
[No. 1.]
Wednesday 15th November 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Mr Speaker,

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

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

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

2 Speaker’s Statement.—The Speaker made a Statement to the House.

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

4 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 pursue policies aimed at meeting the challenges which the United Kingdom faces at home and abroad.

A stable economy is the foundation of a fair and prosperous society. My Government will continue to maintain low inflation, sound public finances and high employment.

At the heart of my Government’s programme will be further action to provide strong, secure and stable communities, and to address the threat of terrorism.

My Government will put victims at the heart of the criminal justice system, support the police and all those responsible for the public’s safety, and proceed with the development of ID cards.

A Bill will be brought forward for the next stage of reform of the criminal justice system, giving the police and probation services new powers to protect the public from violent offenders and anti-social behaviour.

Legislation will be introduced to improve the way that offenders are managed and supervised.

Measures will be brought forward to give law enforcement agencies new powers to combat serious and organised crime.

A Bill will be introduced to provide the immigration service with further powers to police the country’s borders, tackle immigration crime, and to make it easier to deport those who break the law.

A Bill will be introduced to provide for trials without a jury in serious fraud cases.
Legislation will be brought forward to improve the administration of justice by reforming the tribunal system, the qualifications for judicial appointment and the enforcement of judgments.

My Government will publish a Bill on climate change as part of its policy to protect the environment, consistent with the need to secure long-term energy supplies.

My Government will continue its investment in, and reforms of, the public services in order to improve further their effectiveness and to help the most vulnerable members of society.

My Government will take forward legislation to reform the welfare system, and to reduce poverty.

A Bill will be introduced to improve the system of child support.

A Bill will be introduced providing for long-term reform of pensions.

Legislation will provide for free off-peak local bus travel for pensioners and disabled people.

My Government’s programme of educational reform will continue to raise standards in schools to help all children achieve their full potential.

A Bill will be introduced to reform the Further Education system so that it can better equip people with the skills that they and the economy need.

My Government will carry through the modernisation of healthcare based on the founding principles of the National Health Service.

A Bill will be introduced to provide a better framework for treating people with mental disorders.

Draft proposals will be published to reform the regulation of human embryology.

A draft Bill will be published to tackle road congestion and to improve public transport.

My Government will publish proposals to reform the planning system.

Legislation will provide for improved arrangements for consumer advocacy and for the regulation of estate agents.

My Government will also continue its programme of reform to provide institutions that better serve a modern democracy. It will work to build a consensus on reform of the House of Lords and will bring forward proposals.

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Bills will provide for reform of local government and enhanced powers for the Mayor and Assembly for London.

Legislation will be introduced to create an independent board to enhance confidence in Government statistics.

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 work closely with the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales.

My Government will work towards the restoration of devolution in Northern Ireland, including by bringing forward legislation.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to our State Visit to the United States of America in May 2007 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown Settlement. We also look forward to receiving the President of Ghana and Mrs Kufuor.

My Government remains committed to peace in the Middle East. It will continue to work to find a lasting settlement between Israel and the Palestinians, to support the new Iraqi Government in its efforts to build an enduring constitutional settlement, and to assist the Government of Afghanistan.

My Government will work with the United Nations and European Union partners to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction, including addressing international concerns over North Korea and Iran, and to promote good governance.

My Government will continue to work to build an effective and globally competitive European Union and will also work to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

My Government will contribute to a modern and inclusive United Nations and will work to take forward the World Trade Organisation Doha talks.

My Government will continue its focus on Africa, including by seeking a resolution to the crisis in Darfur. I look forward to visiting Kampala next year for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.
My Government will work to foster a strong partnership between Europe and the United States of America in order to meet these objectives. Other measures will be laid before you. My Lords and Members of the House of Commons I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

5 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:
Most Gracious Sovereign,
We, Your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.—(Alun Michael);
Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Jonathan Shaw.)
Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

6 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.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.16 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned date during the Prorogation of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):
Monday 15th November 2006


Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the Prorogation of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
Thursday 9th November 2006

2 Defence,—(1) Royal Marines Terms of Service Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2917); and
(2) Royal Navy Terms of Service (Ratings) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2918) dated 3rd November 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Des Browne].


