154-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Conventions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Conventions; to be printed [No. 1212-v] [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-iv] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Women’s Football], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1357] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Humanitarian response to natural disasters]; to be printed [No. 1188-vii] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Public Administration,—Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Whitehall Confidential? The Publication of Political Memoirs], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 689-I and -II] [Dr Tony Wright].
7 Regulatory Reform,—Eighth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Draft Regulatory Reform (Agricultural Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2006]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1555] [Andrew Miller].

8 Science and Technology,—Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Drug classification: making a hash of it?], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1031] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Effects of Tax Increases on the Oil Industry]; to be printed [No. 1326-ii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Fifth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Export Credits Guarantee Department’s bribery rules], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1124];

(2) Sixth Report from the Committee [Work of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1028];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Royal Mail Group]; to be printed [No. 1556-i]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK dependence on gas imports]; to be printed [No. 1123-vi] [Peter Luff].

11 Treasury,—Tenth Report from the Treasury Committee [Independence for Statistics], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1111] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 184; WH, No. 121]

Tuesday 18th July 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.53 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Marshall reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords agree to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Compensation Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

3 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 219].

4 Samurai Swords,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to forbid the sale, manufacture, hire, loan or importation of sharpened samurai swords, and for connected purposes; And that James Brokenshire, Mike Penning, Mr Lee Scott, Angela Watkinson, Mr David Jones, Mr Shailesh Vara, Jeremy Wright, Andrew Rosindell, James Duddridge, Mark Pritchard, Martin Horwood and Mr David Amess do prepare and bring it in.

5 Samurai Swords Bill,—James Brokenshire accordingly presented a Bill to forbid the sale, manufacture, hire, loan or importation of sharpened samurai swords, and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 217].

6 Home Information Packs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses profound concern at the lack of adequate preparation made for the introduction of the Government's Home Information Packs (HIPs); is further concerned at the failure on the part of the Government to provide a substantive pilot scheme; acknowledges the misgivings of various professional organisations; registers grave concern about the failure of HIPs to include reliable information on electrical safety, flood risk and contaminated land; fears that the cost of providing a HIP could be as high as £1,000; asserts that valuations and surveys will still be required, particularly for first-time buyers, increasing the cost of buying and selling a home; and notes that independent economic experts have warned of a negative impact on the economy arising from the introduction of HIPs—(Michael Gove);

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 reforms to home buying and selling need to be designed around the interests of consumers; further believes that Home Information Packs (HIPs) will cut waste and duplication and speed up transactions for consumers; applauds the proposed inclusion in HIPs of Energy Performance Certificates which will give buyers and sellers vital information about the energy efficiency of homes and practical suggestions about how to cut fuel bills and carbon emissions; welcomes the Government's intention to carry out further testing of HIPs; and notes that the Government is working with industry to encourage the successful voluntary take-up of Home Condition Reports, retaining the option of a mandatory approach to ensure widespread take-up, and thus maximising the benefit for consumers', instead thereof.—(Yvette Cooper.)

And the Question being proposed, pursuant to Order [17th July]. That the original words stand part of the Question;

7 Royal Assent,—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967. That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:

Appropriation (No. 2) Act 2006
Finance Act 2006
Commons Act 2006
Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Act 2006
Health Act 2006.
8 Home Information Packs.—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 Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Kevin Brennan: 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):—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that reforms to home buying and selling need to be designed around the interests of consumers; further believes that Home Information Packs (HIPs) will cut waste and duplication and speed up transactions for consumers; applauds the proposed inclusion in HIPs of Energy Performance Certificates which will give buyers and sellers vital information about the energy efficiency of homes and practical suggestions about how to cut fuel bills and carbon emissions; welcomes the Government’s intention to carry out further testing of HIPs; and notes that the Government is working with industry to encourage the successful voluntary take-up of Home Condition Reports, retaining the option of a mandatory approach to ensure widespread take-up, and thus maximising the benefit for consumers.

9 Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 15th June 2006 (Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the following order: new Clauses; new Schedules; Amendments relating to Clause No. 1, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 2 and 3, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 4 to 6, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 7 to 22, Schedule No. 4 and Clauses Nos. 23 to 30; remaining proceedings on consideration.

3. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the motion for this Order.

4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the motion for this Order.—(Nick Ainger.)

10 Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(ca) keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of provision for those older people who are disabled.’.—(Mrs Cheryl Gillan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

‘But no assistance shall be given for research or for educational activities to any political party or to any person, group or body that is engaged in political lobbying nor for any research whose aim or purpose either runs contrary to or is likely to undermine the existing policy of the Assembly.’.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 25, at the end, to insert the words ‘with or without notice’.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.
11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) London residents for the proper staffing of overland railway stations during their
       hours of operation after dark;
   (2) citizens of the United Kingdom for measures to address wildlife crime;
   (3) supporters for a unified Blue Badge Parking scheme for a unified Blue Badge
       disabled parking scheme covering England and Wales;
   (4) residents of Halton, Cheshire, and others for the retention of in-patient admission
       at Halton General Hospital; and
   (5) BHASVIC Lights Action Group for measures to improve pedestrian safety at the
       junction of Old Shoreham Road and Dyke Road in Hove, East Sussex

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) Anthony Lucas, Anne Martin and others against the closure of the driving test
       centre at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire; and
   (2) Robert Sears and others for measures to prevent the closure of village Sub-Post
       Offices

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do
now adjourn—(Jonathan Shaw);
And it being Seven o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed,
without Question put.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past Seven
o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Climate Change Levy,—Climate Change Agreements (Eligible Facilities) (Amendment)
   Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1931), dated 14th July 2006 [by Act], with an
   Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed
   [No. 1337], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Other Papers:

3 Charities,—Report and Accounts of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for
   2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
   be printed [No. 1325-I and -II] [Secretary John Reid].

4 Communications,—Second Report on the Secretary of State's functions by the Secretary of
   State for Trade and Industry and Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport [by
   Act]; to be printed [No. 1445] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Criminal Appeal,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for
   2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
   be printed [No. 1290] [Secretary John Reid].

6 Development of Tourism,—Report and Accounts of VisitBritain for 2005–06, with the
   Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [No. 1386] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Disability Rights Commission,—Report and Accounts of the Disability Rights Commission
   for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [No. 1401] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster,—Report and Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for
   2005–06 [by Act] [Mr John Healey].
9 Exchange Equalisation Account,—Report and Accounts of the Exchange Equalisation Account for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1166] [Ed Balls].

10 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1456] [John Healey];
   (2) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
      (i) Compensation Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1312] [Mr Secretary Hain];
      (ii) Defence Communications Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1301] [Secretary Des Browne];
      (iii) Football Licensing Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1169] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];
      (iv) Royal Parks, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1411] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];
      (v) Service Children’s Education, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1361] [Secretary Des Browne];
      (vi) UK Trade and Investment, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1475] [John Healey]; and
      (vii) Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1237] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and
   (3) Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
      (i) Food Standards Agency: Westminster Funded, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1451] [John Healey]; and
      (ii) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1465] [John Healey].

11 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency for 2005–06; and
   (2) Forensic Science Service for 1st April 2005 to 4th December 2005, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1395 and 1297] [Clerk of the House].

12 Greenwich Hospital,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and the Travers Foundation for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1478] [Secretary Des Browne].

13 Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the Valuation Tribunal Service for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1296] [Clerk of the House].

14 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts of the National Museum of Science and Industry for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1390] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

15 National Health Service,—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) Dental Practice Board;
   (ii) Dental Vocational Training Authority;
   (iii) Mental Health Act Commission;
   (iv) National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (Special Health Authority);
   (v) National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse;
   (vi) NHS Appointments Commission;
   (vii) NHS Business Services Authority;
   (viii) NHS Direct;
   (ix) NHS Logistics Authority; and
   (x) NHS Professionals; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1252, 1253, 1255, 1256-I and -II, 1258, 1259, 1262, 1263, 1265 and 1267] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
(2) Report and Accounts of NHS Blood and Transplant for 1st October 2005 to 31st March 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1261] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];

(3) Report and Accounts of the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement for 1st July 2005 to 31st March 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1264] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and

(4) Report and Accounts of the NHS University for 1st April 2005 to 31st July 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1400] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

16 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1373] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

17 National Loans,—Report and Accounts of the Debt Management Account for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1535] [Ed Balls].

18 National Lottery,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—

(1) Heritage Lottery Fund and National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution; and

(2) Millennium Commission,

with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1574 and 1319] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

19 Northern Ireland,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—

(1) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Northern Ireland;

(2) Forest Service; and

(3) Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1248, 1359 and 1245] [Mr Secretary Hain].

20 Police,—Report and Accounts of the National Criminal Intelligence Service for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1379] [Clerk of the House].

21 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1274] [Mr Secretary Hain].

22 Public Lending Right,—Report and Account on the Public Lending Right for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1372] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

23 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Office on the Petition [16th June] from residents of Greenwich, Bexley and neighbouring areas for a review and strengthening of the law concerning the possession and use of knives [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

24 Science and Technology,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—

(1) Economic and Social Research Council;

(2) Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council;

(3) Natural Environment Research Council; and

(4) Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1412, 1214, 1333 and 1335] [Mr Secretary Darling].

25 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1210] [Bridget Prentice].

26 Wildlife and Countryside,—Report and Account of the Countryside Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1532] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Amendment Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1448):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Stephen Byers, Natasha Engel, Sandra Gidley, Helen Goodman, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ivan Lewis, Anne Milton, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Robert Neill, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Sandra Osborne, Mike Penning, Dr John Pugh, Anne Snelgrove and Helen Southworth.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Hamilton and Joan Walley from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Piara S. Khabra and Dr Doug Naysmith.

3 Home Information Pack Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1503)—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Lancaster from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Greg Hands.

European Standing Committees

4 European Union Document No. 10954/06 and Addendum 1, relating to transport policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-lv] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Defence Committee,—Thirteenth Report from the Defence Committee [UK Operations in Iraq], 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. 1241] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—First Joint Report from the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [Strategic Export Controls], being the Twelfth Report from the Defence Committee, the Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Fifth Report from the International Development Committee and the Seventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committees; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 873] [Roger Berry].

4 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Public Expenditure on Education and Skills]; to be printed [No. 1201-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Departmental Annual Report 2006], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1569-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 Environmental Audit Committee,—(1) Ninth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 981]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Climate Change—the UK Programme 2006]; to be printed [No. 1452-iv] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 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. 34-xxvi]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].
8 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Developments in the European Union], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 768]; and

(2) Seventh Report from the Committee [East Asia], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 860] [Mike Gapes].

9 Procedure.—Second Report from the Procedure Committee [Application of the sub judice rule to proceedings in coroners’ courts], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 714] [Mr Greg Knight].

10 Science and Technology.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Strategic Science Provision in English Universities: A Follow up: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2005–06], to be printed [No. 1382]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport], to be printed [No. 1506-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

11 Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxxiv] [David Maclean].

12 Transport.—(1) Ninth Report from the Transport Committee [Department for Transport’s Executive Agencies—the DVO Group and Highways Agency], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 907]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising]; to be printed [No. 1354-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

13 Welsh Affairs.—Fifth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Current Restructuring of the Police Forces 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. 1418] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 185; WH, No. 122]

Wednesday 19th July 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.13 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (changed to Companies Bill [Lords]).—John Bercow reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Company Law Reform Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to reform company law and restate the greater part of the enactments relating to companies; to make other provision relating to companies and other forms of business organisation; to make provision about directors’ disqualification, business names, auditors and actuaries; to amend Part 9 of the Enterprise Act 2002; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 24th July; and to be printed [Bill 218].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hugh Bayley reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Home Information Pack Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1503).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:

The Lords agree to the Amendment made by this House to the Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Bill [Lords] without Amendment.

5 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.—Secretary John Reid, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hutton, Hazel Blears and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe presented a Bill to create a new offence that, in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, is to be called corporate manslaughter and, in Scotland, is to be called corporate homicide; and to make provision in connection with that offence: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 24th July and to be printed [Bill 220].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill be printed [Bill 220–EN].

6 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 17th July, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty).

7 Adjournment (International affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ian Cawsey).

The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

8 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Hitchin and Harpenden against the closure of beds at Harpenden Memorial Hospital;
(2) residents of Crawley for the reinstatement of accident and emergency services at Crawley Hospital;
(3) residents of Thundersley and Benfleet against the storage of hazardous waste in their area;
(4) residents of Saltaire and the surrounding area for measures to improve road safety at Saltaire roundabout; and
(5) residents of Winchcombe and others against the proposed closure of Winchcombe Hospital

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 24th July.

[Adjourned at 6.34 p.m.]
## APPENDIX I

### Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

**Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1. Treasure,—Draft Code of Practice on the Treasure Act 1996 (Second Revision) England and Wales [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


3. Family Law,—(1) Dissolution etc. (Pension Protection Fund) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 311), dated 19th July 2006 [by Act]; and


6. Transport,—Railways (Substitute Road Services) (Exemptions) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1935), dated 17th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

**Other Papers:**


8. Atomic Energy Authority,—Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1563] [Clerk of the House].


10. Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories,—Turks and Caicos Islands Constitution Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1913), dated 19th July [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11. Chemical Weapons,—Report for 2005 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1473] [Mr Secretary Darling].

12. Communications,—Report and Accounts of the Office of Communications for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1280] [Mr Secretary Darling].

13. Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1428] [Secretary John Reid].

14. Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Report and Accounts of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1310] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

15. Education,—Report and Accounts of the Training and Development Agency for Schools for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1197] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

16. Environmental Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

18 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) Environment Agency Active Closed Pension Fund;
   (ii) Environment Agency Active Pension Fund;
   (iii) Royal Naval Museum; and
   (iv) Royal Navy Submarine Museum,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1564, 1562, 1560 and 1566] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Combined Resource Accounts of the United Kingdom Energy Authority Pension Schemes for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1464] [John Healey];

(3) Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Department of Trade and Industry for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1461] [John Healey];

(4) Financial Statement of the Security and Intelligence Agencies for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1499] [John Healey];

(5) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) Defence Transport and Movements Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1552] [Secretary Des Browne];
   (ii) Disposal Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1349] [Secretary Des Browne];
   (iii) Forestry Commission of Great Britain/England, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1462] [John Healey];
   (iv) Government Car and Despatch Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1383] [Mr Secretary Alexander];
   (v) Highways Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1468] [Mr Secretary Alexander];
   (vi) Housing Corporation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1422] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];
   (vii) Human Tissue Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1408] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
   (viii) Pension Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1531] [Mr Secretary Hutton];
   (ix) Rent Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1289] [Mr Secretary Hutton];
   (x) Royal Air Force Training Group Defence Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1419] [Secretary Des Browne];
   (xi) Standards Board for England, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1477] [Clerk of the House];
   (xii) Sir John Soane’s Museum, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1492] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];
   (xiii) Vehicle Certification Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1403] [Mr Secretary Alexander]; and
   (xiv) Wilton Park, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1552] [Secretary Margaret Beckett];

(6) Report and Resource Accounts of the Cabinet Office for 2005–06 with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1509] [John Healey];

(7) Report and Resource Accounts of the National Archives for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, together with the third Report of the Advisory Council on National Records and Archives [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1496] [John Healey];

(8) Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) Armed Forces Pension Scheme, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1508] [John Healey].
(ii) Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1493] [John Healey];

(iii) Central Office of Information, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1536] [John Healey];

(iv) Department for Education and Skills, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1355] [John Healey];

(v) Department for International Development, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1450] [John Healey];

(vi) Department for Transport, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1338] [John Healey];

(vii) Foreign and Commonwealth Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Theft and Misuse of Satellite Phones in Iraq [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1495] [John Healey];

(viii) House of Commons: Administration, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1453] [The Speaker];

(ix) House of Commons: Members, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1454] [Clerk of the House];

(x) Judicial Pensions Scheme, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1463] [John Healey];

(xi) Northern Ireland Court Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1497] [John Healey];

(xii) Northern Ireland Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1483] [John Healey];

(xiii) Office of Water Services, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1484] [John Healey];

(xiv) Serious Fraud Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1437] [John Healey]; and

(xv) Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1356] [John Healey]; and

(9) Review and Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of the Export Credits Guarantee Department, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1378] [John Healey].

19 Government Trading Funds, — Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—

(1) Central Office of Information, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1471] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Companies House, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1334] [Mr Secretary Darling];

(3) Driving Standards Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1172] [Clerk of the House];

(4) Fire Service College, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1180] [Clerk of the House]; and

(5) Vehicle and Operator Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1511] [Clerk of the House].

20 Health and Social Care, — Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of—

(1) Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;

(2) Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;

(3) Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;

(4) Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;

(5) City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust;

(6) Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;

(7) Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;

(8) Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;

(9) Guy’ s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust;

(10) Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust;

(11) Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(12) Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
(13) Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust;
(14) Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(15) Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
(16) Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(17) Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
(18) Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust;
(19) Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust;
(20) South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust; and
(21) University Hospital Birmingham;

[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

21 Housing.—Report and Accounts of the Stonebridge Housing Action Trust for 2005–06, [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

22 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1444] [Clerk of the House].

23 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Account of the Wool Levy for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1559] [Clerk of the House].

24 Justices of the Peace,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Court Administration for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1294] [Ms Harriet Harman].

25 Licensing (Alcohol Education and Research),—Report and Accounts of the Alcohol Education and Research Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1460] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

26 Museums and Galleries,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery;
   (2) British Museum;
   (3) National Gallery;
   (4) Victoria and Albert Museum; and
   (5) Wallace Collection,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1518, 1512, 1230, 1516 and 1498] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

27 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Achieving innovation in central government organisations, with Detailed research findings; and
   (2) Ministry of Defence: Delivering digital tactical communications through the Bowman CIP programme
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1447-I and -II and 1050] [Clerk of the House].

28 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1084] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

29 National Lottery,—(1) Accounts of the Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1561] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the National Lottery Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1342] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

30 Northern Ireland,—(1) Report of the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 2005–06 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1377] [Mr Secretary Hain];
   (2) Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the Insolvency Service with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1441] [Mr Secretary Hain].
(3) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
(i) Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland;
(ii) Northern Ireland Child Support Agency;
(iii) Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
(iv) Planning Service;
(v) Roads Service; and
(vi) Water Service,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon
[by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1399, 1287, 1276, 1396, 1385 and 1543]
[Mr Secretary Hain]; and

(4) Reports and Financial Statements of—
(i) Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland for 2004; and
(ii) Rate Collection Agency for 2005–06,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon
[by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1282 and 1244] [Mr Secretary Hain].

31 Overseas Territories.—Belarus (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2006
(S.I., 2006, No. 1909), dated 19th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum
[by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

32 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—Accounts of the Electoral Commission for
2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 1565] [Clerk of the House].

33 Postal Services.—Report and Accounts of Postwatch for 2005–06, with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1415] [Mr
Secretary Darling].

34 Public Expenditure.—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure 2005–06: Provisional Outturn [by
Command] [Cm. 6883] [Mr Stephen Timms].

35 Science and Technology.—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
(1) Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils; and
(2) Medical Research Council,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[Nos. 1489 and 1512] [Mr Secretary Darling].

36 Social Security.—Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Social Fund
for 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6856] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

37 Social Security Administration.—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in
accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 reviewing
the prescription of the work-related upper limb disorders [by Command] [Cm. 6868]
[Mr Secretary Hutton].

38 Transport.—Report and Accounts of the Strategic Rail Authority for 2005–06, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 1235] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

39 Utilities.—Report and Accounts of Energywatch for 2005–06, with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1438] [Mr
Secretary Darling].

40 Water Industry.—Report and Accounts of the Consumer Council for Water for 2005–06,
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 1528] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Amendment Order
2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1448).—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of
the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

2 Home Information Pack Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1503).—The Committee of
Selection has discharged Joan Ruddock, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Anthony Wright
from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of
the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Meg Hillier, Stephen Pound and
Mr Iain Wright.
3 Draft Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jane Kennedy and Mr Piara S. Khabra from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper and Mr David Hamilton.

European Standing Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 5047/06 and Addendum 1, and No. 5050/06 and Addendum 1 on Waste Prevention and Recycling.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [International Trade and the WTO], to be printed [No. 1455-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [NHS Deficits]; to be printed [No. 1204-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Public Administration.—(1) Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Ombudsman in Question: The Ombudsman’s report on pensions and its constitutional implications], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1081]; and

(2) Seventh Report from the Committee [The Ministerial Code: the case for independent investigation]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1457]
[Dr Tony Wright].

4 Science and Technology.—Sixth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Identity Card Technologies: Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1032] [Mr Phil Willis].

5 Standards and Privileges.—Thirteenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Conduct of Mr John Prescott], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1553] [Sir George Young].

[No. 186; WH, No. 123]

Thursday 20th July 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Boundaries, voting and representation in Scotland).—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.——(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 10th October.
[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 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 Government of Wales Bill to which this House has disagreed, agree without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu thereof and they do not insist on the remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords agree to the International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Bill without Amendment.

Constitutional Reform (Prerogative Powers and Civil Service etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to place under the authority of Parliament executive powers exercisable by Ministers of the Crown by virtue of the Royal prerogative; to make provision relating to the appointment and conduct of, and general duties relating to, civil servants and special advisers; to make provision about nationality requirements for persons employed or holding office in a civil capacity under the Crown; to establish a procedure for the making of certain public appointments; to make provision about access to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Welfare Reform Bill.—The Welfare Reform Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

3 Welfare Reform Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Welfare Reform 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 9th November 2006.
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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

4 Welfare Reform Bill (Carry-over).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills). That if, at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Welfare Reform Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

5 Welfare Reform Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Welfare Reform 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 Welfare Reform Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

1 so much of any sums payable by way of employment and support allowance as is attributable to entitlement to an income-related allowance,
2 any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State in carrying into effect provisions of the Act relating to employment and support allowance,
(3) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of any other provisions of the Act, and

(4) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

6 Welfare Reform Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Welfare Reform Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the charging to income tax of a contributory employment and support allowance,

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums estimated by the Secretary of State to be equivalent in amount to sums recovered by him in connection with payments made by way of income-related employment and support allowance, and

(3) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

7 Recess Questions.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the answering of questions and the making of written ministerial statements, the following provisions shall apply during the summer adjournment this year:

1. Questions for named day answer by a Minister of the Crown on one of the days specified in paragraph 2 may be tabled on Monday 4th September, Wednesday 6th September and Monday 11th September.