4 Health Care and Associated Professions,—General Optical Council (Continuing Education and Training) (Amendment No. 2) Rules Order of Council 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2901), dated 30th October 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Friday 10th November 2006

7 Employment and Training,—Employment Equality (Age) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2931), dated 9th November 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Gender Equality,—Draft Code of Practice on Gender Equality Duty [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Monday 13th November 2006

10 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2933), dated 8th November 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 15th November 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

11 Corporation Tax,—Draft Taxation of Securitisation Companies Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

12 National Health Service,—Draft Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

13 Pensions,—Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

14 Petroleum,—Draft Petroleum Act 1998 (Third Party Access) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


16 Food,—Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2904), dated 3rd November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

17 Road Traffic,—Motor Cycles Etc. (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2935), dated 9th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

18 United Nations,—(1) Al-Qaida and Taliban (United Nations Measures) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2952); and

(2) North Korea (United Nations Measures) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2958), dated 14th November 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Other Papers:

19 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 15th November 2006, concerning a contingent liability for “Whistler in Moscow” [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

20 Government Resources and Accounts,—Accounts of the Royal Air Force Museum for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 38] [Clerk of the House].

21 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Delivering successful IT-enabled business change, with case studies [by Act]; to be printed [No. 33-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

22 Northern Ireland,—Resource Accounts of the—

(1) Department for Regional Development;

(2) Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment;

(3) Department of Environment;

(4) Department of Finance and Personnel;

(5) Department of Finance and Personnel North/South Pension Scheme;
(6) Department of Finance and Personnel—Superannuation and Other Allowances;
(7) Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister; and
(8) Public Income and Expenditure of Northern Ireland
for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern
Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 13, 8, 9, 10, 12, 11, 14
and 3] [Mr Secretary Hain].

[Bridget Prentice].

24 Public Petitions,—Observations by—
(1) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition
[1st March] from residents of Canvey Island and others against an application to build
twelve flats at the corner of Somnes Avenue and Maple Avenue;
(2) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition
[24th April] from residents of Canvey Island and surrounding areas against a proposed
change in use of the Canvey Calor Gas site;
(3) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition
[10th July] from residents of Benfleet, Essex, and others against the proposed
development of a military style assault course near Rivenhall;
(4) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition
[11th July] from the residents of Thundersley and Benfleet against the storage of
hazardous asbestos waste in their area;
(5) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition
[18th July] from citizens of Buckinghamshire and others for the provision of
infrastructure improvements to support local development; and
(6) the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [25th July]
from the North Riding Infirmary Campaign for action to save the North Riding
Infirmary
[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

25 Treaty Series (No. 30, 2006),—Convention, done at London on 2nd February 2006, between
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Japan for the Avoidance
of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on
Income and on Capital Gains [by Command] [Cm. 6980] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Recruitment and retention in the armed forces: Minutes of Evidence taken
before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 43-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 2.]

Thursday 16th November 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Select Committees,—Ordered, That, in this Session of Parliament, the Minutes of
Proceedings of the following select committees, together with the Minutes of
Proceedings of any sub-committees which they may appoint, be laid upon the Table
from time to time; and be published:
Committees appointed under Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to
government departments),
Administration Committee,
Environmental Audit Committee,
European Scrutiny Committee,
Finance and Services Committee,
Liaison Committee,
Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons,
Procedure Committee,
Committee of Public Accounts,
Select Committee on Public Administration,
Regulatory Reform Committee,
Select Committee on Statutory Instruments,
Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments,
Joint Committee on Human Rights.