2. The named days for the answer of questions tabled under paragraph 1 above shall be Monday 11th September, Wednesday 13th September and Monday 18th September.

3. Only questions correctly marked as being for named day answer on one of the dates in paragraph 2 shall be treated as falling within the terms of this order and any such questions which are received by the Table Office

(a) between 26th July and 3rd September shall be treated as if tabled on 4th September;

(b) on 5th September shall be treated as if tabled on 6th September; and

(c) between 7th and 10th September shall be treated as if tabled on 11th September.

4. Standing Order No. 22(4) shall apply to Questions tabled under this Order, with the substitution in sub-paragraph (a) of the word ‘four’ for the word ‘two’, and including the provision in sub-paragraph (b) limiting to five the number of Questions for answer on a named day which may be tabled by a Member on any one day.

5. A Minister of the Crown, being a Member of the House, may give notice on one of the days specified in paragraph 1 of his intention to make a ministerial statement in written form on one of the days specified in paragraph 2.

6. In the event of a recall of the House under Standing Order No. 13, the Speaker may publish a memorandum amending the provisions of this Order, and such amendments shall have effect as if they had been agreed to by the House.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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 Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

9 International Development.—Ordered, That Mr Jeremy Hunt be discharged from the International Development Committee and James Duddridge be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Angela Browning be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Philip Dunne be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Northampton South against changes to the Post Office Card Account;

(2) staff working in the Civil Service for national pay bargaining;

(3) residents of Milton Keynes against the closure of the Frayer Day Hospital;

(4) residents of Milton Keynes against proposed cuts to adult mental health services in Milton Keynes;

(5) the Innocent Must Stay Campaign for the compassionate treatment of the case of Innocent-Prosper Nkung Empi; and

(6) residents of Southend, Rochford, Great Wakering, Little Wakering, Barling and Foulness Island, Essex, against the disposal of radioactive waste on Foulness were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 21st July 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Animals.—Review of Controls on Imports of Animal Products for 2005–06 [Cm. 6897] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 5, 2006).—The Antarctic Treaty, Measures adopted at the Twenty-seventh Consultative Meeting held at Cape Town on 24th May to 4th June 2004 [Cm. 6898] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Forty-third to Forty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [Cm. 6900] [John Healey].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 21st July 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(4) Registered Pension Schemes (Extension of Migrant Member Relief) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1957);

(5) Registered Pension Schemes (Provision of Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1961);

(6) Taxation of Pension Schemes (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1963); and


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 24th July 2006:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

7 Rating and Valuation.—Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   (2) Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1979), dated 24th July 2006; and
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [John Healey].
Housing.—Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Region) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1948), dated 17th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
Police.—Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve (Full-time) Severance Regulations 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 313), dated 18th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].
Protection of Children.—(1) Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1930); and
   (2) Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Review of Disqualification Orders) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1929), dated 13th July 2006, [by Act], with Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
Social Security.—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2003), dated 24th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo]; and
Other Papers:
Administration of Justice.—Accounts of Funds in Court England and Wales for 2004–05 with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1567] [Clerk of the House].
Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment list 15 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].
Animals.—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain for 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 6877] [Secretary John Reid].
Armed Forces Pay.—Supplement to the Thirty-fifth Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body: Service Medical and Dental Officers [by Command] [Cm. 6777] [Secretary Des Browne].
Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Collections Management in the Arts Council of Northern Ireland [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1541] [Mr Secretary Hain].
Biological Standards.—Report and Accounts of the National Biological Standards Board for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1568] [Clerk of the House].
Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment.—Report and Accounts of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for 1st January to 31st March 2006 thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1510-I and -II] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
26 Coal Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 2005–06, with an Environmental Review and Health and Safety Report [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

27 Commonwealth Scholarships,—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the year ended 30th September 2005 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

28 Criminal Justice and Police,—Report and Accounts of the Central Police Training and Development Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1346] [Secretary John Reid].

29 Environment,—Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1420] [Secretary David Miliband].

30 European Union,—Paper, entitled Prospects for the European Union in 2006: The Finnish Presidency, July to December 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6896] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

31 Forestry,—Report and Accounts of Forest Research for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1407] [Secretary David Miliband].

32 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Commission for Racial Equality for 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1192] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];

(2) Report and Accounts of the UK Government Decontamination Service for 1st October 2005 to 31st March 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1529] [Secretary David Miliband];

(3) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—

(i) Appeals Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1542] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(ii) Child Support Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1402] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(iii) Criminal Records Bureau, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1327] [Secretary John Reid];

(iv) Defence Medical Education and Training Defence Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1424] [Secretary Des Browne];

(v) Defence Storage and Distribution Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1189] [Secretary Des Browne];

(vi) Disability and Carers Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1336] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(vii) Equal Opportunities Commission, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1423] [Mr Secretary Darling];

(viii) Hearing Aid Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1469] [Clerk of the House];

(ix) Her Majesty’s Court Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1369] [Ms Harriet Harman];

(x) Insolvency Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1358] [Mr Secretary Darling];

(xi) Marine Fisheries Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1526] [Secretary David Miliband];

(xii) UK Passport Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1544] [Secretary John Reid];

(xiii) Veterans Defence Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1222] [Secretary Des Browne]; and

(xiv) West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1435] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];

(4) Report and Resource Accounts of the Small Business Service for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1507] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and
(5) Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (i) Assets Recovery Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1341] [John Healey]; and
   (ii) Department for Culture, Media and Sport, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1494] [John Healey].

33 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of Ordnance Survey for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1277] [Clerk of the House].

34 Health and Social Care,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Commission for Social Care Inspection for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1350] [Clerk of the House];
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Healthcare Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1381] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and
   (3) Report and Accounts of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases for 2005–06 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

35 Higher Education,—Report and Accounts of the Arts and Humanities Research Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1426] [Mr Secretary Darling].

36 Insolvency,—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 409(4) 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 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1331] [Clerk of the House].

37 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Paper, entitled Connecting Criminal Justice: A review of the exchange of information by Criminal Justice Organisations through the Causeway Programme [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

38 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) London Thames Gateway Development Corporation; and
   (2) Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1548 and 1482] [Clerk of the House].

39 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2006),—Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, done at Warsaw on 16th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6901] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

40 Museums and Galleries,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Imperial War Museum;
   (2) National Maritime Museum; and
   (3) National Portrait Gallery,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1513, 1514 and 1476] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

41 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Reducing the reliance on landfill in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1177] [Clerk of the House].

42 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) NHS Counter Fraud and Security Management Service;
   (2) NHS Pensions Agency Special Health Authority (Asiantaeth Pensiynau’r GIG); and
   (3) Prescription Pricing Authority,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1260, 1266 and 1268] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

43 National Health Service Reform and Healthcare Professions,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of—
   (1) the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health for 2005–06; and
   (2) Monitor: the Independent Regulator of Foundation Trusts,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1348 and 1321] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
44 National Loans,—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund—
   (1) 2002–03; and
   (2) 2003–04,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [Nos. 1571 and 1572] [Clerk of the House].

45 National Lottery,—(1) Accounts for 2005–06 of—
   (i) Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution; and
   (ii) Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [Nos. 1574 and 1573] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of English Sports Council Grant in Aid and Lottery for
   2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
   be printed [No. 1404] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

46 Northern Ireland,—(1) Report and Accounts for 2004–05 of the Arts Council of Northern
   Ireland, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland
   thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1549] [Mr Secretary Hain];
   (2) Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
      (i) Land Registers of Northern Ireland; and
      (ii) Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon
   [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1246 and 1557] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and
   (3) Report by the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People on
   Moving Forward: Reporting on the first full year of activity [by Statutory Instrument];
   to be printed [No. 1442] [Mr Secretary Hain].

47 Overseas Pensions,—Oversea Public Officers’ Pensions (Civil Partnership Act 2004)
   (Amendment) Scheme 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

48 Pensions,—Report and Accounts of the Pensions Regulator for 2005–06, with the Report
   of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1539] [Mr
   Secretary Hutton].

49 Police,—Report and Accounts of the Police Information Technology Organisation for
   2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
   be printed [No. 1409] [Clerk of the House].

50 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Policing Board for
   2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
   be printed [No. 1288] [Mr Secretary Hain].

51 Police Reform,—Accounts of the Independent Police Complaints Commission for 2005–06,
   with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [No. 1570] [Clerk of the House].

52 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural
   Affairs on the Petition [6th June] from the residents of Kislingbury, Rothersthorpe and
   Harpole and others for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Committee to examine
   the Environment Agency’s flood risk advice [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of
   the House].

53 Standards and Privileges,—Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for
   2005–06 [by Standing Order]; to be printed [No. 1480] [Clerk of the House].

54 Strategic Export Controls,—Report on United Kingdom Strategic Export Controls for 2005
   [by Command] [Cm. 6882] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

55 Superannuation,—Compensation (Ministry of Defence) Scheme 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Des
   Browne].

56 Teaching and Higher Education,—Report and Financial Statements of the General Teaching
   General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1376] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

57 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report and Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation
   and Arbitration Service for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
   General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1239] [Mr Secretary Darling].
58 United Nations.—Paper, entitled The United Kingdom in the United Nations [by Command] [Cm. 6892] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

59 Utilities.—Report of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1304] [Mr Secretary Darling].

60 Work and Pensions.—(1) Paper, entitled A Fresh Start: Child support redesign: the Government’s Response to Sir David Henshaw’s Report; and

(2) Report to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions by Sir David Henshaw on Recovering Child Support: routes to responsibility [by Command] [Cm. 6895 and 6894] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Ninth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report of the Committee, Session 2005–06: The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the Strategic Context]; to be printed [No. 1558] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Eighth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Climate change: the role of bioenergy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 965] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit.—Tenth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Trade, Development and Environment: The Role of DFID], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1014] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Human Rights.—(1) Twenty-third report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Committee’s Future Working Practices], together with Appendices; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1575];

(2) Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee [Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Prosecution and Pre-Charge Detention]; together with Appendices; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [1576]; and

(3) Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee [Legislative Scrutiny: Thirteenth Progress Report]; together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1577] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

5 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Humanitarian response to natural disasters]; to be printed [No. 1188-viii] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Standards and Privileges.—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Conduct of Dr Desmond Turner], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1578];

(2) Fifteenth Report from the Committee [Conduct of Mr Eric Illsley], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1579]; and

(3) Sixteenth Report from the Committee [Review of The Guide to the Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members: Consultation Document], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1580] [Sir George Young].
Tuesday 25th July 2006.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Constitutional Reform (Prerogative Powers and Civil Service etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Constitutional Reform (Prerogative Powers and Civil Service etc.) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 222].

2 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—Ordered, That the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

3 Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill.—Ordered, That the Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th October.

4 Passenger Transport Authorities (Regulation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable passenger transport authorities in certain metropolitan districts in England to regulate passenger transport operations; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr David Clelland, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr David Anderson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr George Mudie, Mr Clive Betts, Graham Stringer and Mr Stephen Byers do prepare and bring it in.

5 Passenger Transport Authorities (Regulation) Bill.—Mr Nicholas Brown accordingly presented a Bill to enable passenger transport authorities in certain metropolitan districts in England to regulate passenger transport operations; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 221].

6 Sir Roger Sands KCB.—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to Sir Roger Sands KCB, on his retirement from the office of the Clerk of the House, the House’s gratitude for his long and distinguished career, for his wise contribution to the development of the procedures of the House, for his leadership and professionalism in the discharge of his duties as chief executive of the House, and for the courteous and helpful advice always given to individual honourable Members.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

7 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 13th March and 19th April 2006 (Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programme) and Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programme) (No. 2)):

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.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely: Nos. 3, 1, 2 and 4 to 6.

Subsequent stages

3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any 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—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

8 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lord Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr David Hanson).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kevin Brennan, Huw Irranca-Davies: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, David Simpson, Mrs Iris Robinson: 16.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

It being more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [this day].

Lords Amendment No. 2 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 6 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee), That a Committee be appointed to draw up reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 3, 1 and 2.

That Mr Michael Foster, Mr David Hanson, Lembit Öpik, Mr Laurence Robertson and Lynda Waltho be members of the Committee.

That Mr David Hanson be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Liz Blackman.)

9 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Mr David Hanson reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 is unnecessary in view of the Government’s undertaking about Parliamentary scrutiny of Orders in Council to which the Amendment relates.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 for the following Reason:
Because it is not desirable to preclude eligible Irish citizens and bodies from making political donations to Northern Ireland parties or regulated donees.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

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—(Liz Blackman);

11 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to which this House has disagreed.

12 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment).—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.

13 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:

Compensation Act 2006
Commissioner for Older People (Wales) Act 2006
International Development (Reporting and Transparency) Act 2006
Government of Wales Act 2006

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Oxfordshire for fairer funding for the whole NHS;
(2) residents of Hemel Hempstead constituency against the Operator’s ‘Master Plan’ for Luton Airport;
(3) residents of the borough of Dacorum and others against proposals to remove acute services from Hemel Hempstead Hospital;
(4) residents of Thundersley and Benfleet against the storage of hazardous waste in their area;
(5) Peter Price and others for speed restriction measures on Evington Lane, Leicester;
(6) residents of South Bedfordshire and others against the closure of Lewsey Road Occupational Therapy Work Shop for stroke patients and others;
(7) John Baker, Chairman of Friends of the Conquest, and others against the downgrading of existing services at Conquest Hospital; and

(8) residents, family and staff of the Roseneath residential nursing home in Stone and Lea House in Madeley against the proposed closure of Roseneath and Lea House residential nursing homes were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) the North Riding Infirmary Campaign for action to save the North Riding Infirmary; and

(2) villagers from Leysdown, Warden Bay, Bayview, Eastchurch, Minster, Brambledown and Sheerness in the constituency of Sittingbourne and Sheppey for traffic safety measures on Jenkins Hill were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to Eight o'clock, adjourned till Monday 9th October, pursuant to Resolution [5th July].

[Adjourned at 7.37 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Derelict Land,—Derelict Land Clearance Area (Briar’s Lane, Hatfield) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1950), dated 17th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

2 Ecclesiastical Law.—(1) Care of Cathedrals Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1941), dated 7th July 2006;


(3) Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1943), dated 7th July 2006;

(4) Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1940), dated 7th July 2006; and

(5) Parochial Fees Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1942), dated 7th July 2006 [by Measure] [Clerk of the House].


5 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2008), dated 24th July 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Other Papers:

7 Care Standards,—Report and Accounts of the General Social Care Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1466] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Constitutional Affairs,—Draft Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill with Explanatory Notes and a Regulatory Impact Assessment [by Command] [Cm. 6885] [Ms Harriet Harman].

9 Covent Garden Market,—Statement of remuneration and allowances payable to members of the Covent Garden Market Authority under section 1(5) of the Covent Garden Market Act 1961 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].
10 Forestry,—Report and Accounts of the Forestry Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1540] [Secretary David Miliband].

11 Government Resources and Accounts,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Housing Corporation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1422] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];
   (2) Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1206] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
   (3) Public Guardianship Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1208] [Bridget Prentice].

12 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong: January–June 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6891] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

13 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1486] [Secretary David Miliband].

14 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions,—Report and Accounts of the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1302] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

15 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—First Report from the Speaker’s Committee on the Electoral Commission for 2006 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1581] [The Speaker].

16 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the Petition [6th July] from citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland against the Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

17 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (No. 2);
   (2) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (No. 2); and
   (3) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (No. 2) [by Act] [Hilary Armstrong].

18 Transport,—Statement of remuneration and allowances payable to members of the British Waterways Board under section 8(2) of the First Schedule of the Transport Act 1962 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers withdrawn:

19 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Housing Corporation for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1422] [Secretary Ruth Kelly] [laid 20th July].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-lvii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [DCMS Annual Report 2006 and responsibilities of the Secretary of State]; to be printed [No. 1551-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Home Affairs,—Sixth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Draft Sentencing Guideline: Sexual Offences Act 2003], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1582] [Mr John Denham].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [The Legislative Process], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1097] [Mr Jack Straw].

5 Science and Technology,—(1) Memorandum laid before the Science and Technology Committee [Forensic Science: further responses]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Scientific Response to Terrorism: further responses] [Mr Phil Willis].
[No. 189.]

Monday 9th October 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Palliative Care for the Terminally Ill Bill.—The Order for reading the Palliative Care for the Terminally Ill Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Road Safety Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Road Safety Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC6) (Immediate suspension and revocation of drivers' licences)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC7) (Abolition of “contract exemption”)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC28) (Delegation of power to make level crossing orders)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Driving with illegal drugs)—(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, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Frank Roy: 290.

Another Clause (NC12) (Retro-reflective markings)—(Mr David Drew)—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, Michael Fabricant: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Kevin Brennan: 280.

It being after Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on a new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision, pursuant to Order [8th March].

Another Clause (NC37) (Increase of penalties for failure to comply with traffic lights at level crossings)—(Mr Alistair Carmichael)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Danny Alexander, Jenny Willott: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Kevin Brennan: 277.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on Motions made and Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Ordered, That Clause No. 50 be transferred to the end of line 23 on page 56.—(Dr Stephen Ladyman.)

Ordered, That Clause No. 53 be transferred to the end of line 23 on page 56.—(Dr Stephen Ladyman.)

Amendments (Nos. 17 to 19 and 1 to 3) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision about road traffic, registration places, vehicle and driver information, hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, and trunk road picnic areas.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Secretary Des Browne, 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.
Secretary Des Browne, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed.

And it being Ten o’clock the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [8th March].—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

3 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 Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

4 Vehicle Type Approval.—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. 5163/06 and Addendum 1, Draft Regulation on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions and on access to vehicle repair information, amending Directive 72/306/EEC and Directive.../EC; endorses the Government’s support for a package of measures to reduce vehicle emissions substantially, leading to improvements in health and the environment, whilst allowing appropriate flexibility for industry in the short-term; and further notes that the Government will keep under review the costs and impacts of the proposal, so that it can continue to seek the right balance between environmental and other benefits and burdens on industry.—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

5 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from users of Cuddington Post Office, in Cheshire, against changes to the Post Office Card Account was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Sittingbourne and Sheppy for a Royal Commission on animal testing was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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 4th August 2006

1 Treaty Series (No. 19, 2006).—Supplementary Agreement, done at London on 26th June 2003, to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy of 3rd September 1996 [Cm. 6902] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Monday 14th August 2006

2 Judicial Statistics.—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Statistics (Revised) for 2005 [Cm. 6903] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Monday 21st August 2006

3 Immigration.—Paper, entitled Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2005 [Cm. 6904] [Secretary John Reid].

Tuesday 29th August 2006

4 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 2005 [Ms Harriet Harman].
Friday 1st September 2006

5 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2006).—Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, done at Warsaw on 16th May 2005 [Cm. 6907] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Tuesday 5th September 2006

6 Home Affairs.—Government Reply to the Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Terrorism Detention Powers [Cm. 6906] [Secretary John Reid].

Wednesday 6th September 2006

7 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Eleventh Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [Mr Secretary Hain].

Thursday 7th September 2006

8 Foreign Affairs.—Government Reply to the Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Foreign Policy Aspects of the War Against Terrorism [Cm. 6905] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Thursday 14th September 2006

9 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of—
   (1) Altnagelvin Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust;
   (2) Belfast City Hospital Health and Social Services Trust;
   (3) Craigavon Area Hospital Group Health and Social Services Trust;
   (4) Down Lisburn Health and Social Services Trust;
   (5) Green Park Healthcare Health and Social Services Trust;
   (6) Homefirst Community Trust;
   (7) Mater Hospital Health and Social Services Trust;
   (8) Northern Health and Social Services Board;
   (9) Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Services Trust;
   (10) South and East Belfast Health and Social Services Trust;
   (11) Southern Health and Social Services Board;
   (12) Sperrin Lakeland Health and Social Services Trust; and
   (13) Ulster Community and Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust,
   for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].

Monday 18th September 2006

10 Home Affairs.—Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Immigration Control [Cm. 6910] [Secretary John Reid].

11 Treaty Series (No. 21, 2006).—Optional Protocol, adopted at New York on 18th December 2002 and opened for signature on 5th February 2003, to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [Cm. 6913] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Wednesday 20th September 2006

12 Miscellaneous (No. 8, 2006).—Protocol, done at Geneva on 8th December 2005, Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12th August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem [Cm. 6917] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Thursday 21st September 2006

13 Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of—
   (1) Armagh and Dungannon Health and Social Services Trust;
   (2) Causeway Health and Social Services Trust;
   (3) Craigavon and Banbridge Community Health and Social Services Trust;
   (4) Eastern Health and Social Services Board;
   (5) Foyle Health and Social Services Trust;
(6) Newry and Mourne Health and Social Services Trust;
(7) North and West Belfast Health and Social Services Trust; and
(8) Royal Group of Hospitals and Dental Hospital Health and Social Services Trust,
for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern
Ireland thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].

**Monday 25th September 2006**

14 Legal Services.—Government Reply to the Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft
Legal Services Bill, Session 2005–06 [Cm. 6909] [Bridget Prentice].