2 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 and second time without Question put, and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee in respect of Clauses Nos. 34 to 69 and Schedules Nos. 5 to 8, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills) and Order [24th July 2006]; and ordered to be printed [Bill 1].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Welfare Reform Bill be printed [Bill 1–EN].

3 Crossrail Bill.—Mr Secretary Alexander, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Secretary David Miliband and Mr Tom Harris 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 read the first and second time without Question put, and stood committed to a select committee, pursuant to Order [31st October 2006]; and ordered to be printed [Bill 2].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Crossrail Bill be printed [Bill 2–EN].

4 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill.—Secretary Tessa Jowell, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Mr Secretary Hutton, Mr Secretary Alexander, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Shaun Woodward and Margaret Hodge presented a Bill to make provision about the disclosure of certain information for purposes connected with digital switchover: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 20th November and to be printed [Bill 3].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill be printed [Bill 3–EN].

5 Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses Bill.—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hain, Mr Secretary Alexander, Mr Stephen Timms, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey, Ed Balls and Margaret Hodge, presented a Bill to confer power on the Financial Services Authority to disallow excessive regulatory provision by recognised investment exchanges and clearing houses; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 20th November and to be printed [Bill 4].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses Bill be printed [Bill 4–EN].

6 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 and second time without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills) and Order [10th October 2006]; and ordered to be considered on Monday 20th November and to be printed [Bill 5].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill be printed [Bill 5–EN].

7 Fraud (Trials Without a Jury) Bill.—Secretary John Reid, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Ms Secretary Hewitt, the Solicitor General and Joan Ryan, presented a Bill to make amendments of and in relation to section 43 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 20th November and to be printed [Bill 6].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Fraud (Trials Without a Jury) Bill be printed [Bill 6–EN].
8 Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Bill.—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary John Reid, Secretary Des Browne, Mr David Hanson and Ms Harriet Harman, presented a Bill to make provision for preparations for the restoration of devolved government in Northern Ireland in accordance with the St Andrews Agreement; to make provision as to the consequences of compliance, or non-compliance, with the St Andrews Agreement timetable; to amend the Northern Ireland Act 1998; to make provision about district policing partnerships; to amend the Education (Northern Ireland) Orders 1997 and 2006; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 20th November and to be printed [Bill 7].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Bill be printed [Bill 7–EN].

9 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.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)
Debate to be resumed on Monday 20th November.

10 Business of the House.—Ordered. That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 19th and 26th January; 2nd and 23rd February; 2nd, 9th and 23rd March; 20th and 27th April; 18th May; 15th and 29th June and 19th October 2007.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) 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.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

12 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 22nd November, the House shall not adjourn until:
(a) any Message from the Lords has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported; and
(b) the Speaker has reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

13 Tax Credits.—Ordered, That the Tax Credits (Claims and Notifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2689), dated 11th October, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

14 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Buckfastleigh against the closure of local bank branches was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half-past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 20th November.

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—(1) Draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) Regulations 2006;
(2) draft Compensation (Regulated Claims Management Services) Order 2006; and
(3) draft Compensation (Specification of Benefits) Order 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Bridget Prentice].

2 Immigration,—Draft Asylum (First List of Safe Countries) (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary John Reid].
3 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment No. 2) (England and Wales) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Electricity.—Electricity Act 1989 (Exemption from the Requirement for a Generation Licence) (England and Wales) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2978), dated 14th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Pensions.—Pensions Act 2004 (Disclosure of Restricted Information) (Amendment of Specified Persons) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006 No. 2937), dated 9th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


7 Representation of the People.—(1) Absent Voting (Transitional Provisions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2973); and

Other Papers:

8 General Medical Council.—Report and Accounts of the General Medical Council for 2004 [by Act] [Bridget Prentice].

9 Northern Ireland.—Report and Financial Statements of the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company for 2005-06 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 35] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Police.—Report and Accounts 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 for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 16] [Clerk of the House].