15 Treaty Series (No. 22, 2006).—Agreement, done at Algiers on 28th June 2006, between the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the People’s Democratic
Republic of Algeria concerning the Prepayment of Certain Debts of the Government of
the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (‘Algeria’) to the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland acting by the Exports Credit
Guarantee Department (‘ECGD’) [Cm. 6921] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

**Tuesday 26th September 2006**

16 Foreign Affairs.—Government Reply to the Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs
Committee, Session 2005–06, on Developments in the European Union [Cm. 6914]
[Secretary Margaret Beckett].

**Wednesday 27th September 2006**

17 Treaty Series (No. 20, 2006).—First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions,
Withdrawals, etc., for 2006 [Cm. 6911] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

**Friday 29th September 2006**

18 Communities and Local Government.—Government Replies to the—
(1) Fourth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee,
Session 2005–06, on Fire and Rescue Service; and
(2) Third Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning,
Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2005–06, on Affordability and
the Supply of Housing
[Cm. 6919 and 6912] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

19 Human Rights.—Government Reply to the Twenty-Fourth Report from the Joint
Committee on Human Rights, Session 2005–06, on Counter-Terrorism Policy and
Human Rights: Prosecution and Pre-Charge Detention [Cm. 6920] [Secretary John
Reid].

**Wednesday 4th October 2006**

20 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Twelfth Report of the Independent
Monitoring Commission [Mr Secretary Hain].

**Friday 6th October 2006**

21 Algeria (No. 1, 2006).—Agreement, done at London on 11th July 2006, on the Circulation
of Persons and Readmission between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People’s Democratic Republic
of Algeria, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6926] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

22 Algeria (No. 2, 2006).—Convention, done at London on 11th July 2006, between the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the People’s Democratic Republic
of Algeria on Judicial Co-operation in Civil and Commercial Matters, with an
Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6927] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

23 Algeria (No. 3, 2006).—Convention, done at London on 11th July 2006, between the
Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on Extradition, with an
Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6928] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

24 Algeria (No. 4, 2006).—Convention, done at London on 11th July 2006, between the
Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on Mutual Legal
Assistance in Criminal Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6929]
[Secretary Margaret Beckett].
25 Ireland (No. 1, 2006).—Agreement, done at Belfast on 26th July 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland on Co-operation on Criminal Justice Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6931] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

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):

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

Wednesday 13th September 2006


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Wednesday 26th July 2006

27 Customs.—Export Control (Liberia) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2065), dated 25th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


Thursday 27th July 2006


32 Electricity.—Electricity (Offshore Generating Stations) (Applications for Consent) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2064), dated 23rd July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


34 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2055), dated 24th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

35 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—European Cooperative Society (Involvement of Employees) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2059), dated 25th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Friday 28th July 2006

36 Agriculture.—Environmental Stewardship (England) and Organic Products (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2075), dated 25th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].


Monday 31st July 2006


41 Civil Aviation.—Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1911), dated 19th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

42 Education.—Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2089), dated 22nd July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


44 Ministers of the Crown.—(1) Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1926), dated 19th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly]; and  

45 Road Traffic.—(1) Quiet Lanes and Home Zones (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2082); and  

Tuesday 1st August 2006

46 Fees and Charges.—Medicines for Human Use (Fees Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2125), dated 26th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

47 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Complaints) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2084), dated 27th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

48 Public Health.—Vaccine Damage Payments (Specified Disease) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2066), dated 25th July 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Thursday 3rd August 2006

(2) Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Relevant Authorities and Relevant Persons) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2137), dated 1st August 2006; and  


51 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Wiltshire) (Districts of Kennet and North Wiltshire) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2134), dated 1st August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Friday 4th August 2006


Monday 7th August 2006

53 Commons.—Commons (Severance of Rights) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2145), dated 3rd August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].

54 Education.—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2133), dated 1st August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].
Tuesday 8th August 2006


Wednesday 9th August 2006


Thursday 10th August 2006


59 Immigration.—(1) Immigration (Continuance of Leave) (Notices) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2170), dated 4th August 2006; and
   (2) Immigration (Notices) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2168), dated 3rd August 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary John Reid].

60 Police.—Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2181), dated 8th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].


Friday 11th August 2006


63 Dangerous Drugs.—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2178), dated 3rd August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].

64 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2171), dated 5th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Monday 14th August 2006


Tuesday 15th August 2006

67 Education.—(1) Education (Disqualification Provisions: Bankruptcy and Mental Health) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2198); and

69 Merchant Shipping.—(1) Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2184); and
(2) Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Provision and Use of Work Equipment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2183),
dated 8th August 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Wednesday 16th August 2006

70 Education.—Hadley Learning Community (School Governance) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2212), dated 9th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

71 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts by Children in Front Seats) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2213), dated 9th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

72 Urban Development.—(1) London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (Planning Functions) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2186); and
(2) Olympic Delivery Authority (Planning Functions) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2185),
dated 9th August 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Thursday 17th August 2006

73 Consumer Protection.—Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2231), dated 15th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

74 Income Tax.—(1) Capital Allowances (Energy-saving Plant and Machinery) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2233); and
(2) Capital Allowances (Environmentally Beneficial Plant and Machinery) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2235),
dated 16th August 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [John Healey].

75 Taxes.—Tonnage Tax (Training Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2229), dated 14th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

76 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (General) and Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2236), dated 14th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


Monday 21st August 2006

78 Education.—(1) Teachers (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2216); and
(2) Teachers’ Pensions (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2214),
dated 9th August 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Tuesday 22nd August 2006

79 Customs.—Export Control (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2271), dated 19th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 23rd August 2006


Thursday 24th August 2006


Friday 25th August 2006

83 Agriculture.—England Rural Development Programme (Closure of Project-Based Schemes) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2298), dated 21st August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].

84 Food.—Charges for Residues Surveillance Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2285), dated 22nd August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].


87 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Prescribed Organisations (Applications for Deproscription etc.) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2299), dated 22nd August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].

Tuesday 29th August 2006


90 Mobile Homes.—Mobile Homes (Written Statement) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2275), dated 22nd August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

91 Police.—Police (Minimum Age for Appointment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2278), dated 22nd August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].


Wednesday 30th August 2006

93 Housing.—Houses in Multiple Occupation (Specified Educational Establishments) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2280), dated 22nd August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Thursday 31st August 2006

95 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (District of Tandridge) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2319), dated 29th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].
Friday 1st September 2006

96 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2363); (2) Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2366); and (3) Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2364), dated 28th August 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Ms Harriet Harman].


98 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2320), dated 30th August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Monday 4th September 2006


100 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Warwickshire) (Borough of Rugby) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2356), dated 31st August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Tuesday 5th September 2006


Wednesday 6th September 2006


Thursday 7th September 2006


109 Food,—Food (Emergency Control) (Revocation) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2289), dated 22nd August 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Friday 8th September 2006

111 Education,—(1) Cadishead Primary School (Change to School Session Times) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2370), dated 27th August 2006; and

112 Electricity,—Electricity from Non-Fossil Fuel Sources Arrangements (England and Wales) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2388), dated 5th September 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


116 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2377); and
   (2) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2378); and

117 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—(1) Collective Redundancies (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2387), dated 31st August 2006; and
   (2) Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2405), dated 6th September 2006, and


Monday 11th September 2006

119 Environmental Protection,—Agricultural or Forestry Tractors (Emission of Gaseous and Particulate Pollutants) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2393), dated 5th September 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].


121 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2409), dated 5th September 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Tuesday 12th September 2006

123 Race Relations,—(1) Race Relations Act 1976 (General Statutory Duty) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2470); and

Wednesday 13th September 2006


Thursday 14th September 2006


Friday 15th September 2006


Monday 18th September 2006


130 Immigration,—(1) Persons Subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2521), dated 13th September 2006;
(2) Refugee or Person in Need of International Protection (Qualification) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2525), dated 11th September 2006; and
(3) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 6918], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary John Reid].


Thursday 21st September 2006

133 Health and Safety,—Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2523), dated 13th September 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Friday 22nd September 2006

136 Road Traffic,—Tractor etc. (EC Type-Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2533), dated 19th September 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].
Monday 25th September 2006

137 Transport,—Docklands Light Railway (Silvertown and London City Airport Extension) (Exemptions etc.) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2536), dated 20th September 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Wednesday 27th September 2006

138 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) and Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2565), dated 21st September 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Thursday 28th September 2006

139 Designs,—Registered Designs (Fees) (No. 2) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2617), dated 27th September 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Tuesday 3rd October 2006


Wednesday 4th October 2006


Thursday 5th October 2006

142 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Act 1968 (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2663), dated 3rd October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

143 Channel Tunnel,—(1) Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2626); and

144 Landlord and Tenant,—Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2628), dated 2nd October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].

145 Weights and Measures,—(1) Measuring Instruments (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2625); and
(2) Measuring Instruments (Gas Meters) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2647), dated 1st October 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].

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146 Local Government,—Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2632), dated 4th October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

147 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2631), dated 4th October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Other Papers:

Monday 31st July 2006

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 9th October 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Tuesday 15th August 2006


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 9th October 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

151 Immigration.—Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

152 Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Electricity Consents (Planning) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006; (2) draft Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006; (3) draft Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006; and (4) draft Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


154 Fees and Charges.—Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2679), dated 9th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

155 Access to Justice.—Funding Code Procedures Amendments 2006 prepared by the Legal Services Commission [by Act] [Bridget Prentice].

156 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Air Publication 3393 (Seventh Edition) of the Officer Commissioning and Terms of Service [by Act]; and (2) Joint Service Publication 752—Tri-Service Regulations for Allowances, dated 25th July 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

157 Chelsea Hospital.—Account of the Royal Hospital Chelsea for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1591] [Clerk of the House].

158 Children.—Reports for 2004 and 2005 by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Children Act 1989 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

159 Companies.—(1) Report and Accounts for 2005–06 of the National College for School Leadership (NCSL) [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson]; and (2) Report of Companies in 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1534] [Mr Secretary Darling].

160 Defence.—(1) Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 9th October 2006, concerning the gifting of military equipment to the Government of Lebanon [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne]; and (2) Papers, entitled— (i) The Iraq Medal: for service in Iraq from 20th January 2003; (ii) The Operational Service Medal: for service in Afghanistan from 11th September 2001; and (iii) The Operational Service Medal: Service in the Democratic Republic of Congo between 14th June 2003 to 10th September 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 6936, 6935 and 6934] [Secretary Des Browne].

161 Education and Skills.—Paper, entitled Care Matters: Transforming the Lives of Children and Young People in Care [Cm. 6932] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
162 Employment and Training,—Report and Financial Statements of Investors in People UK Ltd for 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

163 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—

(1) Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust;
(2) Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
(3) Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; and
(4) Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

164 Identity Cards,—First Report to Parliament about the likely costs of the ID Cards Scheme [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

165 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Accounts of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1590] [Clerk of the House].

166 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.),—Eleventh and Twelfth Reports of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1599 and 1600] [Mr Secretary Hain].

167 Pensions and Yeomanry,—Amendment 40, Change 1 to the Army Pensions Warrant 1977 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

168 Police and Criminal Evidence,—(1) Revised Service Police Codes of Practice (JSP 397) [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
(2) Revision of paragraph 4 of the Code of Practice for the exercise by police officers of statutory powers of stop and search; police officers and police staff of requirements to record public encounters (Code A) [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

169 Police (Northern Ireland),—Seventeenth Report of the Oversight Commissioner [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

170 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [13th July] from residents of South Bedfordshire for the retention of the three tier school system in Bedfordshire;
(2) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [12th June] from residents of Shropshire and Mid-Wales for legislation to remedy the financial crisis in the Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust;
(3) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [15th June] from supporters of St Leonards Hospital, Sudbury, Suffolk, against reductions in community hospital services;
(4) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [19th July] from Anthony Lucas, Anne Martin and others against the closure of the driving test centre at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire;
(5) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [19th July] from BHASVIC Lights Action Group for measures to improve pedestrian safety at the junction of Old Shoreham Road and Dyke Road in Hove, East Sussex;
(6) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [19th July] from London residents for the proper staffing of overland railway stations during their hours of operation after dark;
(7) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [19th July] from supporters for a unified Blue Badge Parking scheme for a unified Blue Badge disabled parking scheme covering England and Wales;
(8) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [20th July] from residents of Saltairie and the surrounding area for measures to improve road safety at Saltairie roundabout;
(9) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [18th July] from users of Post Offices in the Ludlow area against the withdrawal of Post Office Cards Accounts;
(10) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [19th July] from Robert Sears and others for measures to prevent the closure of village Sub Post Offices; and

(11) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [24th July] from residents of Northampton South against changes to the Post Office Card Account;

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

171 Reserve Forces.—Amendment 30 to the Territorial Army Regulations [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

172 Severn Bridges.—Report and Accounts for Severn River Crossing plc for 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

173 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:


[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

174 Treaty Series (No. 23, 2006).—Agreement, done at Ottawa on 20th July 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Canada on British Armed Forces’ Training in Canada [by Command] [Cm. 6933] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

175 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2006).—Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, done at Warsaw on 16th May 2005, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 24th July].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Amendment Order 2006 (S.I., 2006 No. 1448),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Stephen Byers, Natascha Engel, Sandra Gidley, Helen Goodman, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ivan Lewis, Anne Milton, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Robert Neill, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Sandra Osborne, Mike Penning, Dr John Pugh, Anne Snelgrove and Helen Southworth from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 13th September [The Middle East], to be printed [No. 1483-I] [Mike Gapes].

2 Human Rights.—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Human Trafficking], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1127-I and II] [ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].

(2) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee [Legislative Scrutiny: Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1625].

(3) Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee [Legislative Scrutiny: Fourteenth Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1626]; and

(4) Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee [Draft Marriage Act 1949 (Remedial) Order 2006], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1627]

[Mr Andrew Dismore].
Tuesday 10th October 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill,—The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

2 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide 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 31st October 2006.

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. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) 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 messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Dave Watts: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mike Penning: 48.

So the Question was agreed to.

3 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill (Carry-over),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills), That if, at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session—(Liz Blackman).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Dave Watts: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mike Penning, Mr David Wilshire: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2006 (S.1. 2006, No. 2685), dated 9th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Child Trust Funds.—Child Trust Funds (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2684), dated 9th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

3 Customs.—(1) Burma (Sale, Supply, Export, Technical Assistance, Financing and Financial Assistance) (Penalties and Licences) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2682); and
    (2) Export Control (Lebanon, etc.) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2683); and

4 Housing.—Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 397), dated 28th September 2006 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5 Probation.—Local Probation Boards (Appointment and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2664), dated 4th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

6 Social Security.—Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2655), dated 29th September 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

7 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Gaming Machines) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2686), dated 9th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

8 Civil Aviation.—Department of Transport Statement, dated 3rd October 2006, on pension determination for current and former Civil Aviation Authority board members [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

9 Culture, Media and Sport.—Broadcasting: Copy of the Royal Charter for the continuance of the British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command] [Cm. 6925] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Caring for our Collections]; to be printed [No. 1624-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

    (2) Eleventh Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report of the Committee, Session 2005–06: The work of the Met Office]; to be printed [No. 1602];
    (3) Twelfth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Thirteenth Report of the Committee, Session 2005–06: UK Operations in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 1603]; and
    (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Defence Procurement 2006]; to be printed [No. 1339-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Environmental Audit.—(1) Memoranda laid before the Environmental Audit Committee [Climate Change—the UK Programme 2006]; to be printed [No. 1452];
    (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Climate Change—the UK Programme 2006]; and
    (3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Keeping the Lights On: Nuclear, renewables and climate change] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Criminal Cases Review Commission]; to be printed [No. 1635-i] [Mr David Winnick].
5 International Development.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the International Development Committee [Private Sector Development: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1620]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Conflict and development: Peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction]
[Malcolm Bruce].

6 Scottish Affairs.—Second Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Sewel Convention: the Westminster Perspective: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1634] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

7 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Government’s Energy Review]; to be printed [No. 1123-vii] [Peter Lilley].

8 Treasury.—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on The design of a National Pension Savings Scheme]; to be printed [No. 1592];
(2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, on European financial services regulation]; to be printed [No. 1593]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Financial Services Authority: annual report scrutiny]; to be printed [No. 1594-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 190; WH, No. 124]
Tuesday 10th October 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 191.]
Wednesday 11th October 2006.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Contingencies Fund 2005–06.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 2005–06, showing—
(1) a balance sheet;
(2) a cashflow statement; and
(3) notes to the account; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

2 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to consolidate the House of Commons Costs Taxation Act 1847, the House of Lords Costs Taxation Act 1849, the Parliamentary Costs Act 1865, the Parliamentary Costs Act 1867, the Parliamentary Costs Act 1871 and the House of Commons Costs Taxation Act 1879, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

National Health Service Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to consolidate certain enactments relating to the health service, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
National Health Service (Wales) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to consolidate certain enactments relating to the health service, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for repeals, revocations, consequential amendments, transitional and transitory modifications and savings in connection with the consolidation of enactments in the National Health Service Act 2006 and the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
3 Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords].—The Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 224].

4 National Health Service Bill [Lords].—The National Health Service Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 225].

5 National Health Service (Wales) Bill [Lords].—The National Health Service (Wales) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 226].

6 National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 227].

7 Scrambler Bikes (Licensing).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require scrambler bikes to be licensed; and for connected purposes: And that Chris Bryant, Jessica Morden, Philip Davies, Anne Snelgrove, Barbara Keeley, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Rosie Cooper, David Wright, Mr Iain Wright and Mr Tom Watson do prepare and bring it in.

8 Scrambler Bikes (Licensing) Bill.—Chris Bryant accordingly presented a Bill to require scrambler bikes to be licensed; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 223].

9 Opposition Day [18th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

NHS workforce and service development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while welcoming past increases in the number of doctors, nurses and other health professionals working in the NHS, is alarmed at the recent reports of up to 20,000 posts to be lost in NHS hospitals and cuts in training budgets; is deeply concerned about the lack of training posts for junior doctors; condemns the severe shortage of posts for nurses and physiotherapists leaving training; regrets the complete failure of the Government to remedy flaws in the implementation of the European Working Time Directive in its application to doctors’ hours; further regrets the unemployement of specialist medical staff; believes NHS services are being cut back as a result of both financial deficits and staffing shortages rather than in the interests of patient safety; and calls on the Government to ensure that the NHS fully utilises the potential of healthcare professionals available to the service.—(Mr Andrew Lansley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s historic investment in the NHS since 1997, trebling funding by 2008; pays tribute to the commitment of NHS staff; recognises the ongoing investment in their training and development; notes that there are now 32,000 more doctors and 85,000 more nurses, and that overall there are over 300,000 more staff working in the NHS; acknowledges that as a result of the Government’s investment and reforms and the hard work and dedication of NHS staff, virtually no-one now waits more than six months for their operation whereas in 1997, 284,000 people waited longer than six months with some patients waiting up to two years; further notes that over 99 per cent. of people with suspected cancer are now seen by a specialist within two weeks of being referred by their general practitioner, up from 63 per cent. in 1997, and that death rates from cancer and heart disease are falling faster than ever before; and further recognises the need to ensure NHS services continue to change to benefit from new medical technologies and treatments which mean more care can be delivered in local communities and people’s homes’, instead thereof.—(Ms Secretary Hewitt.)

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 Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Huw Irranca-Davies: 302.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s historic investment in the NHS since 1997, trebling funding by 2008, pays tribute to the commitment of NHS staff, recognises the ongoing investment in their training and development; notes that there are now 32,000 more doctors and 85,000 more nurses, and that overall there are over 300,000 more staff working in the NHS; acknowledges that as a result of the Government’s investment and reforms and the hard work and dedication of NHS staff, virtually no-one now waits more than six months for their operation whereas in 1997, 284,000 people waited longer than six months with some patients waiting up to two years, further notes that over 99 per cent. of people with suspected cancer are now seen by a specialist within two weeks of being referred by their general practitioner, up from 63 per cent. in 1997, and that death rates from cancer and heart disease are falling faster than ever before, and further recognises the need to ensure NHS services continue to change to benefit from new medical technologies and treatments which mean more care can be delivered in local communities and people’s homes.

10 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

And the Motion having been made after Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twelve minutes to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.48 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 National Lottery,—Draft Big Lottery Fund (Prescribed Expenditure) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Civil Aviation,—Airports Slot Allocation Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2665), dated 5th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

3 Excise,—Air Passenger Duty (Rate) (Qualifying Territories) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2693), dated 10th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

4 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2680), dated 7th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

5 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Claims and Notifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2689), dated 10th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

7 Contingencies Fund, 2005–06,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 1589] [John Healey].

8 Education and Skills,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2005–06, on Special Educational Needs [by Command] [Cm. 6940] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

9 Local Government,—Financial Statements of the South Bank Centre for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Welfare Reform 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: Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Wayne David, Natascha Engel, Mr John Heppell, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mr David Laws, Mrs Anne McGuire, Kali Mountford, Mr Jim Murphy, John Penrose, John Robertson, Mr David Ruffley, Alison Seabeck and Mr Ben Wallace.

2 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: James Brokenshire, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Edward Davey, James Duddridge, Michael Fabricant, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Dominic Grieve, Andrew Gwynne, Tony Lloyd, Mr Jim McGovern, Ann McKechin, Anne Snelgrove, Ian Stewart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Jo Swinson, Ms Dari Taylor and Jeremy Wright.

3 Draft Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Charles Clarke, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Jeff Ennis, Sandra Gidley, Mr Robert Goodwill, Huw Irranca-Davies, Tim Loughton, Ian Lucas, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Alan Michael, Mr Austin Mitchell, Dr John Pugh, Anne Snelgrove, Joan Walley and Ms Rosie Winterton.