11 Reserve Forces.—Report under section 54(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order for Afghanistan under section 54(1) of that Act, dated 11th November 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 International Development,—HIV/AIDS: marginalised groups and emerging epidemics: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

2 Public Administration,—Propriety and Honours: Letter laid before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be published.

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker nominated Mr David Amess, Janet Anderson, Mr Peter Atkinson, Hugh Bayley, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Joe Benton, John Bercow, Sir John Butterfill, Mr Martin Caton, Mr Christopher Chope, Derek Conway, Frank Cook, John Cummings, Mrs. Janet Dean, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mrs. Joan Humble, Mr Eric Illesley, Mr Martyn Jones, Dr. William McCrea, Mr David Marshall, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Greg Pope, David Taylor, Mr Mike Weir, Hywel Williams, Mr David Wilshire, Ann Winterton and Sir Nicholas Winterton to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 15th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

2 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents in the St Mary's Church Conservation Area against overdevelopment in their community; and
   (2) residents of North Dorset for the Defence College for Communications and Information Systems to remain at Blandford Camp

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

3 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents of Birmingham Road, Aldridge, for stronger protection for gardens in planning law was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Housing (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Petroleum,—Draft Petroleum Act 1998 (Third Party Access) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Scientific Research,—Draft Science and Technology Facilities Council Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Electronic Communications,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Electronic Communications) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2968), dated 14th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Clinical Negligence Scheme) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3087), dated 20th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2967), dated 14th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

7 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3045), dated 14th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

8 Trade Marks,—Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3039), dated 16th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:
9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Modernisation of
the West Coast Main Line [by Act]; to be printed [No. 22] [Clerk of the House].
10 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the SouthEastern 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. 15] [Mr Secretary Hain].
11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local
Government on the Petition [24th October] from residents of South Essex and others
against any loss of benefits under the Local Government Pension Scheme [by Standing
Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Children’s Services: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education
and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 62-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2 Foreign Affairs,—South Asia: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs
Committee; to be printed [No. 55-i] [Mike Gapes].
3 Human Rights,—Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint
Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 60-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].
4 Public Accounts,—Department for International Development: Working with
non-governmental and civil society organisations to promote development: Minutes of
Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [No. 64-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
5 Transport,—The Ports Industry in England and Wales: Minutes of Evidence taken before the
Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 61-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No 63-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 4.
Tuesday 21st November 2006.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.
1 Sessional Returns,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Returns for Session
2005–06 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) Chairman’s Panel; and
   (10) Select Committees.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Statistics and Registration Service Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the
Prime Minister, Mr Jack Straw, Hilary Armstrong, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan
Johnson, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Mr Secretary Alexander, Mr Stephen Timms, Dawn
Primarolo, John Healey and Ed Balls, presented a Bill to establish and make provision
about the Statistics Board; to make provision about offices and office-holders under the
Registration Service Act 1953; 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 8].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Statistics and Registration
Service Bill be printed [Bill 8–EN].
3 Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Bill (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Bill—

**Timetable**

1. (1) Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting.

   (2) Proceedings on Second Reading shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

   (3) Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, at the moment of interruption or six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, whichever is the later.

**Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put**

2. When the Bill has been read a second time—

   (a) it shall, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;

   (b) the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

3. On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question and, if the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

4. For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 the Speaker or Chairman shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—

   (a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

   (b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

   (c) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

   (d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

5. On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

**Consideration of Lords Amendments**

6. (1) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

   (2) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, one hour after their commencement.

7. (1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 6.

   (2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question already proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

   (3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

      (a) a single Question on any further Amendments to the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

      (b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.

   (4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

      (a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

      (b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.
(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees to a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees to all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has agreed or disagreed to a Lords Amendment, or disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to, the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

**Subsequent stages**

8. (1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

9. (1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 8.