European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 10014/06, relating to Voluntary Reduction (“Modulation”) of Direct Farm Support Payments,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Roger Berry, Rosie Cooper, Tony Cunningham, Barry Gardiner, Patrick Hall, Chris Huhne, Mr Stewart Jackson, Daniel Kawczynski, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr James Paxie, Andrew Rosindell, Keith Vaz and Mr Roger Williams.

6 European Union Document No. 14181/04, relating to the electronic recording and recording of fishing activities and means of remote sensing, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill, on 26th July 2006, to be printed [No. 837-lii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed [No. 837-liii] [Mr Alan Meale].
2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Citizenship Education]; to be printed [No. 581-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxxvii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Jimmy Hood].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ninth Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Organised Crime in Northern Ireland; Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2005-06]; to be printed [No. 1642] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Smarter food procurement in the public sector]; to be printed [No. 1645-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Transport,—(1) Twelfth Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06, on the Future of the British Transport Police]; to be printed [No. 1639];

(2) Thirteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06, on How fair are the fares? Train fares and ticketing]; to be printed [No. 1640];

(3) Fourteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06, on Parking Policy and Enforcement]; to be printed [No. 1641]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Transport Security: Travelling without Fear]; to be printed [No. 1085-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 191; WH, No. 125]

Wednesday 11th October 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Kevin Brennan); And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]

[No. 192.]

Thursday 12th October 2006.

The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Estate Agents (Redress Schemes) Bill,—The Order for reading the Estate Agents (Redress Schemes) Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Civil Aviation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [29th June] relating to the Civil Aviation Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 1, 2 and 4 but proposes Amendments (a) and (b) to the Bill in lieu of those Amendments—(Gillian Merron);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Foster, Tony Cunningham: 242.


So the Question was agreed to.

It being more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings, pursuant to Order [8th May].
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House does not insist on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment No. 5, or on Amendment No. 11A proposed by it in lieu, and proposes Amendment (a) to Lords Amendment No. 5—(Gillian Merron);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Foster, Tony Cunningham: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Danny Alexander: 46.

So the Question was agreed to.

3 Welfare Reform Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the Order of 24th July 2006 (Welfare Reform Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

In paragraph 2 (conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee), for ‘9th November’ substitute ‘30th November’—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

4 Adjournment (Climate change).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

5 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents of Hastings and Rother against the downgrading of existing services at the Conquest Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

And accordingly, the House having continued to sit till half-past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 16th October.

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dangerous Drugs.—Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Energy.—Report and Accounts of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1416] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Report on Human Rights for 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6916] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Government Resources and Accounts.—Resource Accounts of the Department for Constitutional Affairs for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1605] [John Healey].

6 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Inspection of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland: Corporate Governance [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Welfare Reform Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, Mr Russell Brown, Mr John Heppell, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mr Jim Murphy and Mr David Ruffley members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.
2 Welfare Reform Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood and Mr David Amess Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Edward Davey, Michael Fabricant, Mr Dominic Grieve, Andrew Gwynne, Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

4 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

5 Draft Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (Expansion of Role) Regulations 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-lix] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, together with Appendices [Skills for Government]; to be printed [No. 1647-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

3 Treasury.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Treasury Committee [Monetary Policy Committee: appointment hearings for Professor Tim Besley and Dr Andrew Sentance], 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. 1595-I and -II]; and

(2) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, on Independence for Statistics]; to be printed [No. 1604] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 192; WH, No. 126]

Thursday 12th October 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment (The WTO Hong Kong Ministerial and the Doha Development Agenda—Third Report from the International Development Committee and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. —(Jonathan Shaw.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 17th October.

[Adjourned at 4.58 p.m.]
Monday 16th October 2006.

PRAYERS.

1 Housing Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading the Housing Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Exemption from Regulation) Bill.—The Order for reading the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Exemption from Regulation) Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

3 Opposition Day [19th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Future of the Post Office network and of Royal Mail.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes the Government is putting the future of the Post Office network and of Royal Mail at risk by their continued failure to take the tough and overdue decisions needed; further believes that many local post offices have closed or are under threat because of the uncertainty over the future of the subsidy to rural post offices after 2008 and the withdrawal of public sector business from the network, including the pension book, the television licence, passports and the decision to withdraw the Post Office card account when the existing contract expires in 2010; shares Postcomm’s concern that over 6,500 remaining rural post office branches are vulnerable and could close over the next few years; further believes that the Post Office network provides significant social and economic benefits and can play a key role in tackling financial exclusion and helping rural and deprived urban communities to survive and thrive; further believes the delays in finalising the investment package for Royal Mail is undermining Royal Mail’s ability to compete in the postal market following liberalisation last January threatening jobs and Royal Mail’s market share; and therefore calls on the Government to end this paralysis in decision-making at the heart of Government so that the Post Office network and Royal Mail can make the investments they need with greater certainty about a sustainable and stable commercial future—(Mr Edward Davey).

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 important role that post offices play in local communities, particularly in rural and deprived urban areas; recognises that the business environment in which Royal Mail and the Post Office network are operating is undergoing radical change with more and more people choosing new electronic ways to communicate, pay bills and access government services; applauds the Government’s record of working closely with Royal Mail, Post Office Ltd and sub-postmasters to help them meet these challenges with an unprecedented investment of more than £2 billion made by the Government in supporting the network; acknowledges the important role post offices can play in tackling financial exclusion while recognising that the Government must also take due account of the need to deliver services efficiently; and acknowledges that the Government is committed to bringing forward proposals to help put Royal Mail and the Post Office network onto a sustainable footing’, instead thereof.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr Adrian Sanders 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 Jeremy Browne, Mr Roger Williams: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Huw Irranca-Davies: 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 acknowledges the important role that post offices play in local communities, particularly in rural and deprived urban areas; recognises that the business environment in which Royal Mail and the Post Office network are operating is undergoing radical change with more and more people choosing new electronic ways to communicate, pay bills and access government services; applauds the Government’s record of working closely with Royal Mail, Post Office Ltd and sub-postmasters to help them meet these challenges with an unprecedented investment of more than £2 billion made by the Government in supporting the network; acknowledges the important role post offices can play in tackling financial exclusion while recognising that the Government must also take due account of the need to deliver services efficiently; and acknowledges that the Government is committed to bringing forward proposals to help put Royal Mail and the Post Office network onto a sustainable footing.

Green tax switch.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with alarm the rise in carbon emissions since the Government took office in 1997; believes that this record is in part due to the steady fall in taxation derived from green taxes from 3.6 per cent. of gross domestic product in 1999 down to 2.9 per cent. last year; notes opinion poll support for a green tax switch from people onto pollution; urges the Government to move from rhetorical assent on the need for action on climate change to serious policy proposals which will set annual targets to cut carbon emissions, allowing for natural variations from year to year, and establish an independent monitoring body to report on progress; and therefore calls on the Government to increase green taxes on new high-emission cars and on aviation while using revenue generated to cut direct taxes, particularly on low earners, so that there is no overall rise in the burden of taxation—(Chris Huhne);

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 UK’s climate change programme which has already put the UK on course to exceed its Kyoto target of a 12.5 per cent. cut in 1990 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by 2008–12 and make further progress towards the Government’s ambitious target to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 20 per cent. by 2050; welcomes the Government’s proposals for the second phase of the scheme in the UK; further welcomes the Government’s energy review, which proposes measures to save up to a further 25 million tonnes of carbon emissions per year by 2020 and to put the UK economy on a path to a 60 per cent. cut in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050; congratulates the Government on its commitment to delivering a strong economy based on high and stable levels of growth and employment as well as high standards of environmental care; and calls upon the Government to continue to put environmental protection, locally, nationally and globally at the heart of its policies’, instead thereof.—(Ian Pearson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr Adrian Sanders 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, 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 Jeremy Browne, Paul Rowen: 66.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Liz Blackman: 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 Michael Foster, Mr Frank Roy: 284.
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 UK’s climate change programme which has already put the UK on course to exceed its Kyoto target of a 12.5 per cent. cut in 1990 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by 2008–12 and make further progress towards the Government’s ambitious target to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 20 per cent. by 2010; recognises the vital contribution of the Climate Change Levy, which has already saved 28 million tonnes of carbon emissions and by 2010 will be reducing carbon emissions by over seven million tonnes per year; congratulates the Government on exceeding its recycling target supported by the Landfill Tax and Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme and contributing to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; commends introduction in the UK of the world’s first international emissions trading scheme capping emissions from power stations and energy-intensive industries; further welcomes the Government’s proposals for the second phase of the scheme in the UK; further welcomes the Government’s energy review, which proposes measures to save up to a further 25 million tonnes of carbon emissions per year by 2020 and to put the UK economy on a path to a 60 per cent. cut in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050; congratulates the Government on its commitment to delivering a strong economy based on high and stable levels of growth and employment as well as high standards of environmental care; and calls upon the Government to continue to put environmental protection, locally, nationally and globally at the heart of its policies.

Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That Gordon Banks and Meg Hillier be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and John Battle and Mr Denis Murphy be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents of Hadleigh, Essex and others against a planned development in Park Chase, Hadleigh was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]

5 Companies,—Companies Act 1985 (Small Companies’ Accounts and Audit) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2782), dated 16th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 National Health Service,—Special Trustees for the Queen’s Medical Centre, Nottingham, University Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2691), dated 11th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Pensions,—Pension Protection Fund (Levy Ceiling) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2692), dated 10th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

8 Broadcasting,—Statement of Principles and Administrative Arrangements for Qualifying Revenue and Multiplex Revenue for Radio Licencees by the Office of Communications [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Constitutional Affairs,—Government Reply to the Seventh Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Freedom of Information—one year on [by Command] [Cm. 6937] [Ms Harriet Harman].

10 Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Consolidated Accounts of the Local Probation Boards for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1588] [Clerk of the House].

11 Dentists,—Report and Accounts of the General Dental Council for 2005 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Rural Payments Agency: The Delays in Administering the 2005 Single Payment Scheme in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1631] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Loans,—Accounts of the—
   (1) Consolidated Fund; and
   (2) National Loans Fund
for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 1630 and 1652] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

14 Immigration,—Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2006 [laid 9th October].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—
The Speaker has appointed Jo Swinson in place of Mr Edward Davey as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Welfare Reform Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ben Wallace from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Adam Afriyie.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee [Is there a future for Regional Government?]; to be printed [No. 977-viii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Planning Performance]
   [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
Tuesday 17th October 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Osborne Estate Bill.—The Order for reading the Osborne Estate Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Gambling Act 2005 (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Gambling Act 2005 to allow for increased provision of casinos; and for connected purposes—(Mr Jim Cunningham);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Jim Devine: 55.

Tellers for the Noes, Mike Penning, Mr Christopher Chope: 240.

So the Question was negatived.

3 Companies Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 6th June 2006 (Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in three days.

3. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of those days as shown in the first column of the Table and in the order so shown.

4. Each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in relation to it in the second column of the Table.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 6.00 p.m. on the third day.

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Proceedings
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And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 303.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 231.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Companies Bill [Lords] (changed from Company Law Reform Bill [Lords]) [1st allocated day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Companies Bill [Lords] (changed from Company Law Reform Bill [Lords]), as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC4) (Duty to promote the success of the company (No. 2))—(Patrick Hall)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 389) proposed to the Bill, in page 78, line 23, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Angela Watkinson: 210.
Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Huw Irranca-Davies: 305.

Amendment (No. 162) made to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC72) (Loans to directors: requirement of members’ approval)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC73) (Quasi-loans to directors: requirement of members’ approval)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC74) (Loans or quasi-loans to persons connected with directors: requirement of members’ approval)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 761) proposed to the Bill, in page 71, line 10, at the end, to insert the words ‘and domiciled in the United Kingdom’.—(Mr Austin Mitchell.) Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 255) proposed to the Bill, in page 74, line 6, to leave out from the word ‘company’ to the end of line 7 and insert the words—

‘(2A) The register must be kept available for inspection—
(a) at the company’s registered office, or
(b) at a place specified in regulations under section (Regulations about where certain company records to be kept available for inspection).’—(Margaret Hodge.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being half past Eight o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

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. 256 to 258, 715, 716, 770, 717, 488, 591, 489, 592, 593, 490, 594, 491, 595 to 598, 613, 163, 164, 599 to 611, 492, 493, 165, 494, 644, 166, 612, 167, 259, 168, 169, 260, 645, 677, 646 and 614) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 170) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 412) proposed to the Bill, in page 121, line 21, to leave out the words ‘or proposed’.—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.) Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 415) proposed to the Bill, in page 121, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(6) A derivative claim under this Chapter may only be brought if the directors have been requested by a member of the company to bring a claim in respect of an act or omission specified in subsection (3) and have not agreed to the request after the expiry of a reasonable period from service of the request.’—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Andrew Rosindell: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Huw Irranca-Davies: 287.

Another Amendment (No. 171) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

5 Landlord and Tenant,—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 (Agricultural Tenancies (England and Wales) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell);

And the Motion having been made at Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Avian Influenza (Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2703), dated 11th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Clean Air,—Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (England) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2704), dated 11th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

3 Food,—(1) Curd Cheese (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2787), dated 16th October 2006; and

(2) Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2687), dated 9th October 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Immigration,—(1) Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (Fast Track Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2789); and


Other Papers:

5 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on East Asia [by Command] [Cm. 6944] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Health,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Health Committee, Session 2005–06, on NHS Charges [by Command] [Cm. 6922] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Work and Pensions,—Report by the Department for Work and Pensions for 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6915-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 17th October [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee [Coastal Towns]; to be printed [No. 1023-iv] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Department for Constitutional Affairs: DCA Departmental Report 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1665-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

4 Conventions,—Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee on Conventions [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

5 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-xx] [Mr Alan Meale].
6 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Second Special Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Women's Football: replies to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1646]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [New Media and the Creative Industries]; to be printed [No. 1091-vi]

[John Whittingdale].

7 Environmental Audit Committee.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [The Kyoto Protocol: Beyond 2012] together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1666-i];

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Pre-Budget 2005: Tax, economic analysis, and climate change]; and

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Sustainable Procurement: The Way Forward]

[Mr Tim Yeo].

8 International Development.—Sixth Report from the International Development Committee [Conflict and Development: Peacebuilding and Post-conflict Reconstruction], 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. 923-I and -II] [Malcolm Bruce].

9 Public Administration.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Governing the Future]; to be printed [No. 756-v]; and

(2) Letter laid before the Committee [Debt of Honour]

[Dr Tony Wright].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) Fourteenth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on New Nuclear? Examining the issues]; to be printed [No. 1663]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Local Energy Generation]; to be printed [No. 1664-i]

[Peter Luff].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Globalisation: Its impact on the real economy]; to be printed [No. 1218-iii] [Mr John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Energy in Wales: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1656]; and

(2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Future of RAF St Athan: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1657]

[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 194; WH, No. 127]

Tuesday 17th October 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

1 Bus Services Bill.—The Order for reading the Bus Services Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Income Tax (Earnings Exemption for Persons Living in Poverty) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading the Income Tax (Earnings Exemption for Persons Living in Poverty) (No. 2) Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

3 Liability for Suicide,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about liability for suicide; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Dr Liam Fox, Mrs Louise Ellman, Lembit Öpik, Justine Greening, Mr Edward Vaizey and Jim Dobbin do prepare and bring it in.

4 Liability for Suicide Bill,—Mr Iain Duncan Smith accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about liability for suicide; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th October and to be printed [Bill 229].

5 Companies Bill [Lords] (changed from Company Law Reform Bill [Lords]) [2nd allocated day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Companies Bill [Lords] (changed from Company Law Reform Bill [Lords]), as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (NC1) (Contents of director’s report: business review (No. 2))—(Jon Trickett)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

It being Three o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [17th October], put forthwith the Question on a new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC75) (Requirement for audit of business review)—(David Howarth)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Paul Rowen: 60.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jonathan Shaw: 439.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Motion made, and Question put, That Amendments Nos. 821, 822, 712, 530 to 533, 311, 303, 340, 341, 312 to 315, 235 to 239, 824, 224, 713, 534 to 536, 240, 537, 825, 538, 316 and 539 to 543 be made.—(Margaret Hodge.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Ian Cawsey: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jonathan Shaw: 300.

Other Amendments (Nos. 209, 254, 210 to 212, 161, 222, 305, 223 and 306) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 358) proposed to the Bill, in page 128, line 21, at the beginning to insert the words ‘Subject to subsections (3) and (4)’.—(James Brokenshire.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
It being half-past Five o'clock the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Questions on Amendments and a new Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 771 to 773, 367, 776, 368, 304, 441, 369, 370, 728, 729, 373, 371 to 734, 207, 723 to 726, 347 and 727) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC7) (Decision of adjudicator to be made available to public)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 474 to 476, 510, 477, 478, 511, 479, 512, 513, 145 to 150, 208 and 151) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC81) (Enforcement of directors’ liabilities by shareholder action)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC82) (Enforcement of directors’ liabilities by shareholder action: supplementary)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC83) (Trade unions)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC76) (Expenditure on lobbying)—(David Howarth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC9) (Inspection of records of resolutions and meetings)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC13) (Saving for provisions of articles as to determination of entitlement to vote)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Seven o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

The Speaker then put the Questions on a new Clause and Amendments, moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Clause (NC14) (Computation of periods of notice etc: clear day rule)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 643 and 301) made to the Bill.

The Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 355) proposed to the Bill, in page 142, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

'( ) Nothing in this Chapter affects a provision of a company’s articles which provides for a resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting, or at a meeting of any class of members of the company, at which he was present (whether such resolution consists of one instrument executed by or on behalf of each such member or of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more such members) to be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting, or at a meeting of any class of members of the company, duly convened and held. A resolution in writing passed in accordance with such a provision of the company’s articles shall be treated as if it were a “written resolution” for the purposes of this Chapter.”—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Andrew Rosindell: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Tony Cunningham: 288.

The Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 443, 302, 348, 349, 444 to 446, 350 and 269) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.
6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) the people of Irlam and Cadishead, Manchester, for the licensing of all off road bikes;
(2) the Residents of Torridge and West Devon against changes to the Post Office Card Account; and
(3) Mr Stan White and other customers of Rothwell Post Office against changes to the Post Office Card Account
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do
now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);
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
to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.50 p.m.

APPENDIX I
Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Food,—Meat (Official Controls Charges) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2705),
dated 11th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]
[Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (Consequential Provisions) Order
2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers from the First
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order)
and nominated in substitution Kerry McCarthy.

2 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the First Standing Committee on
Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
Committee: Ed Balls, Mr Colin Breed, Greg Clark, Jim Cousins, Mrs Claire
Curtis-Thomas, Mrs Louise Ellman, Jeff Ennis, Mr Michael Fallon, Julia Goldsworthy,
Mr John Heppell, Mr Nick Hard, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Helen Jones, Andrew Selous,
Mrs Theresa Villiers, Mrs Betty Williams and Derek Wyatt.

3 Draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (Expansion of
Role) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jeff Ennis and
Anne Snelgrove from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation
(nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Shona
McIsaac and Mark Tami.

4 Draft Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on
Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the
Committee: Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mark Durkan, Mr Michael Foster
(Worcester), Mr Christopher Fraser, Linda Gilroy, Mr David Hanson, Lady Hermon,
Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Judy Mallaber, Robert
Neill, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell,
Joan Ruddock, Lynda Waltho, Mr Tom Watson and David Wright.

5 Code of Practice on Consent (Code 1) and the Human Tissue Act 2004 (Ethical Approval,
Exemptions from Licensing and Supply of Information about Transplants) Regulations
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Code and Regulations to the Third Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Clelland, Mary Creagh, Clive Eve, Dr Evan Harris, Huw Irranca-Davies, Andrew Mackinlay, Anne Main, Chris Mole, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mike Penning, Dr John Pugh, Jim Sheridan, John Smith, Jon Trickett, Mr Shabish Vara and Ms Rosie Winterton.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Adam Afriyie, Mr Ian Austin, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Tom Clarke, Jon Cruddas, James Duddridge, Angela Eagle, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Ivan Lewis, Shona McIsaac, Mr Stephen O'Brien, Dr John Pugh, Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Steve Webb.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 10014/06, relating to Voluntary Reduction ("Modulation") of Direct Farm Support Payments,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Daniel Kawczynski from European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution James Brokenshire.

8 European Union Document No. 10954/06 and Addendum 1 relating to Transport Policy,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document and Addendum: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Gauke, Stephen Hammond, Jane Kennedy, Mr John Leech, Mr George Mudie, Mr Lee Scott, Alan Simpson, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Mr Mark Todd.

9 European Union Document No. 9898/06 relating to Consultation on Fisheries Management Proposals,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Drew, Mr George Howarth, Chris Huhne, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Brooks Newmark, Andrew Rosindell, Dr Alan Whitehead, Bill Wiggin, Mr Roger Williams and Jeremy Wright.

10 European Union Documents No. 11902/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 11896/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Sustainable use of pesticides, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 European Union Documents No. 11399/06, No. 11660/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, and unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 10th October 2006, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to Financial Management, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

12 European Union Document No. 13347/06, relating to EU Enlargement: Bulgaria and Romania, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

13 European Union Document No. 12107/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to An EU strategy on the rights of the child, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-lxi] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The UK Government’s "Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy"], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1250-v] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 34-xxxii].

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Implementation of the Hague Programme and Improvement in police co-operation]; to be printed [No. 1614-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Michael Connarty].
4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Termination of the PFI contract from the National Physical Laboratory]; to be printed [No. 1618-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Science and Technology,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Research Council Support for Knowledge Transfer: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report, Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1653];

(2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Watching the Directives: Scientific Advice on the EU Physical Agents (Electromagnetic Fields) Directive: Responses to the Committee’s Fourth Report, Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1654]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Office of Science and Innovation Scrutiny Report 2006]; to be printed [No. 490-v] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Michael Connarty reported from the European Scrutiny Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee [Michael Connarty].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxxv] [David Maclean].