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

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

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

**Reasons Committee**

10. (1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons in relation to the Bill and the appointment of its Chairman.

(2) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(3) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but not yet decided, and

(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

**Miscellaneous**

11. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply 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 began before then.

   (2) Proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of those proceedings.

17. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies, no notice shall be required of a Motion made at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

18. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.—(Mr Secretary Hain.)
Business of the House.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses 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 Dave Watts.)

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

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:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax,—Draft Oil Taxation (Market Value of Oil) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].
2 Immigration,—Draft Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].
3 Petroleum Revenue Tax,—Draft Petroleum Revenue Tax (Attribution of Blended Crude Oil) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].
4 Welfare Reform and Pensions,—Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, stating the changes in law which the Secretary of State is proposing in the Welfare Reform Bill by way of amendments to the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979, the amount of expenditure which the Secretary of State proposes to incur and the purposes for which he proposes to incur it [by Act]; to be printed [No. 39] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Marine Pollution,—Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage and Garbage) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2950), dated 14th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].
8 Medicines,—Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2984), dated 15th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
9 Ministers of the Crown,—Transfer of Functions (Third Sector, Communities and Equality) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2951), dated 14th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Other Papers:

10 Broadcasting,—Papers, entitled:

(1) BBC Independent Television Commissioning: Deloitte and Touche LLP review presented to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, September 2006, and a response to the review from the BBC, and
(2) The BBC’s Management of Risk: National Audit Office review presented to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, September 2006, by the Comptroller and Auditor General, and a response to the review from the BBC [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

11 Constitutional Affairs,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on Family Justice: The operation of the family courts revisited [by Command] [Cm. 6971] [Ms Harriet Harman].
12 Defence (Votes A), 2006–07.—Winter Supplementary 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. 18] [Secretary Des Browne].

13 Government Resources and Accounts.—Treasury Minute, dated 21st November 2006, directing the application of certain amounts as Appropriations in Aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].


15 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon; and
   (2) Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 34 and 17] [Mr Secretary Hain].

16 Supply Estimates, 2006–07.—(1) Winter Supplementary Estimates and New Estimates for Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 2] [Mr Stephen Timms]; and
   (2) Winter Supplementary Estimates for the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7] [Mr Alan Williams].

17 Supply Estimates, 2007–08.—Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2007–08 for—
   (1) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 19] [Mr Stephen Timms];
   (2) the Electoral Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 6] [The Speaker];
   (3) the House of Commons: Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4] [The Speaker]; and
   (4) the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5] [Mr Alan Williams].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 21st November; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government.—The Supply of Rented Housing: Memoranda laid before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 47-II] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Communities and Local Government and International Development.—The World Urban Forum III: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government and the International Development Committees; to be printed [No. 48] [Mr John Battle].

4 Culture, Media and Sport.—London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 69-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence.—(1) Government Response to the Eleventh Report of the Committee, Session 2005–06: Educating Service Children: First Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 58]; and
   (2) The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the manufacturing and skills base: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 59-i and -ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Environmental Audit.—The EU ETS: Lessons from phase I. Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 70-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Health.—NHS Deficits: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 73-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

8 Home Affairs.—Justice and Home Affairs Issues at European Union Level: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 76-i] [Mr John Denham].
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9 International Development.—(1) Department for International Development Departmental Report 2006: First Report from the International Development Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 71];

(2) Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) Water and Sanitation: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

10 Treasury.—(1) Financial inclusion: the roles of the Government and the FSA, and financial capability: First Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 53];

(2) The Administration of Tax Credits: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: First Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 52]; and

(3) Globalisation: the role of the IMF: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 49] [John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs.—Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 74-I]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].


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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills.—The Order of 6th November relating to the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read,

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, second and third time and passed.

2 Chairmen’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 Offender Management Bill,—Secretary John Reid, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Darling, Ms Secretary Hewitt and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe presented a Bill to make provision about the provision of probation services, prisons and other matters relating to the management of offenders; 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 Offender Management Bill be printed [Bill 9–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 15th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
5 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, consideration of any Lords Amendments and Messages that may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of Lifetime Opportunities—the Government’s Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy for Northern Ireland be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet in Northern Ireland on Tuesday 12th December at one 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 four o’clock; 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 Frank Roy.)

7 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 and Public Expenditure in Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

(b) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 13th December at nine o’clock and between two o’clock and four o’clock to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)) and to consider the matter of the Government’s Legislative Programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech as it relates to Wales and Public Expenditure in Wales under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)).—(Mr Frank Roy.)

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [16th November].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Bill, without Amendment.

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 (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006.

10 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from members of the South Lakeland Alzheimer’s Society for the continued prescription of Alzheimer’s drug treatments to patients who can benefit from them 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 Dave Watts);

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 nineteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Education,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 78] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Pastoral Measure,—Report of the Churches Conservation Trust for 2005–06 [by Measure] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Treaty Series (No. 28, 2006),—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6972] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Welfare Reform Bill Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Welfare Reform Bill Committee: Adam Afriyie, Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Wayne David, Natasa 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 and Alison Seabeck.

2 Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Blunkett, Mr David S. Borrow, Tom Brake, Lyn Brown, Colin Challen, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Ms Claire Curtis-Thomas, Philip Davies, Michael Fabricant, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr David Jones, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Gordon Prentice, Jonathan Shaw, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Angela E. Smith (Basingstoke) and Andrew Stunell.

3 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr David Evennett, Paul Flynn, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, David Heyes, Lynne Jones, Robert Neill, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Jamie Reed and Mr Geoffrey Robinson.

4 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (Cm. 6918):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Statement to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr David Crausby, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Jim Dowd, Mr Philip Dunne, Lynne Featherstone, Damian Green, Nia Griffith, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Stewart Hosie, Mark Hunter, Glenda Jackson, Alan Keen, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Alan Milburn, Joan Ryan, Mr Richard Shepherd and Ms Dari Taylor.

5 Draft Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, David Cairns, Jeremy Corbyn, Mark Durkan, Mr Frank Field, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Dai Havard, Lady Hermon, Mr George Howarth, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Mark Lancaster, Dr William McCrea, Ann McKechin, Anne Main, Judy Mallaber, Mr Michael Mates, Dan Norris, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr Ian Taylor.

Grand Committees

6 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, Rosie Cooper, Mary Creagh, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Tom Harris, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Eric Joyce, Mark Lancaster, Mr David Lidington, Mr Andrew Mackay, Greg Mulholland, Dan Norris, Lembit Opik, Stephen Pound, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Chris Ruane, Mr Ben Wallace, Lynda Waltho and Mr Robert Walter.

7 Welsh Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee: Mrs Cheryl Gillan and Angela Watkinson.
European Standing Committees

8 European Union Document No. 13568/05, relating to Marketing of pyrotechnic articles, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

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, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Robert Goodwill, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Angus MacNeil, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Marsha Singh, Keith Vaz, Joan Walley, Mr Dave Watts, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

10 European Union Documents No. 10755/06 relating to the European Union agency for Fundamental Rights and No. 13104/06 relating to Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Charles Clarke, Tony Cunningham, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Christopher Fraser, Dr Evan Harris, Kate Hoey, Simon Hughes, Mr Nick Hurd, David Lepper, Martin Linton, Ian Lucas and Bridget Prentice.

11 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, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Rosie Cooper, Tony Cunningham, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr James Gray, Martin Horwood, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Paira S. Khabra, Dr John Pugh, Geraldine Smith and Mike Wood.

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): 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.