8 Transport,—(1) Tenth Report from the Transport Committee [Roads Policing and Technology: Getting the balance right], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 975];

(2) Eleventh Report from the Committee [Bus Services across 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. 1317];

(3) Twelfth Report from the Committee [Local Transport Planning and Funding], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1120]; and

(4) Fifteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06, on The Work of the Department for Transport’s Executive Agencies—Driver and Vehicle Operator Group and the Highways Agency]; to be printed [No. 1615] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Treasury Departmental Report 2006]; to be printed [No. 1659-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 195; WH, No. 128]

Wednesday 18th October 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.37 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (Expansion of Role) Regulations 2006.
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:
Police and Justice Bill,—The Lords agree to the Police and Justice Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Police and Justice Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Police and Justice Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 230].

5 Procurement of Innovative Technologies and Research Bill,—The Order for reading the Procurement of Innovative Technologies and Research Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.
Bill withdrawn.

6 Passenger Transport Authorities (Regulation) Bill,—The Order for reading the Passenger Transport Authorities (Regulation) Bill a second time on Friday 20th October was read and discharged.
Bill withdrawn.

7 Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill,—The Order for resuming on Friday 20th October the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 3rd March, That the Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill be read a second time, was read and discharged.
Bill withdrawn.

8 Companies Bill [Lords] (changed from Company Law Reform Bill [Lords]) [3rd allocated day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Companies Bill [Lords] (changed from Company Law Reform Bill [Lords]), as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (NC15) (Duty to provide information about exercise of voting rights)—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 435) proposed to the Bill, in page 604, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—
'(7) Regulations under this section shall be subject to public consultation prior to publication, and shall be the subject of a cost benefit analysis.'—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Simon Burns: 147.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jonathan Shaw: 253.

Another Amendment (No. 740) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 439) proposed to the Bill, in page 251, line 28, to leave out the words ‘knowingly or recklessly’ and insert the words ‘dishonestly or fraudulently’, instead thereof.—(Justine Greening.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Simon Burns: 121.
Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Ian Cawsey: 306.
Another Clause (NC86) (Circulation of liability limitation agreement)—(Jim Cousins)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 241, 242, 447, 243 to 245, 544, 545, 246, 546, 714, 547, 247 to 252, 548, 448, 213, 225, 449, 648, 549, 826 and 550 to 552) made to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC8) (Removal of special provisions about accounts and audit of charitable companies), (NC10) (Instruments creating charges and register of charges to be available for inspection), (NC11) (Instruments creating charges and register of charges to be available for inspection), (NC12) (Regulations about where certain company records to be kept available for inspection, (NC18) (Application of this Part), (NC19) (Relationship of this Part to Part 27), (NC20) (Mergers and merging companies), (NC21) (Draft terms of scheme (merger)), (NC22) (Publication of draft terms (merger)), (NC23) (Approval of members of merging companies), (NC24) (Directors’ explanatory report (merger)), (NC25) (Expert’s report (merger)), (NC26) (Supplementary accounting statement (merger)), (NC27) (Inspection of documents (merger)), (NC28) (Approval of articles of new transferee company (merger)), (NC29) (Protection of holders of securities to which special rights attached (merger)), (NC30) (No allotment of shares to transferee company or its nominee (merger)), (NC31) (Circumstances in which certain particulars and reports not required (merger)), (NC32) (Circumstances in which meeting of members of transferee company not required (merger)), (NC33) (Circumstances in which no meetings required (merger)), (NC34) (Other circumstances in which meeting of members of transferee company not required (merger)), (NC35) (Divisions and companies involved in a division), (NC36) (Draft terms of scheme (division)), (NC37) (Publication of draft terms (division)), (NC38) (Approval of members of companies involved in the division), (NC39) (Directors’ explanatory report (division)), (NC40) (Expert’s report (division)), (NC41) (Supplementary accounting statement (division)), (NC42) (Inspection of documents (division)), (NC43) (Report on material changes of assets of transferor company (division)), (NC44) (Approval of articles of new transferee company (division)), (NC45) (Protection of holders of securities to which special rights attached (division)), (NC46) (No allotment of shares to transferee company or its nominee (division)), (NC47) (Circumstances in which meeting of members of transferor company not required (division)), (NC48) (Circumstances in which meeting of members of transferee company not required (division)), (NC49) (Agreement to dispense with reports etc (division)), (NC50) (Power of court to exclude certain requirements (division)), (NC51) (Expert’s report: valuation by another person), (NC52) (Experts and valuers: independence requirement), (NC53) (Experts and valuers: meaning of “associate”), (NC54) (Power of court to summon meeting of members or creditors of existing transferee company), (NC55) (Court to fix date for transfer of undertaking etc of transferor company), (NC56) (Liability of transferee companies for each other’s defaults), (NC57) (Meaning of “liabilities” and “property”), (NC58) (Consequences of order imposing restrictions), (NC59) (Penalty for attempted evasion of restrictions), (NC60) (Relaxation of restrictions), (NC61) (Removal of restrictions), (NC62) (Order for sale of shares), (NC63) (Application of proceeds of sale under court order)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC64) (Registrar’s requirements as to certification or verification) and (NC65) (Meaning of “UK-registered company”)—(Vera Baird)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC66) (Application of Part 27), (NC67) (Court order for holding of meetings), (NC68) (Statement to be circulated or made available), (NC69) (Duty of directors and trustees to provide information), (NC70) (Court sanction for compromise or arrangement) and (NC71) (Powers of court to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC77) (Documents to be incorporated in or accompany copies of articles issued by company)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Four o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [17th October]—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining new Clauses and certain Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Clauses (NC78) (Resolutions to be forwarded to registrar), (NC79) (Obligations of company with respect to articles etc), (NC80) (Supplementary provisions where company’s constitution altered), (NC84) (Power to accept documents not meeting requirements for proper delivery), (NC85) (Documents containing unnecessary material), (NC87) (Treatment of reserve arising from reduction of capital),
(NC88A) (Company charges), (NC92) (The authorised minimum), (NC93) (Power to alter authorised minimum), (NC94) (Authorised minimum: application of initial requirement), (NC95) (Authorised minimum: application where shares denominated in different currencies etc), (NC96) (Company contracts and execution of documents by companies), (NC98) ("Non-cash asset"), (NC99) (Notice to registrar of existence of restriction on amendment of articles) and (NC100) (Statement of compliance where amendment of articles restricted)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 470, 471, 823, 472, 764, 718, 765, 719, 720, 473, 721, 766, 722, 688, 206) made to the Bill

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 790) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 13, to leave out Clause 22.—(James Brokenshire.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Liz Blackman: 304.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining Amendments and new Schedules moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 837 to 841, 791, 792, 689 to 698, 158, 804, 784, 159, 160, 767 to 769, 339, 553, 15, 442, 805, 615, 699, 616, 617, 214, 574 to 577, 618, 27, 578 to 581, 620 to 632, 649, 650, 700, 817, 582, 583, 819, 47, 806, 49, 635, 807, 701, 52, 637, 638, 459 to 463, 639, 640, 464, 465, 641, 642, 584 to 586, 226, 587, 227, 702 to 274, 228, 651, 275 to 281, 231, 69, 588, 589, 590, 652, 653, 72, 215, 281, 216, 74, 172, 173, 808, 79, 229, 230, 738, 739, 454, 455, 282 to 292, 217 to 219, 86, 232, 308 to 310, 657 to 659, 87, 660 to 663, 89 to 91, 827, 781, 735, 782, 741, 293 to 295, 785 to 787, 296 to 298, 520 to 529, 342, 343, 141, 345, 346, 703, 704, 667, 678, 99, 101, 669 to 671, 105, 673, 674, 480 to 483, 514, 515, 505 to 508, 516, 509, 220, 484, 466 to 469, 742, 174, 743 to 748, 175 to 187, 749, 783, 736, 188, 189, 233, 750, 190, 191, 504, 234, 192 to 194, 485, 221, 456 to 458, 299, 300, 486, 554 to 564, 253, 655, 828, 518, 829 to 832, 307, 833, 834, 487, 737, 517, 152 to 157, 519, 195 to 197, 317 to 326, 198, 327 to 335 and 809 to 815) made to the Bill.

Schedules (NS1) (Removal of special provisions about accounts and audit of charitable companies), (NS2) (Index of defined expressions) and (NS3) (Repeals)—(Margaret Hodge)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 199, 200, 565, 123, 566 to 569, 124, 570, 571, 450 to 453, 705, 572, 573, 835, 201 to 205, 336 to 338, 816 and 836) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Margaret Hodge, 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.

Margaret Hodge, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

9 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

And it being Six o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Legal Services,—Draft Association of Law Costs Draftsmen Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

3 Representation of the People,—(1) Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006;
   (2) draft Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006; and
   (3) draft Service Voters’ Registration Period Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Broadcasting,—Broadcasting Digital Terrestrial Sound (Technical Service) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2793), dated 18th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 17th March 2006, made by the Governing Body of Churchill College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2005–06, on Protecting and Preserving our Heritage [by Command] [Cm. 6947] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [21st June] from Mr D Scott and others for a moratorium on the prescription of Seroxat [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2383),—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

2 Draft Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Code of Practice on Consent (Code 1) and the Human Tissue Act 2004 (Ethical Approval, Exemptions from Licensing and Supply of Information about Transplants) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1260):
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Code and Regulations; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Andrew Murrison from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Code and Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen O’Brien.

4 Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1408),—The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

European Standing Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 10014/06 on Voluntary Reduction (“Modulation”) of Direct Farm Support Payments.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 837-lxii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [NHS Deficits]; to be printed [No. 1204-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Autumn Meetings of the World Bank and the IMF], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1622-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

[No. 196; WH, No. 129]

Thursday 19th October 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment (Twenty-eighth annual House of Commons Commission report),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 24th October.

[Adjourned at 3.48 p.m.]

Friday 20th October 2006.

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 Local Government and Planning (Parkland and Windfall Development) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government and Planning (Parkland and Windfall Development) Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question, That the Bill be now read a second time, was put and negatived.

4 Breastfeeding Etc. Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Breastfeeding Etc. 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 Monday 23rd October.

5 St. George’s Day Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the St. George’s Day Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

6 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd December, That the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 27th October.

7 Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.
8 Lighter Evenings (Experiment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lighter Evenings (Experiment) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 23rd October.

9 Breast Cancer Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th January, That the Breast Cancer Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 27th October.

10 Humber Bridge Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Humber Bridge Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th November.

11 Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dynamic Demand Appliances Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

12 Constitutional Reform (Prerogative Powers and Civil Service Etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Constitutional Reform (Prerogative Powers and Civil Service Etc.) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

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 27th October.

14 Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pharmaceutical Labelling (Warning of Cognitive Function Impairment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Steve McCabe);
And accordingly, the House having continued to sit until three minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd October.

[Adjourned at 3.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety.—Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2739), dated 12th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

2 Science and Technology.—Government Reply to the Sixth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2005–06, on Identity Card Technologies: Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence [by Command] [Cm. 6942] [Secretary John Reid]

3 Transport.—Department for Transport Minute, dated 20th October 2006, concerning a contingent liability in respect of air travel trust fund guarantees [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].
Monday 23rd October 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2383).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 European Standing Committee.—Sir John Butterfill reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10014/06, Draft Council Regulation laying down rules for voluntary modulation of direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1290/2005, and welcomes the voluntary modulation proposal as a means of providing additional funding for rural development programmes in the United Kingdom which will help meet the Government’s commitment to sustainable rural development, but supports the Government in wanting to ensure that the voluntary modulation rules operate in a way appropriate to the needs of the United Kingdom.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the charging of fees in respect of functions carried out under the Act; and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda.)

4 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Clauses (NC1) (Fostering), (NC2) (Monitoring: fees), (NC3) (Provision of vetting information), (NC4) (Meaning of relevant information in section (provision of vetting information)), (NC5) (Notification of cessation of registration), (NC6) (Cessation of registration), (NC7) (Declarations under sections (provision of vetting information) and (notification of cessation of monitoring)), (NC8) (Registers: power to apply for vetting information), (NC9) (Supervisory authorities: power to apply for vetting information), (NC10) (Supervisory authorities: notification of barring &c: in respect of children), (NC11) (Supervisory authorities: notification of barring &c: in respect of vulnerable adults), (NC12) (Prohibition of requirement to produce certain records) and (NC13) (Referals: findings of fact immaterial).—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC14) (Devolution: alignment)—(Mr Ivan Lewis)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC15) (Offences: other persons), (NC16) (Section (Offences: other persons): exclusions and defences), (NC17) (Offence holders: offences), (NC18) (Sections 12 and (offence holders: offences): checks), (NC19) (Personnel suppliers: failure to check), (NC20) (Devolution: Wales), (NC21) (Crown application), (NC22) (Controlled activity: regulations) and (NC23) (Transitional provision)—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 19, 206 to 210 and 20 to 27) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 201) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 21, at the end to insert the words ‘or did not intend to seek to engage in activity from which he knew he was barred.’—(Tim Loughton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Huw Irranca-Davies: 274.

Other Amendments (Nos. 28 to 33, 211 to 213, 34, 35, 214, 36 to 39, 215, 216, 40 to 45, 217 to 219, 46, 220 to 222, 47, 48, 223, 49, 224 to 228, 50 to 55, 229 to 231, 56 to 67, 232, 68 to 75, 233, 76, 234, 77 to 80, 235, 81 to 91, 236, 237, 92 to 97, 238 and 98 to 108) made to the Bill.
Schedules (NS1) (Transfers to IBB), (NS2) (Employment businesses: failure to check), (NS3) (Appropriate verification) and (NS4) (Transitional provisions)—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 109 to 138, 239, 139 to 169, 240, 171, 172, 241 and 174 to 191) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

5 Communities and Local Government.—Ordered, That Alison Seabeck be discharged from the Communities and Local Government Committee and Emily Thornberry be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Work and Pensions.—Ordered, That Mr Philip Dunne be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Mark Pritchard be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Fire and Rescue Services,—Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2790), dated 16th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

2 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc,—Registration of Births and Deaths (Electronic Communications and Electronic Storage) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2809), dated 20th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

3 Government Resources and Accounts,—Accounts of the Fleet Air Arm Museum for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1611] [Clerk of the House].

4 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Improving procurement in further education colleges in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1632] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Lottery,—Report and Financial Statements of the UK Film Council Group and Lottery for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1585] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Report of the Electoral Commission for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1613] [Clerk of the House].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th July] from Peter Price and others for speed restriction measures on Evington Lane, Leicester [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1408).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Bacon from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Lancaster.

2 European Union Document No. 10014/06, relating to Voluntary Reduction (“Modulation”) of Direct Farm Support Payments.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Mackinlay from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mrs Betty Williams.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government.—Fifth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee [Planning Gain Supplement], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1024-I] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Rural Payments Agency], together with Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 1071-vi] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Work of the Children’s Commissioners], to be printed [No. 1672-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Comptroller and Auditor General’s Standard Report on the Account of HM Revenue and Customs: Tax Credits]; to be printed [No. 1673-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Trade and Industry,—(1) Eighth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Export Credits Guarantee Department’s bribery rules: the Government’s response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2005–06], with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report; to be printed [No. 1670];

(2) Fifteenth Special Report from the Committee [Response to the Committee’s Third Report, on Trade and Investment Opportunities with India]; to be printed [No. 1671]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Local Energy Generation]; to be printed [No. 1664-ii] [Peter Luff].

[No. 199.]

Tuesday 24th October 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Drinking Vessels (Toughened Plastic),—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require that toughened plastic be used for drinking vessels in late night bars, public houses and clubs; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Frank Field, Peter Bottomley, Andrew George, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Mike Hancock, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Adam Holloway, Julie Morgan, Mr Ben Wallace and Mr David S. Borrow do prepare and bring it in.

2 Drinking Vessels (Toughened Plastic) Bill,—Mr Mark Lancaster accordingly presented a Bill to require that toughened plastic be used for drinking vessels in late night bars, public houses and clubs; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th November and to be printed [Bill 231].

3 Police and Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 2),,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Police and Justice Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 6th March 2006 (Police and Justice Bill (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be taken at this day’s sitting in the order shown in the first column of the following Table:

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3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any 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—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

4 Police and Justice Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Police and Justice Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 36.

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 Frank Roy, Claire Ward: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Jenny Willott: 263.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

And it being after half past Six o’clock, the Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining proceedings to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Lords Amendment No. 81.

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, Claire Ward, Mr Frank Roy: 313.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 272.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 82 to 85 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 71.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Mr Michael Foster: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Evennett: 220.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 82 to 85 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 71.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Mike O’Brien);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Steve McCabe: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Henry Bellingham: 217.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 10.

An Amendment ((c)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 18, to leave out the words ‘sub-paragraph (1) above’ and insert the words ‘this Schedule’, instead thereof—(Mr Tony McNulty).

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

The Speaker then put the remaining Questions necessary to bring proceedings to conclusion.

Amendments ((d) to (f)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment, as amended—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Steve McCabe: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Henry Bellingham: 216.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11.

Amendments ((b) to (g)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 12.

Amendments ((b) to (f)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13.

Amendments ((b) to (g)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14.

Amendments ((b) to (j)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 to 27, 42, 46, 53, 78 to 80, 86, 93, 101, 110, 112, 2 to 4, 6 to 9, 28 to 35, 37 to 41, 44, 45, 47 to 52, 54 to 70, 72 to 77, 87 to 92, 94 to 100, 102 to 109, 111 and 113 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1, 5, 36 and 81 to 85;

That Mr Alan Campbell, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Andrew Gwynne and Mr Tony McNulty be members of the Committee;

That Mr Tony McNulty be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Alan Campbell):—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 (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

6 Mental Capacity.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Independent Mental Capacity Advocates) (Expansion of Role) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 13th July, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.
Financial Services and Markets.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2383), dated 12th September 2006, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th September, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) the people of Worsley, Boothstown and Ellenbrook for the reinstatement of bus services;
(2) residents of South Essex and others against any loss of benefits under the Local Government Pension Scheme; and
(3) users of Post Office Card Accounts against the decision not to renew the contract for Post Office Card Accounts

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Police and Justice Bill.—Mr Tony McNulty reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Police and 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. 1 for the following Reason:—Because it would be inappropriate to change, in the way that the Lords Amendment would do, the provisions of the Police Act 1996 about making alterations in police areas by order.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 5 for the following Reason:—Because the clause removed by the Lords Amendment would improve the provisions about conditional cautions.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 36 for the following Reason:—Because it is appropriate for the United States of America to be a designated territory for the purposes of sections 71, 73, 84 and 86 of the Extradition Act 2003.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 81 for the following Reason:—Because the Lords Amendment, taken with Lords Amendments Nos. 82 and 83, could cause the United Kingdom to be in breach of existing international agreements and would unduly restrict its ability to enter into further ones.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 82 for the following Reason:—Because the Lords Amendment, taken with Lords Amendments Nos. 81 and 83, could cause the United Kingdom to be in breach of existing international agreements and would unduly restrict its ability to enter into further ones.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 83 for the following Reason:—Because the Lords Amendment, taken with Lords Amendments Nos. 81 and 82, could cause the United Kingdom to be in breach of existing international agreements and would unduly restrict its ability to enter into further ones.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 84 for the following Reason:—Because the Lords Amendment could cause the United Kingdom to be in breach of existing international agreements and would unduly restrict its ability to enter into further ones.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 85 for the following Reason:—Because it is appropriate for the United States of America to be a designated territory for the purposes of section 84 of the Extradition Act 2003.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.41 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances.—Nuclear Industries Security (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2815), dated 19th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minute, dated 24th October 2006, on the Transposition of the High Activity Sealed Radioactive Sources and Orphan Sources Directive [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Horserace Betting and Olympic Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Olympic Lottery Distributor for the period 8th July 2005 to 31st March 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1470] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Post-Legislative Scrutiny [by Command] [Cm. 6945] [Ms Harriet Harman].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petitions—

(1) [28th March] from residents of North Fambridge against the erection of a telecommunications mast at White House Farm, Ferry Road, North Fambridge, Essex; and

(2) [29th March] from Andrew and Julie Wright against the removal of children’s doorstep play areas in North Bretton, Peterborough [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Railways,—Paper, entitled Railways Closures Guidance [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the discussions of the Parliamentary Visitor Centre Sub-Committee of the Administration Committee at its meeting on 24th October (meeting held concurrently with the House of Lords Information Committee) [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee [Coastal Towns]; to be printed [No. 1023-v] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 837-lxii] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games]; to be printed [No. 1669-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06]; to be printed [No. 1655] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee on 23rd October [Skills in London]; to be printed [No. 1667-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

7 Environmental Audit,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government’s Reply to the Seventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee on Sustainable Development Reporting by Government Departments]; to be printed [No. 1681].
(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Eighth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee on Proposals for a draft Marine Bill], to be printed [No. 1682]; and

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Trade, Development and Environment: The role of DfID]

[Mr Tim Yeo].

8 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System], to be printed [No. 1675-i] [Mr John Denham].

9 International Development,—(1) Seventh Report from the International Development Committee [Humanitarian response to natural disasters], 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. 1188-I and -II];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1683-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Humanitarian response to natural disasters]

[Malcolm Bruce].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Ninth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Royal Mail Group], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1556]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Departmental Annual Report of the Department of Trade and Industry]; to be printed [No. 1684-i]

[Peter Luff]

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Services Authority: annual report scrutiny]; to be printed [No. 1594-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 199; WH, No. 130]

Tuesday 24th October 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Dave Watts); And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Code of Practice on Consent (Code 1) and the Human Tissue Act 2004 (Ethical Approval, Exemptions from Licensing and Supply of Information about Transplants) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1260). 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 Civil Aviation Bill in respect of which this House have insisted on their disagreement and agree without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu thereof; and they agree to the Amendment made by this House to the remaining Lords Amendment;

They disagree to certain Amendments made by this House to the NHS Redress Bill [Lords] for which disagreement they assign their Reasons; they agree to an Amendment made by this House with an Amendment to which they desire the Agreement of this House; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Commons Amendments.