13 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.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Bullying: (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 85-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit.—The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 77-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 88-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) First Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-i]; and (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee: to be published [Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs.—South Asia: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 55-i] [Mike Gapes].
Northern Ireland Affairs,—Community Restorative Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 87-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

Public Accounts,—(1) Tsunami: Provision of support for humanitarian assistance: First Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 25]; and

(2) Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: The right of access to open countryside: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 91-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

Science and Technology,—Drug Classification: making a hash of it?: follow-up: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Science and Technology; to be printed with Memoranda laid before the Committee [No. 65-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

Statutory Instruments,—First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 82-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

Transport,—(1) The Ports Industry in England and Wales: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 61-ii]; and

(2) Bus Services across the UK: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

Treasury,—HM Revenue and Customs: Spring Departmental Report 2006: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 51-i] [John McFall].

Work and Pensions,—The Government’s Employment Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 63-iii] [Mr Terry Rooney].
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;  
The House divided.  
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Robert Goodwill: 190.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Huw Irranca-Davies: 263.  

So the Question was negatived.  
And it being after Six o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.  

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 27th November.

2 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—  
(1) BBC Radio Suffolk and the East Anglia Daily Times for the reinstatement of  
St Edmund as the patron saint of England; and  
(2) residents of Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire against the reduction of  
services at Hinchingbrooke Hospital  
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Seven  
o’clock, adjourned till Monday 27th November.  
[Adjourned at 6.46 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”) (No. 2) Order 2006 [by Act],  
with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Corporation Tax,—Draft Oil Taxation (Market Value of Oil) Regulations 2006 [by Act],  
with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

3 Employment Tribunals,—Draft Employment Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedules 3, 4  
and 5) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr  
Secretary Darling].

4 Scientific Research,—Draft Technology Strategy Board Order 2007 [by Act], with an  
Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Competition,—Enterprise Act 2002 (Enforcement Undertakings) (No. 2) Order 2006  
(S.I., 2006, No. 3095), dated 20th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory  
Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Consumer Credit,—Consumer Credit (Enforcement, Default and Termination Notices)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3094), dated 18th November 2006 [by  
Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Insolvency,—Banks (Former Authorised Institutions) (Insolvency) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006,  
No. 3107), dated 20th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by  
Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

8 Justice,—Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Addition of Listed Judicial Offices etc.)  
Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Other Papers:

9 Cereals Marketing,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for  
2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to  
be printed [No. 21] [Secretary David Miliband].

10 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Paper, entitled Added Value? A Review of the Voluntary and  
Community Sector’s contribution to the Northern Ireland Criminal Justice System [by  
Act] [Secretary Hain].
11 Northern Ireland,—(1) Accounts of the Armagh Observatory and Planetarium; and
(2) Report and Accounts of Invest Northern Ireland
for 2005–06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern
Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [Nos. 26 and 27] [Secretary
Hain].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Corporation Tax,—Draft Oil Taxation (Market Value of Oil) Regulations 2006 [laid
21st November].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Welfare Reform Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood and Mr David Amess
Chairmen of the Welfare Reform Bill Committee.

2 Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations
2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the First Delegated
Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

3 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has
appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in
respect of the draft Order.

4 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (Cm. 6918),—The Speaker has appointed
Mr Bill O’Heri Chairman of the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of
the Statement.

5 Draft Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has
appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee in
respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

6 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 discharged Dr John Pugh from the European Standing Committee
(nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Bob Russell.

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the European Standing Committee
in respect of European Union Document No. 9898/06 on Consultation on Fisheries
Management Proposals.

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the European Standing
Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 10755/06 on European Union
Agency for Fundamental Rights and No. 13104/06 on Fundamental Rights and
Citizenship Programme.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2006: Minutes of
Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 94-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration,—(1) Government Communications: Minutes of Evidence taken before
the Select Committee on Public Administration, with a Memorandum; to be printed
[No. 92-i]; and
(2) Skills for Government: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed
[No. 93] [Dr Tony Wright].

3 Treasury,—The scope of FSA insurance regulation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the
Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 50-i] [John McFall].
PRAYERS.