4 NHS Redress Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendment and disagreements with Commons Amendments to the NHS Redress Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 234].

5 Local Planning Authorities (Energy Generation and Efficiency) Bill.—Colin Challen, presented a Bill to enable local authorities to make requirements for energy saving in local development plans and in the determination of planning applications; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th November and to be printed [Bill 232].

6 Mini Motos (Regulation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the regulation of mini motos; and for connected purposes: And that Anne Snelgrove, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Dr Nick Palmer, Helen Jones, Chris Bryant, Barbara Keeley, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Ken Purchase and Mr David Drew do prepare and bring it in.

7 Mini Motos (Regulation) Bill.—Anne Snelgrove accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of mini motos; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th November and to be printed [Bill 233].

8 Charities Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Charities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Amendments reflecting changes in company law audit provisions)—(Edward Miliband)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC3) (Property from trusts in residuary legacies)—(Martin Horwood)—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 Roger Williams, Mr Adrian Sanders: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Alan Campbell: 284.

An Amendment (No. 123) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, after the word 'religion', to insert the words 'or belief'.—(Dr Evan Harris.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Evan Harris, Kelvin Hopkins: 59.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Steve McCabe: 444.

Other Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 126) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 22, after the word 'not', to insert the words 'save in the case of section 2(2)(c),'.—(Mr Andrew Turner.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Henry Bellingham: 163.

Tellers for the Noes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Tony Cunningham: 341.

And it being after Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to Order [26th June].

Amendments (Nos. 5 to 12, 118, 13 to 16, 119, 120, 17 to 57, 121, 58 to 87 and 89 to 116) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Hilary Armstrong, 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.

Hilary Armstrong, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

9 Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be not committed.—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

10 Wireless Telegraphy Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be not committed.—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents and workers of the Dacorum district of Hertfordshire against the current consultation of the West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust; and

(2) residents of the Borough of Dacorum and others against planned changes to health provision of West Hertfordshire Hospital NHS Trust [two petitions]

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2808), dated 19th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

3 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Sea Fisheries: Vessel Modernisation and Decommissioning Schemes [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1636] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4 Health,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2005–06, on Independent Sector Treatment Centres [by Command] [Cm. 6930] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


6 Netherlands (No. 2, 2006),—Agreement, done at London on 26th June 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the Reciprocal Holding of Stocks of Crude Oil and/or Petroleum Products, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 6952] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Thirty-fifth, Fifty-second, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6924] [John Healey].

8 Treaty Series (No. 25, 2006),—Exchange of Notes, done at St John’s on 1st September 2005 and 1st March 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda extending the Agreement on the Transfer of Prisoners signed at London on 23rd June 2003 to the Isle of Man [by Command] [Cm. 6949] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Treaty Series (No. 26, 2006),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 21st April and 28th May 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation amending the Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation, done at Moscow on 2oth May 1996 [by Command] [Cm. 6950] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr James Clappison, Mr Tom Clarke, Jim Dobbin, Jeff Ennis, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Damian Green, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mark Hunter, Margaret Moran, Joan Ruddock, Joan Ryan and Mr Gary Streeter.

2 Draft Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Judy Mallaber and Joan Ruddock from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper, Mr David Kidney and Sarah McCarthy-Fry.

3 Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2685):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Richard Burden, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Philip Dunne, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Paul Goodman, John Healey, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr David Jones, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Fraser Kemp, Andrew Selous, Mr Andrew Smith, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr David Winnick.

4 Code of Practice on Consent (Code 1) and the Human Tissue Act 2004 (Ethical Approval, Exemptions from Licensing and Supply of Information about Transplants) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006, No. 1260).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mary Creagh from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Code and Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Devine.

5 Draft Big Lottery Fund (Prescribed Expenditure) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Richard Caborn, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Bill Etherington, Mr Mark Field, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Khalid Mahmood, John Mann, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Robert Walter and Mr Rob Wilson.

6 Draft Electricity Consents (Planning) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Brian Binley, Mr David Burrows, Maria Eagle, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Roger Goddard, Mr Mike Hall, Lady Hermon, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Mr Denis MacShane, Julie Morgan, Dan Norris, Mr Alan Reid, Andrew Rosindell, Martin Salter, Geraldine Smith, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Sammy Wilson.

7 Draft Code of Practice on the Treasure Act 1996 (Second Revision) England and Wales 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Code to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Peter Bone, Chris Bryant, Harry Cohen, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Mark Field, Mark Fisher, Barbara Follett, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Doug Henderson, Paul Holmes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr David Lammy, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Charles Walker and Richard Younger-Ross.

8 Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Michael Connarty, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Greg Hands, Chris McCafferty, Siobhain McDonagh, Rob Marris, Albert Owen, Mr Andrew Pelling, Bob Spink, Dr Desmond Turner, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Michael Wills.

9 Draft Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: John Battle, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mark Durkan, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr David Hanson, Lady Hermon, David Heyes, Mr David Lidington, Fiona Mactaggart,Mr Chris Mullin, Lembt Öpök, Mark Pritchard, Mr Ken Purchase, Andrew Rosindell, Emily Thornberry, Mr Ben Wallace, Lynda Waltho and Mr Iain Wright.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union Document No. 11510/06 and Addenda 1 to 13, relating to maritime policy, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 European Union Document No. 11755/06 and Addenda 1 to 12, relating to the authorisation of plant protection products, have 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 [Sustainable Schools]; to be printed [No. 1150-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment]; to be printed [No. 1686-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1688-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xxxx]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Michael Connarty].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Tourism in Northern Ireland and its Economic Impact and Benefits]; to be printed [No. 1687-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Child Support Agency: Implementation of the child support reforms]; to be printed [No. 1689-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport]; to be printed [No. 1506-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxxx] [David Maclean].

9 Transport,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Transport Committee [The Work of the Civil Aviation Authority], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 809].

(2) Fourteenth Report from the Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1354]; and

(3) Sixteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06, on Piracy]; to be printed [No. 1690] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales Office Annual Reports 2005 and 2006]; to be printed [No. 1674-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].

11 Work and Pensions,—Fifth Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Power to incur expenditure under Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999: new Employment and Support Allowance IT system], together with part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 18th October and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1648] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 200; WH, No. 131]

Wednesday 25th October 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.10 p.m.]
Thursday 26th October 2006

The House met at half-past Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—John Bercow reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1408).

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:

Violent Crime Reduction Bill,—The Lords agree to the Violent Crime Reduction Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Violent Crime Reduction Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Violent Crime Reduction Bill to be considered on Monday 30th October; and to be printed [Bill 235].

4 Fraud Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 12th June 2006 (Fraud Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.
2. Remaining proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion—

(a) two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, or
(b) at the moment of interruption, whichever is the earlier.
3. “Remaining proceedings” means any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading.—(Mr Mike O’Brien.)

5 Fraud Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fraud Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Abolition of offence of conspiracy to defraud)—(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 2, line 22, to leave out the words ‘occupies a position in which he’ and insert the words ‘by reason of position,’ instead thereof.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

6 A Citizens’ Agenda—Delivering Results for Europe,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 9390/06, Commission Communication: A Citizens’ Agenda—Delivering Results for Europe: and supports the Government’s view that it welcomes the principles behind ‘A Citizens’ Agenda’ and the Commission’s commitment to taking forward the Hampton Court agenda of delivering concrete results and benefits to EU citizens—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon);

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 Dave Watts, Mr Alan Campbell: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Selous, Andrew Rosindell: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Adjournment (Department for International Development’s White Paper).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

8 National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] shall be proceeded with as if it were a consolidation bill and Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills) shall apply.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 31st October, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Alexander relating to the Crossrail Bill not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 31st October, paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments) shall apply to the Motion in the names of Mr Alex Salmond and Mr Elfyn Llwyd as if the day were an Opposition Day; proceedings on the Motion may continue, though opposed, for three hours and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 30th October.

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Food and Environment Protection,—Draft Amendment to the provisions relating to public access of the Code of Practice for using Plant Protection Products [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Medicines,—(1) Medicines (Administration of Radioactive Substances) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2806); and

(2) Medicines for Human Use (Administration and Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2807), dated 19th October 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Road Tra—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2816), dated 21st October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


Other Papers:

5 Communities and Local Government,—Paper, entitled Strong and prosperous communities: The Local Government White Paper [by Command] [Cm. 6939-I and -II] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

6 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2005–06 [by Act], to be printed [No. 1637] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th July] from villagers from Leysdown, Warden Bay, Bayview, Eastchurch, Minster, Brambledown and Sheerness in the constituency of Sittingbourne and Sheppey for traffic safety measures on Jenkins Hill [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2 Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2685),—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

3 Draft Big Lottery Fund (Prescribed Expenditure) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
Strategic Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1408).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Tom Clarke and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Jane Kennedy, Fiona Mactaggart and Joan Ruddock.

Draft Electricity Consents (Planning) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Code of Practice on the Treasure Act 1996 (Second Revision) England and Wales 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Code of Practice.

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 10954/06 and Addendum I on Transport Policy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [New Media and the Creative Industries]; to be printed [No. 1091-vii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Health.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Responsibilities of the Minister of State for Delivery and Quality]; to be printed [No. 1691]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2006]; to be printed [No. 1692-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Liaison.—Third Report from the Liaison Committee [Estimates Memoranda], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1685] [Mr Alan Williams].

4 Science and Technology.—Seventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence Based Policy Making], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 900] [Mr Phil Willis].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2685).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Big Lottery Fund (Prescribed Expenditure) Order 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 European Standing Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10954/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication: Keep Europe Moving—Sustainable Mobility For Our Continent—Mid-Term-Review of The European Commission’s 2001 Transport White Paper; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents.
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill,—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd December, That the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill be now read a second time, be resumed on Friday 17th November.

6 Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and Carbon Dioxide Emissions Information) Bill,—Colin Challen, presented a Bill to introduce additional conditions on the display of information relating to passenger car carbon dioxide emissions in all promotional media relating to motor vehicles: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th November and to be printed [Bill 237].

7 Violent Crime Reduction Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Violent Crime Reduction Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 20th June 2005 (Violent Crime Reduction Bill (Programme)):

   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. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely: No. 27, Nos. 1 to 26 and Nos. 28 to 118.

   Subsequent stages

   3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any 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—(Mr Tony McNulty)—It was agreed to.

8 Violent Crime Reduction Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Violent Crime Reduction Bill.
   Lords Amendment No. 27 disagreed to.
   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 26 and 28 to 118 were agreed to.
   Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 27;
That Mr Alan Campbell, Michael Fabricant, Lynne Featherstone, Siobhain McDonagh, and Mr Tony McNulty be members of the Committee;
That Mr Tony McNulty be the Chairman of the Committee;
That three be the quorum of the Committee; and
That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

9 Adjournment (Energy supply).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Huw Irranca-Davies);
The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

10 Violent Crime Reduction Bill,—Mr Tony McNulty reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Violent Crime Reduction Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:
The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 27 for the following Reason:
Because the Commons do not consider that it is necessary or appropriate that the power of a local authority to make an order designating a locality as an alcohol disorder zone should be subject to the restriction proposed in the amendment.
The Reason was agreed to.
Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

11 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr David Anderson be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Ms Celia Barlow be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of the constituency of Taunton and others against the proposals to move the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office from its current location in Taunton was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27th October 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):


2 European Communities (No. 1, 2006).—Convention, done at Brussels on 8th December 2004, on 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 Convention on the Elimination of Double Taxation in Connection with the Adjustment of Profits of Associated Enterprises, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6957] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Probation,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Local Probation Boards (Appointment and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2664) [Secretary John Reid].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27th October 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Food.—Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2818), dated 23rd October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


8 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Shropshire) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2819), dated 24th October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

9 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2813), dated 19th October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].

10 Transport,—(1) Closures Guidance (Railway Services in England and Wales) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2836); and 


Papers withdrawn:

11 Probation,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Local Probation Boards (Appointment and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2664) [laid 10th October].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 30th October 2006:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

12 Mental Capacity,—Draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Loss of Capacity during Research Project) (England) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

14 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 30th October 2006, concerning the gifting of military equipment to the Afghan Government [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

15 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Report and Accounts of the Rural Payments Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1612] [Secretary David Miliband]; and 

(2) Resource Accounts of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1643] [John Healey].

16 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1537] [Clerk of the House].


18 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Termination of Tenancies for Tenant Default [by Command] [Cm. 6946] [Ms Harriet Harman].

19 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [13th July] from Respect for Animals and citizens opposed to the brutal slaughter of seal pups by Canada for legislation to prohibit the import of all seal products; and 

(2) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th July] from residents of Hemel Hempstead constituency against the Operator’s ‘Master Plan’ for Luton Airport [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
20 Treaty Series (No. 27, 2006)—Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, done at Strasbourg on 27th January 1999 and Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, done at Strasbourg on 15th May 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 6958] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


(2) Paper, entitled Security in retirement: towards a new pensions system: summary of responses to the consultation
[by Command] [Cmns. 6956 and 6960] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers, Jeff Ennis, Andrew Gwynne and Joan Ruddock from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Chris Bryant, Mr Robert Flello, Chris McCafferty and Siobham McDonagh.

2 Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2685).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Kevin Brennan from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Dave Watts.

3 Draft Big Lottery Fund (Prescribed Expenditure) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Don Touhig from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mark Fisher.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill.—First Special Report from the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill [The Crossrail Bill: Woolwich Station]; to be printed [No. 1597] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Case for the Human Rights Act]; to be printed [No. 1694-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The delays in administering the 2005 Single Payment System Scheme in England]; to be printed [No. 1696-i] and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [National Audit Office Supplementary Estimate (Refurbishment of the NAO)]; to be printed [No. 1697-i].

[Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 203.]

Tuesday 31st October 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 236].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hywel Williams reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Electricity Consents (Planning) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Code of Practice on the Treasure Act 1996 (Second Revision) England and Wales 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2006.

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:

Education and Inspections Bill,—The Lords agree to the Education and Inspections Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Violent Crime Reduction Bill,—The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Violent Crime Reduction Bill to which this House has disagreed.

London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill,—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That the promoters of the Bill should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the Bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament according to the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150A (Suspension of bills).

London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That the promoters of the Bill should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the Bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament according to the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150A (Suspension of bills).

Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Transport for London Bill [Lords], to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That the promoters of the Bill should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the Bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament according to the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150A (Suspension of bills).

Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords], to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That the promoters of the Bill should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the Bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament according to the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150A (Suspension of bills).

6 Education and Inspections Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Education and Inspections Bill to be considered to-morrow; and printed pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) and 78 (Lords amendments) on 30th October [Bill 238].

7 Termination of Pregnancy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the time limit for legal termination of pregnancy from 24 to 21 weeks, to introduce a cooling off period after the first point of contact with a medical practitioner about a termination, to require the provision of counselling about the medical risk of, and about matters relating to, termination and carrying a pregnancy to term as a condition of informed consent to termination, to enable the time period from the end of the cooling off period to the date of termination to be reduced; and for connected purposes—(Mrs Nadine Dorries);

And the Motion being opposed, after permitting a short 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, Anne Main, Mike Penning: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Evan Harris, Barbara Follett: 187.

So the Question was negatived.
8 Conduct of Government policy in relation to the war in Iraq and its aftermath.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that there should be a select committee of seven honourable Members, being members of Her Majesty’s Privy Council, to review the way in which the responsibilities of Government were discharged in relation to Iraq and all matters relevant thereto, in the period leading up to military action in that country in March 2003 and in its aftermath—(Adam Price);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognising that there have already been four separate independent committees of inquiry into military action in Iraq and recognising the importance of learning all possible lessons from military action in Iraq and its aftermath, declines at this time, whilst the whole effort of the Government and the armed forces is directed towards improving the condition of Iraq, to make a proposal for a further inquiry which would divert attention from this vital task’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Margaret Beckett.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question, pursuant to Order [26th October] and Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

Pete Wishart 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, Pete Wishart, Hywel Williams: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Mr Frank Roy: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the proposed words be there added;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Kevin Brennan: 294.

Tellers for the Noes, Pete Wishart, Mr Henry Bellingham: 264.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, recognising that there have already been four separate independent committees of inquiry into military action in Iraq and recognising the importance of learning all possible lessons from military action in Iraq and its aftermath, declines at this time, whilst the whole effort of the Government and the armed forces is directed towards improving the condition of Iraq, to make a proposal for a further inquiry which would divert attention from this vital task.

9 Crossrail Bill (Carry over).—Ordered, That further proceedings on the Crossrail Bill shall be suspended from the day on which this Session of Parliament ends until the next Session of Parliament;

That if a Bill is presented in the next Session in the same terms as those in which the Crossrail Bill stood when proceedings on it were suspended in this Session—

(a) the Bill shall be ordered to be printed and shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time;

(b) the Bill shall stand committed to a Select Committee of the same Members as the members of the Committee when proceedings on the Bill were suspended in this Session;

(c) the Instruction of the House to the Committee [19th July 2005] shall be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session;

(d) all Petitions presented in this Session which stand referred to the Committee and which have not been withdrawn shall stand referred to the Committee in the next Session;

(e) any Minutes of Evidence taken and any papers laid before the Committee in this Session shall stand referred to the Committee in the next Session;

(f) only those Petitions mentioned in paragraph (d) above, and any Petition which may be presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any proposed additional provision or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the Committee in the next Session, shall stand referred to the Committee;
(g) any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Committee in the next Session shall, subject to the rules and Orders of the House and to the Prayer of his Petition, be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents upon his Petition provided that it is prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents in favour of the Bill against that Petition;

(h) the Committee shall have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from day to day Minutes of Evidence taken before it;

(i) three shall be the Quorum of the Committee;

(j) any person registered in this Session as a parliamentary agent entitled to practice as such in opposing Bills only who, at the time when proceedings on the Bill were suspended in this Session, was employed in opposing the Bill shall be deemed to have been registered as such a parliamentary agent in the next Session;

(k) the Standing Orders and practice of the House applicable to the Bill, so far as complied with or dispensed with in this Session or in the Session 2004–05, shall be deemed to have been complied with or (as the case may be) dispensed with in the next Session;

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr Secretary Alexander.)

10 Crossrail Bill [Instruction] (No. 4).—Ordered, That it be a further Instruction to the Select Committee to which the Crossrail Bill is committed in the next Session—

(1) that it have power to consider—

(a) provision in connection with the reinstatement of facilities whose operation or use is discontinued because of the exercise of power conferred by the Bill;

(b) provision in connection with agreements relating to temporary possession and use of land subject to compulsory acquisition;

(c) provision in connection with prohibitions of or restrictions on the use of land imposed for purposes connected with Crossrail;

(d) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding works at West Drayton Yard, London Borough of Hillingdon;

(e) works at Old Oak Common Depot, Ilford Depot and North Pole Depot, including realignment of the railway between Old Oak Common and Ladbroke Grove;

(f) realignment of the railway between Westbourne Park and Royal Oak;

(g) the footbridge at Westbourne Park;

(h) the lowering of Eastbourne Terrace and Chilworth Street, City of Westminster;

(i) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding the acquisition of land at Hanover Square, City of Westminster;

(j) extension of the limits of deviation at Hanover Square, City of Westminster and at Charterhouse Square, Lindsey Street, Hayne Street and Long Lane, City of London;

(k) an additional ticket hall and other works at Bond Street Station;

(l) the construction of the works at Tottenham Court Road Station;

(m) alterations to the provision which is now made in the Bill regarding a shaft at Fox and Knot Street, London Borough of Islington;

(n) an additional ticket hall and enhancement of the existing ticket hall at Liverpool Street Station;

(o) the vertical alignment of the running tunnel beneath Stepney Green, London Borough of Tower Hamlets;

(p) a train reversing facility at West Ham;

(q) a barge loading facility at Instone Wharf, London Boroughs of Newham and Tower Hamlets, including a conveyor for construction purposes;

(r) alterations to the proposed Isle of Dogs Station;

(s) alterations to the tables in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule No. 8 to the Bill (disapplication and modification of heritage controls);

and, if it thinks fit, to make amendments to the Bill with respect to any of the matters mentioned above, and for connected purposes;

(2) that any Petition against Amendments to the Bill which the Select Committee mentioned in paragraph (1) above is empowered by that paragraph to make shall be referred to that Select Committee if—

(a) it is presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the day on which the first newspaper notice of the Amendments was published or, if that period includes any time during which the House is adjourned, or prorogued, for more than four days, not later than five weeks beginning with that day, and
(b) it is one in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents;

(3) that, in its application to Amendments of which the first newspaper notice is published after the date of this Instruction, paragraph 2(a) of Instruction (No. 2) [12th January] shall have effect with the insertion after 'is adjourned' of ' or prorogued'.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr Tom Harris.)

11 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th October, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

12 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 (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2685), dated 9th October 2006, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th October, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

13 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 Big Lottery Fund (Prescribed Expenditure) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 11th October, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

14 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

15 Voluntary Reduction (“Modulation”) of Direct Farm Support Payments.—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. 10014/06, Draft Council Regulation laying down rules for voluntary modulation of direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1290/2005; and welcomes the voluntary modulation proposal as a means of providing additional funding for rural development programmes in the United Kingdom which will help meet the Government’s commitment to sustainable rural development; but supports the Government in wanting to ensure that the voluntary modulation rules operate in a way appropriate to the needs of the United Kingdom—(Mr Michael Foster);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

16 Transport Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10954/06 and Addendum I, Commission Communication: Keep Europe Moving—Sustainable Mobility for Our Continent—Mid-Term-Review of The European Commission’s 2001 Transport White Paper; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster).

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.34 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Animals (Scientific Procedures),—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 2005 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1660] [Mr Secretary John Reid].

2 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1651] [Mr Secretary Hain].
3 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 31st October 2006, concerning the gifting of equipment to the Iraqi Government [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of Jobcentre Plus for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1650] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: Recruitment and Retention in the Armed Forces [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1633-4 and -II] [Clerk of the House].

6 National Lottery.—(1) Report, Accounts and Policy Directions of the New Opportunities Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1598] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];

   (2) Report and Accounts of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1584] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];

   (3) Report and Accounts of the Scottish Screen National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1638] [Mr Secretary Alexander]; and


7 Northern Ireland.—(1) Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Assembly for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1620]; and

   (2) Resource Accounts of the—

   (i) Department for Employment and Learning;

   (ii) Department for Social Development;

   (iii) Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure;

   (iv) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; and

   (v) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety—Health and Personal Social Services Superannuation Scheme, for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1610, 1619, 1607, 1616 and 1617] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [18th October] from the people of Irlam and Cadishead, Manchester, for the licensing of all off road bikes [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Reserve Forces.—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 56(1) of that Act [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Electricity Consents (Planning) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Roger Godsiff, Julie Morgan and Geraldine Smith from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen Byers, Mr David Drew, Mark Lazarowicz and Mr Ken Purchase.

2 Draft Code of Practice on the Treasure Act 1996 (Second Revision) England and Wales 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Harry Cohen, Mark Fisher, Michael Jabez Foster and Mr Doug Henderson from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Code) and nominated in substitution Mr Fabian Hamilton, Chris Mole, Mr Don Touhig and Dr Alan Whitehead.

3 Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Connarty from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 31st October [Mr Frank Doran].
2 Constitutional Affairs and Home Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs and Home Affairs Committees [Human Rights Legislation and Government Policy-Making], to be printed [No. 1703-i] [Mr John Denham]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committees [Human Rights Legislation and Government Policy-Making], to be printed [No. 1703-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Conventions.—Report from the Joint Committee on Conventions, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee; to be printed [No. 1212-I and -II] [Sir Malcolm Rifkind].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Caring for our Collections]; to be printed [No. 1624-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Policy Appraisal and RIA]; to be printed [No. 1698-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1683-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

7 Procedure,—Memorandum laid before the Procedure Committee [Application of the sub judice rule to proceedings in coroners' courts] [Mr Greg Knight].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Effects of Tax Increases on the Oil Industry]; to be printed [No. 1326-iii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Sixteenth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Response to the Committee's Sixth Report, on the Work of the NDA and UKAEA]; to be printed [No. 1699]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Local Energy Generation]; to be printed [No. 1664-ii] [Peter Luff].

10 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Seventh Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Current Restructuring of the Police Force in Wales: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1695]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate]; to be printed [No. 1658-i] [Martyn Jones].

11 Work and Pensions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [The Government's Employment Strategy]; to be printed [No. 1649-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Government's Employment Strategy] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 203; WH, No. 133]

Tuesday 31st October 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts);

And it being Two o'clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Wednesday 1st November 2006.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Locus Standi Reports,—Ordered, That the Reports of proceedings before the Court of Referees during Sessions 1991–92 to 2005–06 be printed [No. 1707].

2 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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 insist on certain of their Amendments to the Police and Justice Bill to which this House has disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reasons; they do not insist on certain of their Amendments and propose Amendments in lieu thereof; they agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by this House to certain of their Amendments; and they do not insist on their remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed;

The Lords agree to the Animal Welfare Bill with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Police and Justice Bill,—Lords Non-Insistence, Amendments in Lieu, Insistences and Reasons to the Police and Justice Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 241].

5 Animal Welfare Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Animal Welfare Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 240].

6 Registration of Off-Road Bikes,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require off-road bikes to be registered, and for connected purposes: And that Barbara Keeley, Anne Snelgrove, Chris Bryant, Natascha Engel, Lynda Walther, Mr Ian Austin, Jim Dobbin, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Andy Reed, Sarah McCarthy-Fry and Mrs Siân C. James do prepare and bring it in.

7 Registration of Off-Road Bikes Bill,—Barbara Keeley accordingly presented a Bill to require off-road bikes to be registered, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th November, and to be printed [Bill 239].

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Jack Straw relating to:—

(1) Legislative Process;
(2) Communications Allowance;
(3) September Sittings;
(4) Matters Sub Judice;
(5) Select Committee Evidence;
(6) European Standing Committees; and
(7) Short Speeches

not later than Seven o’clock; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

9 Legislative Process.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons on the Legislative Process (House of Commons Paper No. 1097); approves in particular the proposals for the committal of bills to committees with powers to take evidence to become the normal practice for programmed government bills which start in this House; agrees that this be achieved by Standing Orders through the programming process, with such committees having freedom to decide how many evidence sessions should be held; agrees that the notice period for amendments to bills to be selected for debate in standing committee should, subject to the discretion of the Chair, be extended from two days to three days; supports the renaming of the various kinds of standing committee along the lines proposed by the Committee; and endorses the proposals for the gradual development of improved documentation and explanatory processes relating to bills—(Mr Jack Straw);
10 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Northern Ireland.—That the draft Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th October, be approved.

Ayes: 250.
Noes: 226.

So the Question was agreed to.

Voluntary Reduction (“Modulation”) of Direct Farm Support Payments.—That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10014/06, Draft Council Regulation laying down rules for voluntary modulation of direct payments provided for in Regulation (EC) No. 1782/2003 establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, and amending Regulation (EC) No. 1290/2005; and welcomes the voluntary modulation proposal as a means of providing additional funding for rural development programmes in the United Kingdom which will help meet the Government’s commitment to sustainable rural development; but supports the Government in wanting to ensure that the voluntary modulation rules operate in a way appropriate to the needs of the United Kingdom.

Ayes: 247.
Noes: 226.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Legislative Process.—A Motion was made, and the Question being again proposed, That this House welcomes the First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons on the Legislative Process (House of Commons Paper No. 1097); approves in particular the proposals for the committal of bills to committees with powers to take evidence to become the normal practice for programmed government bills which start in this House; agrees that this be achieved by Standing Orders through the programming process, with such committees having freedom to decide how many evidence sessions should be held; agrees that the notice period for amendments to bills to be selected for debate in standing committee should, subject to the discretion of the Chair, be extended from two days to three days; supports the renaming of the various kinds of standing committee along the lines proposed by the Committee; and endorses the proposals for the gradual development of improved documentation and explanatory processes relating to bills:—It was agreed to.

12 Legislative Process (Standing Orders).—Ordered, That the following repeals of Standing Orders, new Standing Orders, and amendments to Standing Orders be made with effect from the start of the next Session of Parliament, and that references to standing committees in other orders and resolutions of this House be construed accordingly:

(i) Standing Orders repealed
Standing Order No. 84 (Constitution of standing committees)
Standing Order No. 91 (Special standing committees)
Standing Order No. 101 (Scottish Standing Committees)

(ii) New Standing Orders
Public bill committees
A.—(1) A public bill committee shall be appointed for the consideration of each bill committed to such a committee, subject to paragraphs (4) and (5).

(2) A public bill committee to which a bill is, or certain provisions of a bill are, committed by means of a programme order under Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions) shall have the power to send for persons, papers and records.

(3) A public bill committee given the power (under paragraph (2) of this order or paragraph (2)(b) of Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order)) to send for persons, papers and records may hear oral evidence at such meetings as the committee may appoint, and, unless the committee otherwise orders, all such evidence shall be given in public. The oral evidence shall be printed in the official report of the committee’s debates and the committee shall have power to report written evidence to the House as if it were a select committee.

(4) A Scottish public bill committee shall be appointed for the consideration of—

(a) each bill certified by the Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a public bill committee, and

(b) each bill committed to a Scottish public bill committee.
(5) The Committee of Selection may not nominate a public bill committee in respect of a private Member’s bill while proceedings in another public bill committee on a private Member’s bill are still active, unless notice of a motion in support of that nomination has been tabled by a Minister of the Crown:

Provided that, if a private Member in charge of a bill for which a public bill committee has been nominated informs the Committee of Selection that he does not intend for the time being to proceed with the committee stage of his bill, the committee may nominate another public bill committee; but in such cases the first public bill committee may not meet until the second public bill committee has concluded its proceedings.

General committees

B. The following committees shall be general committees:

(a) second reading committees;
(b) public bill committees;
(c) committees to consider bills on report;
(d) the Scottish Grand Committee;
(e) the Welsh Grand Committee;
(f) the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;
(g) the Regional Affairs Committee;
(h) Delegated Legislation Committees;
(i) the European Standing Committees.

(iii) Amendments to Standing Orders

Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business):
Leave out line 81 and insert the words ‘public bill committee’.

Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills):
In the title, at end add the words ‘not subject to a programme order’.
Line 6, after the word ‘motion’ insert ‘(a)’.
Line 7, leave out the words ‘or to a special standing committee’.
Line 10, after the word ‘Commons’, insert the words ‘; or’;
(b) to give a public bill committee to which a bill has been committed under this order the power to send for persons, papers and records’.

Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills):
Line 30, after the word ‘bill’ insert the words ‘and any evidence received by the committee’.

Standing Order No. 83A (Programming of bills):
Line 9, at the end insert a new paragraph:
‘(2A) A programme motion may not disapply paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. A (Public bill committees)’.

Standing Order No. 83C (Programming sub-committees):
Line 63, at the end insert the words—
Provided that the Chairman may allow a sitting at which oral evidence is heard to continue for up to a quarter of an hour beyond the time provided for in the resolution.’.

Standing Order No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees):
Line 29, at the end insert the words—
‘(iii) for the consideration of any bill a draft of which, or of parts of which, has been considered by a committee of this House, the Committee of Selection shall treat a Member’s membership of that committee as one of the qualifications to which it shall have regard.’.

Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees):
Line 6, after the word ‘sitting’ insert the words ‘and subject to the proviso in paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. A (Public bill committees)’.

Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees):
Line 26, leave out paragraph (3).

Standing Order No. 92 (Consideration on report of certain bills by a standing committee):
Line 4, leave out the words ‘standing committee’ and insert the words ‘committee to consider bills on report’ instead thereof.
Standing Order No. 97 (Scottish Grand Committee (bills in relation to their principle)):
Line 46, leave out the words 'Standing Committee (or to a special standing committee)' and insert the words 'public bill committee' instead thereof.
Leave out line 53 and insert the words 'public bill committee' instead thereof.

Standing Order No. 117 (Standing Committee on Regional Affairs):
Leave out the title and insert the words 'Regional Affairs Committee' instead thereof.
Line 2, leave out the words 'Standing Committee on Regional Affairs' and insert the words 'Regional Affairs Committee' instead thereof.

Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation):
Leave out the title and insert the words 'Delegated Legislation Committees' instead thereof.
Line 2, leave out the words 'Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation' and insert the words 'Delegated Legislation Committees' instead thereof.
Line 5, at the end insert the words '; and those instruments shall be distributed among the committees by the Speaker.'.
Line 15, leave out the words 'Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation' and insert the words 'Delegated Legislation Committee' instead thereof.

Standing Order No. 161 (Duties of Serjeant at Arms with respect to the public):
Line 14, leave out the words 'select and standing'.

(iv) Other amendments to Standing Orders relating to nomenclature
Leave out the word 'standing' and insert the words 'public bill', instead thereof, in the following Standing Orders, as indicated:
No. 12 (House not to sit on certain Fridays), line 22;
No. 63 (Committal of bills), lines 4, 15 and 30;
No. 73 (Report of bills committed to standing committees), the title and line 4;
No. 76 (Debate on bill reported from standing committee), the title and line 1;
No. 80A (Carry-over of bills), lines 41, 43, 51 and 54;
No. 83A (Programming of bills), lines 19, 25 and 30;
No. 83C (Programming sub-committees), lines 2 and 51;
No. 83D (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings in standing committee or in committee of the whole House), the title and line 2;
No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees), line 22; and
No. 120 (Business sub-committees), line 2.
Leave out the word 'standing' and insert the word 'general', instead thereof, in the following Standing Orders, as indicated:
No. 85 (Chairmen of standing committees), the title and lines 1, 7, 13, 15 and 20;
No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees), the title and line 9;
No. 87 (Attendance of law officers and ministers in standing committees), the title and lines 3, 17 and 20;
No. 88 (Meeting of standing committees), the title and lines 1, 10, 19 and 43;
No. 89 (Procedure in standing committees), the title and lines 9, 13, 16, 29, 34, 44, 51 and 55;
No. 92 (Consideration on report of certain bills by a standing committee), the title;
No. 93 (Scottish Grand Committee (composition and business)), line 1;
No. 102 (Welsh Grand Committee (composition and business)), line 1;
No. 109 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (composition and business)), line 1;
No. 117 (Regional Affairs Committee), line 1;
No. 119 (European Standing Committees), line 1; and
No. 152C (Tax law rewrite (joint committee)), line 23.
Leave out the word 'standing' in the following Standing Orders, as indicated:
No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees), line 4;
No. 92 (Consideration on report of certain bills by a standing committee), line 12; and
No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), lines 1 and 6.—
(Mr Jack Straw.)
13 Legislative Process (Notice for Amendments in Public Bill Committee).—A Motion was made and the Question being put, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, notices of amendments to bills committed to a public bill committee should be tabled not later than three sitting days, calculated in accordance with Standing Order No. 12(3) (House not to sit on certain Fridays), before the sitting at which they are to be considered—(Mr Jack Straw);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Huw Irranca-Davies: 323.*

Tellers for the Noes, Danny Alexander, Mr Adrian Sanders: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, notices of amendments to bills committed to a public bill committee should be tabled not later than three sitting days, calculated in accordance with Standing Order No. 12(3) (House not to sit on certain Fridays), before the sitting at which they are to be considered.

14 Communications Allowance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House welcomes the principle of establishing, from 1st April 2007, a separate Allowance for Members of Parliament to assist in the work of communicating with the public on parliamentary business and instructs the Members Estimate Committee to prepare a detailed proposal for such an allowance—(Mr Jack Straw);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Huw Irranca-Davies: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 199.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the principle of establishing, from 1st April 2007, a separate Allowance for Members of Parliament to assist in the work of communicating with the public on parliamentary business and instructs the Members Estimate Committee to prepare a detailed proposal for such an allowance.

And it being after Seven o’clock the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions relating to September Sittings, Matters Sub Judice, Select Committee Evidence, European Standing Committees (Temporary Nomination) and Short Speeches.

15 September Sittings.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the introduction of a procedure for the tabling and answering of written questions and the making of written ministerial statements during the summer adjournment, as adopted by the House on 24th July for the current session; accordingly reconsider the part of its resolution of 29th October 2002 endorsing the proposal for September sittings; and is of the opinion that the House should not sit during September (except pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of the House in certain circumstances))—(Mr Jack Straw);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 6, to leave out from the word ‘should’ to the end and insert the words ‘hold regular sittings for a period in September’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Winnick.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Peter Bone: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Huw Irranca-Davies: 354.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the introduction of a procedure for the tabling and answering of written questions and the making of written ministerial statements during the summer adjournment, as adopted by the House on 24th July for the current session; accordingly reconsider the part of its resolution of 29th October 2002 endorsing the proposal for September sittings; and is of the opinion that the House should not sit during September (except pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of the House in certain circumstances)).

16 Matters Sub Judice (No. 1).—Resolved, That this House approves the Second Report from the Procedure Committee (House of Commons Paper No. 714) on the Application of the sub judice rule to proceedings in coroners’ courts.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

* The number of Ayes has been altered from 223 to 323 in accordance with the Speaker’s direction on 2nd November.
17 Matters Sub Judice (No. 2).—Ordered, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament,
(1) the following Standing Order (Sub judice) be made:
   ‘42A. The Speaker, or the chairman, may direct any Member who breaches the terms of the sub judice resolution of the House to resume his seat.’; and
(2) the following amendment to Standing Order No. 89(3)(c) (Procedure in standing/general committees) be made:
   Line 40, after the word ‘repetition,’ insert the words ‘No. 42A (Sub judice).’—(Mr Jack Straw.)

18 Select Committee Evidence.—Resolved, That this House approves the Second Report from the Liaison Committee (House of Commons Paper No. 1271) on A New Publication Order for Select Committee Evidence.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

19 European Standing Committees (Temporary Nomination).—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 7th July 2005 relating to European Standing Committees (Temporary Nomination) shall continue to have effect until the end of the next Session of Parliament.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

20 Short Speeches.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, the following amendment to Standing Order No. 47 (Short speeches) be made:
Line 20, at the end add the words—
   ‘(3) The Speaker may call Members between certain hours to speak for a specified maximum time (not being less than three minutes) and during this time the reference to eight minutes in paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraph (2) shall not apply.’.—(Mr Jack Straw).

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Huw Irranca-Davies: 365.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Bob Spink: 62.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, the following amendment to Standing Order No. 47 (Short speeches) be made:
Line 20, at the end add the words—
   ‘(3) The Speaker may call Members between certain hours to speak for a specified maximum time (not being less than three minutes) and during this time the reference to eight minutes in paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraph (2) shall not apply.’.

21 Notices of Questions.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding sub-paragraph (a) of the proviso to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments), notices of questions for oral answer on Wednesday 22nd November may be given on Wednesday 15th November.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

22 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents of Brighton and others for the investigation of attacks on and killing of gay people in Iraq by the Badr Death Squads was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

23 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax.—(1) Real Estate Investment Trusts (Assessment and Recovery of Tax) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2867);
   (2) Real Estate Investment Trusts (Breach of Conditions) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2864);
   (3) Real Estate Investment Trusts (Financial Statements of Group Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2865); and


Other Papers:

3 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1538] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the—
   (1) Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery; and
   (2) Northern Ireland Social Care Council
      for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1676 and 1667] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5 Work and Pensions,—Paper, entitled Delivering on Child Poverty: what would it take? [by Command] [Cm. 6951] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, draft Service Voters’ Registration Period Order 2006 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Karen Buck, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Michael Jabez Foster, Simon Hughes, Mark Hunter, Daniel Kawczynski, Margaret Moran, Julie Morgan, Bridget Prentice, Mark Pritchard, Emily Thornberry, Mr Andrew Turner, Kitty Ussher and Angela Watkinson.

2 Draft Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck, Mr Ken Purchase, David Heyes and Emily Thornberry from the Sevenith Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Neil Gerrard and Dr Doug Henderson.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Document No. 10774/05 and Addendum 1, relating to European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

4 European Union Documents Nos. 11222/06 and 11228/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Implementing the Hague Programme on justice and home affairs, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Sustainable Schools]; to be printed [No. 1150-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Climate change: The “citizen’s agenda”], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1688-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee [The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment]; to be printed [No. 1686-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].
4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Fortieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xl];
   (2) Forty-first Report from the Committee [Implementing the Hague Programme on justice and home affairs]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xl]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence] [Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2005–06], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1371] [Mike Gapes].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Community Restorative Justice]; to be printed [No. 1706-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Delivering digital tactical communications through the Bowman CIP programme]; to be printed [No. 1708-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Research Council Institutes]; to be printed [No. 1307-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 35-xxxvii] [David Maclean].

10 Transport.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Ports Industry in England and Wales]; to be printed [No. 1700-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Bus Services across the UK]; to be published [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Government Actuary’s Departmental Annual Report and Resource Accounts 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1678-i]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Royal Mint Departmental Annual Report 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1679-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 204; WH, No. 134]

Wednesday 1st November 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jonathan Shaw.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

   The Lords disagree to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Road Safety Bill [Lords], for which disagreement they assign their Reasons; they disagree to an Amendment made by this House but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the agreement of this House; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Amendments proposed by this House.

   The Lords agree to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords], with Amendments, to which they desire the agreement of this House, and have made a consequential Amendment to the Bill, to which they desire the agreement of this House; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Amendments proposed by this House.

   The Lords agree to the Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords agree to the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Road Safety Bill [Lords].—Lords Disagreements, Reasons and Amendments in lieu to the Road Safety Bill [Lords] to be considered on Monday 6th November; and printed pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) and 78 (Lords amendments) on 30th October [Bill 242].

3 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] to be considered on Monday 6th November; and printed pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) and 78 (Lords amendments) on 30th October [Bill 243].

4 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill to be considered on Monday 6th November; and to be printed [Bill 244].

5 Division (Numbers incorrectly reported).—The Speaker reported to the House that in the Division on Wednesday 1st November relating to the Motion on Legislative Process (Notice for Amendments in Public Bill Committees) the numbers voting Aye had been erroneously reported as 223, instead of 323; and that he had directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly: Ayes 323, Noes 172.

6 Education and Inspections Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Education and Inspections Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 15th March 2006 (Education and Inspections Bill (Programme)).

   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. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely Nos. 30, 53, 46, 29, 6, 33, 47, 69, 2, 1, 3 to 5, 7 to 28, 31, 32, 34 to 45, 48 to 52, 54 to 68 and 70 to 239.

   3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any 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—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.

7 Education and Inspections Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Education and Inspections Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 30 and 53 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 46.
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, to leave out lines 7 to 19 and insert the words—

’(1) A pupil at a community, foundation or voluntary school shall be wholly or partly excused—
(a) from receiving religious education given in the school in accordance with the school’s basic curriculum,
(b) from attendance at religious worship at the school, or
(c) both from receiving such education and from such attendance,
if either of the conditions in subsection (1A) is satisfied.

(1A) The conditions are—
(a) that the parent of the pupil has so requested and the request has not been withdrawn, or
(b) that the pupil so requests and the local education authority is satisfied that he is competent to make such a request.’, instead thereof.—(Dr Evan Harris.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—The Amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 29.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment.—(Jim Knight)

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 325.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ken Purchase, Dr Evan Harris: 28.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 and 33 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 47.
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, at the end to insert the words—

’(3A) Regulations must prescribe remission policies to promote fair access to tuition in singing or playing a musical instrument.’.—(Sarah Teather.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—The Amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 69, 2, 1, 3 to 5, 7 to 28, 31, 32, 34 to 45, 48 to 52, 54 to 68 and 70 to 239 were agreed to.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes past Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th November.
[Adjourned at 5.16 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Compensation,—Draft Compensation Act 2006 (Contribution for Mesothelioma Claims) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Electricity,—Energy (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 424), dated 20th October 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].
Other Papers:

3 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1623] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4 Public Administration,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 2005–06, on The Ombudsman in Question: The Ombudsman’s Report on Pensions and its Constitutional Implications [by Command] [Cm. 6961] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, draft Service Voters’ Registration Period Order 2006 and draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 9898/06 relating to Consultation on Fisheries Management Proposals,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr George Howarth, Chris Huhne, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Brooks Newmark, Andrew Rosindell, Dr Alan Whitehead, Bill Wiggin, Mr Roger Williams and Jeremy Wright from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document).

3 European Union Documents Nos. 5047/06 and Addendum 1, and 5050/06 and Addendum 1, relating to Waste Prevention and Recycling,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gregory Barker, Roger Berry, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Tony Cunningham, Mr Adam Holloway, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Mr David Kidney, Dr Doug Naysmith, Gwyn Prosser, Andrew Rosindell, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Shaiieh Vara from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [NHS Deficits]; to be printed [No. 1204-iv] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 871-vi] [David Maclean].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Globalisation: its impact on the real economy]; to be printed [No. 1218-iv] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 205; WH, No. 135]

Thursday 2nd November 2006

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Immigration Control—Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 7th November.

[Adjourned at 4.52 p.m.]
Monday 6th November 2006.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [31st October] as relates to the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the promoters of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament according to the provisions of Private Business Standing Order 188A (Suspension of bills).—(Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [31st October] as relates to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

3 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [31st October] as relates to the Transport for London Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

4 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [31st October] as relates to the Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

5 Welfare Reform Bill.—Mr David Amess, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A and Orders [24th July], reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Welfare Reform Bill, in respect of Clauses Nos. 1 to 33, Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 and new Clauses relating to Part 1, and had directed him to report the Bill, as so far amended, to the House.

Bill, as so far amended in the Standing Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Hugh Bayley reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, the draft Service Voters’ Registration Period Order 2006 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee be laid upon the Table.

8 Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Grand Committee be laid upon the Table.

9 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords disagree to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Companies Bill for which disagreement they assign their Reasons; they disagree to an Amendment made by this House but propose Amendments in lieu thereof to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Amendments made by this House.
The Lords communicate that they have come to the following resolution:
That, if a Crossrail Bill is brought from the House of Commons in the next Session of Parliament, the Standing Orders of the House applicable to the Bill, so far as compliable with or dispensed with in this Session or in the Session 2004–05, shall be deemed to have been complied with or (as the case may be) dispensed with in the next Session.

The Lords agree to the Armed Forces Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

10 Companies Bill.—Lords Disagreements, Amendments in Lieu and Reasons to be printed pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) and 78 (Lords amendments) on 2nd November [Bill 245].

11 Armed Forces Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 246].

12 NHS Redress Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the NHS Redress Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 5th June 2006 (NHS Redress Bill [Lords] (Programme)):

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 being put:

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

13 NHS Redress Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message relating to the NHS Redress Bill [Lords].

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with Lords Amendment No. 4A, insists on its Amendments Nos. 5 and 16, and proposes Amendment ((a)) to the Bill in lieu thereof—(Andy Burnham);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Mr Dave Watts: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Michael Fabricant: 187.

So the Question was agreed to.

14 National Health Service Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be not committed—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

15 National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills) and Order [26th October], That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be not committed—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

16 National Health Service (Wales) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service (Wales) Bill [Lords].

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be not committed—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

17 Animal Welfare Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Animal Welfare Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 10th January and 14th March 2006 (Animal Welfare Bill (Programme) and Animal Welfare Bill (Programme) (No. 2)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

18 Animal Welfare Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Animal Welfare Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 70 were agreed to.

19 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the NHS Redress Bill [Lords] to which this House has agreed; they do not insist on their disagreement to the Amendments proposed by this House on which this House has insisted; and they agree without Amendment to the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu.

20 Police and Justice Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message relating to the Police and Justice Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5B to 5H were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment No. 36 but proposes Amendments ((a) and (b)) to the Bill in lieu thereof—(Secretary John Reid);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [24th October]:—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary to bring proceedings to a conclusion.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 81 to 84 but proposes Amendments ((a) and (b)) to the Bill in lieu thereof—(Secretary John Reid);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Jonathan Shaw: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Sir Robert Smith: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.
21 Treasure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Code of Practice on the Treasure Act 1996 (Second Revision) England and Wales 2006, which was laid before this House on 20th July, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.

22 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 Electricity Consents (Planning) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.

23 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 Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.

24 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 (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 12th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.

25 Road Safety Bill [Lords](Programme) (No. 2).—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 (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 12th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.

**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 being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.

26 Road Safety Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message relating to the Road Safety Bill [Lords].

Resolved, That this House does not insist on Commons Amendment No. 1 to which the Lords have disagreed and that Amendments (a) and (b) be made to the words so restored to the Bill—(Dr Stephen Ladyman).—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its Amendment No. 5 to which the Lords have disagreed and agrees to Amendments Nos. 5A and 5B proposed by the Lords—(Dr Stephen Ladyman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Liz Blackman: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Selous: 183.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the remaining Question necessary to bring proceedings to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [this day].

A Motion was made and the Question being put, That this House insists on Commons Amendment No. 6 to which the Lords have disagreed—(Dr Stephen Ladyman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Foster, Tony Cunningham: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Selous: 179.

So the Question was agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on Amendments Nos. 5 and 6 and for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 5A and 5B;

That Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Frank Roy and Mr Andrew Slaughter be members of the Committee;

That Dr Stephen Ladyman be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

27 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 19th June 2006 (Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords] (Programme)):

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 being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

28 Road Safety Bill [Lords],—Dr Stephen Ladyman reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on certain of the Amendments made by this House and for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Road Safety Bill [Lords], That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons insist on Amendment No. 5 and disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 5A and 5B for the following Reason:

Because it is undesirable to make regulations about retro-reflective tape when European and international legislation about it is being prepared.

The Commons insist on Amendment No. 6 for the following Reason:

Because it is undesirable for a custodial sentence not to be available on summary conviction of the offence of causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

29 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message relating to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments Nos. 153A, 237A and 250A were agreed to.

30 Companies Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 4),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Companies Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 6th June, 5th July and 17th October 2006 (Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme), Company Law Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2) and Companies Bill [Lords] Programme (No. 3));

Consideration of Lords Message

1. Any Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

2. Proceedings on that 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

3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any 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—(Mr Ian Cawsey).—It was agreed to.

31 Companies Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message relating to the Companies Bill [Lords].

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 245 and agrees to Lords Amendments Nos. 245A and 245B in lieu thereof.—(Margaret Hodge.)

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendments Nos. 671, 954 and 957.—(Margaret Hodge.)

32 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That—

(1) at the sittings this day and on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th 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;

(2) at the sitting on Wednesday 8th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until a Message from the Lords Commissioners has been received; and

(3) on Wednesday 8th November, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

33 Administration.—Ordered, That Mr Mark Harper be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Simon Burns and Mr Christopher Chope be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

34 Procedure.—Ordered, That Mr Jim Cunningham be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mrs Linda Riordan be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

35 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the citizens of Buckinghamshire and others for expansion plans for any community to be supported by improvements to health services was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

36 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell),

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

37 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.21 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3rd November 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety.—Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 425), dated 19th October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 6th November 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Constitutional Law.—(1) Draft Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) (England and Wales) Order 2006; and (2) draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 3) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

6 Administration of Justice.—Accounts of Funds in Court in England and Wales for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1709] [Clerk of the House].

7 Charities.—Accounts of the National Army Museum for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1693] [Clerk of the House].

8 Criminal Justice.—Report and Accounts of the Parole Board for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1661] [Secretary John Reid].

9 Dentists.—Report and Accounts of the General Dental Council for 2004 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

10 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Report of the Global Opportunities Fund for 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6955] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 Government Resources and Accounts.—Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of the Department of Health, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1680] [Clerk of the House].

12 Museums and Galleries.—Report and Accounts of the Natural History Museum for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1485] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


14 Pensions.—Report and Accounts of the Pension Protection Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1586] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

15 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-seventh, Sixtieth and Sixty-third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 6959] [John Healey].

16 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petitions [9th October, 18th October [2 Petitions] and 24th October] from users of Cuddington Post Office, in Cheshire, residents of Torridge and West Devon, Mr Stan White and other customers of Rothwell Post Office, and users of Post Office Card Accounts against changes to the Post Office Card Account [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
17 Social Security Administration,—Accounts of the Social Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1701] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2005–06]; to be printed [No. 1712], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Citizenship Education]; to be printed [No. 581-vii]

[Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The office accommodation of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and its sponsored bodies]; to be printed [No. 1713-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate]; to be printed [No. 1638-ii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

Examiners Of Petitions For Private Bills,—In pursuance of Standing Order 69 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills), the Speaker appointed David William Neal Ding, Esquire, to be an Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills.

Tuesday 7th November 2006.

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 do not insist on their Amendments to the Police and Justice Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they agree without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of those Amendments.

The Lords do not insist on their disagreements to certain Amendments made by this House to the Road Safety Bill [Lords]; they do not insist on their Amendments in lieu of one of those disagreements; and they agree without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House.

The Lords agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Charities Bill [Lords].

2 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill, it is expedient to authorise the making of provision under the Act in relation to income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax in connection with a transfer of property, rights or liabilities by or under an order under Part 1 of the Act.—(Mr Pat McFadden.)

3 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 9th February 2006 and 15th May 2006 (Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill (Programme) and Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill (Programme) (No. 2)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.
Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

4 Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 9 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That consequential Amendment ((a)) be made to the Bill—(Mr David Heath);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Adrian Sanders, Jenny Willott: 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Jonathan Shaw: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

Lords Amendments Nos. 10 to 29 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 19.

Lords Amendment No. 30.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Pat McFadden);

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 31 to 46 were agreed to.

5 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 19th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

6 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Service Voters’ Registration Period Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 19th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

7 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 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 19th October, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

8 Armed Forces Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 12th December 2005 (Armed Forces Bill (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Message

1. Any Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

2. Proceedings on consideration of any Lords Message that may be received shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

3. The proceedings shall be taken in the following order, namely any Lords Amendments relating to pardons for servicemen executed for offences committed during the First World War, any other Lords Amendments.

Subsequent stages

4. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.
5. 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 Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

9 Armed Forces Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 51, 65 and 1 to 46 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 47.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Derek Twigg);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Amendments, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 48 to 50, 52 to 64 and 66 to 77 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 55.

10 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of King’s Lynn, West Norfolk and other parts of East Anglia for legislation to ban the retail sale of fireworks was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jonathan Shaw);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.12 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Extradition,—Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

2 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Consumer Protection,—(1) Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2907); and

(2) Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2916), dated 6th November 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Immigration,—(1) Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Prescribed Forms and Procedures) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2899), dated 31st October 2006 [by Act]; and

(2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1702], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].
6 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Pension Scheme and Compensation for Premature Retirement) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2919), dated 6th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 National Lottery,—National Lottery Distributors Dissolution Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2915), dated 5th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Pensions,—(1) Draft Code of Practice No. 10 by the Pensions Regulator on Modification of subsisting rights [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton]; and

(2) Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2914), dated 6th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

9 Social Security,—Social Security (National Insurance Numbers) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2897), dated 1st November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

10 Companies,—Report to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry by the Professional Oversight Board for 2005-06 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

11 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Reform of the Coroners' System and Death Certification; and

(2) Government Response to the Fifteenth Report from the House of Lords Constitution Committee, Session 2005–06, on Waging War: Parliament's role and responsibility

[by Command] [Cm. 6943 and 6923] [Ms Harriet Harman].

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Accounts of National Savings and Investments Products for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1668] [Ed Balls]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Department for Work and Pensions for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1710] [John Healey].

13 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Milk Development Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1587] [Secretary David Miliband].

14 Northern Ireland,—Paper, entitled Devolving Policing and Justice in Northern Ireland: A Discussion Paper [by Command] [Cm. 6963] [Mr Secretary Hain].

15 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [24th October] from the people of Worsley, Boothstown and Ellenbrook for the reinstatement of bus services [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

European Standing Committees

1 European Union Document No. 10755/06, relating to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, has been referred to European Standing Committee B, in place of No. 10774/05 referred to the Committee on 1st November.

2 European Union Document No 13104/06, relating to the Fundamental rights and citizenship programme, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

3 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 2nd November 2006, submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, relating to the EU-China relationship, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

4 European Union Document SEC(06) 1195/4, relating to EC action on health services, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.
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Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [New media and the creative industries]; to be printed [No. 1091-viii]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [DCMS Annual Report 2006 and responsibilities of the Secretary of State]; to be printed [No. 1551-i]

[Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Defence.—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Bill: proposal for a Service Complaints Commissioner]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1711]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the manufacturing and skills base]; to be printed [No. 1705-i]

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Environmental Audit Committee.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Outflanked: The World Trade Organisation, international trade and sustainable development], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1455];

(2) Twelfth Report from the Committee [Transport Emissions: Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report on Reducing Carbon Emissions from Transport], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1718]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Policy Appraisal and RIAs]; to be printed [No. 1698-ii]

[Mr Tim Yeo].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Forty-second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-xlii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Ministerial Correspondence]

[Michael Connarty].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System]; to be printed [No. 1675-ii] [Mr John Denham].

6 Human Rights.—(1) Thirtieth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Government Response to the Committee’s Nineteenth Report of this Session: The UN Convention Against Torture (UNCAT)]; together with an Appendix, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1714];

(2) Thirty-first Report from the Committee [Legislative Scrutiny: Final Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1715]; and

(3) Thirty-second Report from the Committee [The Human Rights Act: The DCA and Home Office Reviews], 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. 1716]

[Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade and investment opportunities with Brazil]; to be printed [No. 1719-i] [Peter Luff].

8 Treasury.—(1) Twelfth Report from the Treasury Committee [Financial inclusion: credit, savings, advice and insurance], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 848].
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Financial inclusion: credit, savings, advice and insurance]; and

(3) Thirteenth Report from the Committee ["Banking the unbanked": banking services, the Post Office Card Account, and financial inclusion], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1717]

[Mr John McFall]

[No. 207; WH, No. 136]

Tuesday 7th November 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Tony Cunningham).

And it being Two o'clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 208.]

Wednesday 8th November 2006.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on Standards and Privileges be printed [No. 1704].

2 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—

Civil Aviation Act 2006
Fraud Act 2006
Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006
Parliamentary Costs Act 2006
Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006
Emergency Workers (Obstruction) Act 2006
Education and Inspections Act 2006
National Health Service Act 2006
National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006
National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006
NHS Redress Act 2006
Animal Welfare Act 2006
Companies Act 2006
Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
Police and Justice Act 2006
Road Safety Act 2006
Charities Act 2006
Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006
Armed Forces Act 2006.
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 pursued policies which entrench stability and promote long-term growth and prosperity. My Government has secured low inflation and sound public finances.

My Government has continued its programme of reform of the public services to promote opportunity and fairness. Legislation was brought forward in the key areas of public service delivery: education; health; welfare; and crime.

Education has remained my Government’s main priority. An Act has been passed to increase diversity and choice in the provision of schooling, ensure fair access, and build on the progress already made to improve educational standards for all.

Legislation has been enacted to offer greater support for working families by extending maternity and adoption pay, paternity leave, and rights to flexible working.

My Government has continued to reform the National Health Service in a way that maintains its founding principles. An Act has been passed to make healthcare provision more responsive to the needs of patients, improve hospital hygiene and enable the restriction of smoking in enclosed public places and workplaces.

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Legislation has been introduced to facilitate a return to employment for people with health conditions, while offering long-term support for those unable to work, and to reform housing benefit.

My Government has begun long-term reform to provide sustainable income for those in retirement.

An Act has been passed to improve protection of consumers by bringing home reversion and home purchase plans within the scope of the Financial Services Authority.

My Government remains committed to creating safe and secure communities and fostering a culture of respect.

Legislation has been enacted to enable an identity cards scheme to be introduced.

An Act has been passed that gives police and local communities new powers to tackle knives, guns and alcohol-related violence.

Further legislation has been enacted to tighten the immigration and asylum system in a way that is fair, flexible, and in the economic interests of the country.

An Act has been passed which will continue the fight against terrorism in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

Legislation has been enacted to reform the criminal defence service, making better use of legal aid resources.

My Government believes that the welfare of the child is paramount. An Act has been passed to prevent those deemed unsuitable from gaining access to children or vulnerable adults through their work.

Legislation has been enacted to safeguard the welfare of children in circumstances of parental separation and to improve the process of inter-country adoption.

An Act has been passed that modernises charity law, to develop a vibrant, diverse and independent charitable sector.

Legislation has been brought forward to introduce an offence of corporate manslaughter.

An Act has been passed to tackle those who incite religious hatred.

Legislation has been enacted to combat discrimination and to establish the Commission for Equality and Human Rights.

My Government has taken action to achieve sustainable development and support rural services.

Legislation has been enacted to ensure the better management and protection of the natural environment and to provide support for rural communities.
An Act has been passed to modernise the management of common land.

Legislation has been enacted to help reduce casualties on the roads.

My Government is committed to promoting efficiency, productivity and value for money. An Act has been passed to streamline regulatory structures and make it simpler to remove outdated or unnecessary legislation.

Consumer credit law has been updated and will provide greater protection for consumers and create a fairer, more competitive credit market.

Company law has been reformed to encourage greater levels of investment and enterprise.

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 devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales, and has continued to work to bring about the conditions necessary for the restoration of devolved institutions in Northern Ireland.

Legislation has been enacted to encourage greater voter participation in elections while introducing further measures to combat fraud and increase security.

An Act has also been passed to reform the National Assembly for Wales.

As London was selected to host the 2012 Olympic Games, an Act has been passed to establish the necessary powers to deliver the Games, and to meet the requirements of the International Olympic Committee.

My Government has established a single system of service law for the Armed Forces.

Legislation has been passed to ratify the treaty of accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the European Union.

Draft legislation has been published on the reforms to legal services, the courts and tribunals and to the coroner system.

Other important measures have been enacted.

My Government has continued to play its full part in international affairs.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to pay a visit to Canada and then a State visit to Malta, before the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. We were pleased to visit Australia for the opening of the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, followed by our State visit to Singapore. We were also pleased to pay State visits to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia last month. And we were pleased to receive Their Majesties King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway, and President Hu Jintao of China and President Lula da Silva of Brazil.

The United Kingdom held the Presidency of the European Union between July and December 2005, during which time my Government worked to build an increasingly prosperous and secure Europe.

My Government used its Presidency of the G8 to secure progress in tackling poverty in Africa and climate change.

My Government has continued to push for a resolution of the conflict in Darfur.

My Government has continued to work to prevent terrorism and the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, and to combat drug smuggling and international crime.

My Government has worked to strengthen commitment to the continued effectiveness of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and has continued to contribute to a modern and representative United Nations.

My Government worked to secure a successful outcome from the United Nations Review Summit and continues to strive for a successful conclusion to the Doha round of World Trade Organisation talks.

In Iraq, my Government has supported the election of a new Parliament and the formation of a Government of National Unity, based on the permanent new Constitution written and agreed by the people of Iraq.

My Government has continued to assist the Government of Afghanistan including in its counter-narcotics efforts, and to support better standards of governance throughout the world. Peace in the Middle East remains one of my Government’s highest priorities.
My Government has worked to deepen and develop the strong partnership between Europe and the United States in order to meet these objectives.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons
I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

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 fifteenth day of this instant November, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the fifteenth day of November.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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1 Agriculture,—Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2921), dated 7th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 County Courts,—Civil Courts (Amendment No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2920), dated 7th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

3 Road Traffic,—M53 Motorway (Bidston Moss Viaduct) (50 Miles per Hour Speed Limit) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2912), dated 6th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


Other Papers:

5 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Report on Research and Development Work Relating to Assistive Technology for 2005–06 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Report on an inspection of Community Safety Partnerships [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Northern Ireland,—(1) Report and Statement of Accounts of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland;
   (2) Resource Accounts of the—
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      (ii) Department of Education; and
      (iii) Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation; and
   (3) Statements of the Department of Education—Teachers' Superannuation Scheme for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1609, 1628, 1606, 1608 and 1621] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Special EU Programmes Body for 2003, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1644] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Parliamentary Papers,—Alphabetical index to the Bills, House of Commons Papers and Command Papers in the House of Commons set of parliamentary papers with notes on the volume arrangement and summary of legislation, Session 2003–06, Fifty-fourth Parliament, First Session, 54th and 55th Elizabeth II, 11th May 2005 to 8th November 2006; to be printed [No. 1721] [The Speaker].
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1 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [*Active Diplomacy for a Changing World: The FCO’s Strategic Priorities*]; to be printed [No. 1720-i] [Mike Gapes].

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