1 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Secretary John Reid, Secretary Des Browne, Paul Goggins and Bridget Prentice presented a Bill to make provision about justice and security in Northern Ireland: 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 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill be printed [Bill 10–EN].

2 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 15th November, 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ‘but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech does not contain measures to address Britain’s declining productivity growth since 1997; deplore the absence of measures to give the UK the right skills to take advantage of new global opportunities; further regret the absence of strong and binding measures to tackle climate change and environmental degradation; condemn the absence of measures to ensure real improvements in the public services and greater value for money for taxpayers; and further regret the absence of measures in the Gracious Speech to tackle the pensions crisis to which Government policy has contributed.’—(Mr George Osborne.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Lancaster: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ‘but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech fails to announce proposals for a strategy for Iraq providing for a phased withdrawal of United Kingdom armed forces; deplore the further erosion of traditional British freedoms that will result from the Government’s proposals on security and terrorism, increasing intrusion into private lives without commensurate improvements in public safety or the repeal of existing and unnecessary laws and regulations; and further regret that the measures proposed to address global warming lack ambition and are not sufficient to establish the United Kingdom as a world leader in combating climate change.’—(Mr Paul Burstow.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jeremy Browne, Paul Rowen: 59.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Frank Roy: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Lancaster: 221.

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 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.

3 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 19th December 2006, do adjourn till Monday 8th January 2007—(Kevin Brennan).—It was agreed to.

4 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, on Tuesday 19th December,—

(1) the House shall sit at half past Eleven o’clock and 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.—(Kevin Brennan.)

5 Foreign Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr John Maples be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr Malcolm Moss be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Defence.—Ordered, That Mr Mark Lancaster be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Bernard Jenkin be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Margaret Moran be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Mr Graham Stringer be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Bingley and the surrounding area for the retention of a post office in Bingley;

(2) residents of the Borough of Hartlepool and others for the implementation of the recommendations made by Professor Darzi in respect of maternity and paediatric services in Teesside; and

(3) residents of West Dorset for the maintenance of the Post Office Card Account and the rural post office network 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 Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.14 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th November 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Education and Skills.—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 24th November 2006, concerning the gifting of Assistive Communication Technology Equipment, purchased as part of the Government Funded Communications Aids Project [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 European Communities (No. 2, 2006).—Protocol, done at Brussels on 12th March 1999, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the scope of the laundering of proceeds in the Convention on the use of information technology for customs purposes and the inclusion of the registration number of the means of transport in the Convention, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 6986] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th November 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Civil Aviation.—Single European Sky (Functions of the National Supervisory Authority) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3104), dated 21st November 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

4 Local Government.—(1) Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3096); and


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 27th November 2006:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Forestry.—Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3106), dated 22nd November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

9 National Lottery.—Transformational Grants Joint Scheme (Revocation) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3146), dated 22nd November 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10 Pensions.—Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling—Earnings Percentage Increase) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3105), dated 21st November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

11 Supreme Court.—Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3132), dated 23rd November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

12 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Jobcentre Plus: Delivering effective services through Personal Advisers [by Act]; to be printed [No. 24] [Clerk of the House].

13 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions.—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings Service Gratuities and Attributable Disablement and Death Awards) Order 2006; and

14 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [1st November] from residents of Brighton and others for the investigation of attacks on and killing of gay people in Iraq by the Badr Death Squads [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

15 Cinemas and Film.—Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) (No. 2) Order 2006 [laid 23rd November].
APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government.—Department for Communities and Local Government Annual Report 2006:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 106-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—The Rural Payments Agency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 107-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Improving literacy and numeracy in schools: Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 108];
   (2) Collections management in the National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland: Third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 109];
   (3) Gas distribution networks: Ofgem’s role in their sale, restructuring and future regulation: Fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 110];
   (4) Postcomm and the quality of mail services: Fifth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 111];
   (5) Gaining and retaining a job: the Department for Work and Pensions’ support for disabled people: Sixth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 112]; and
   (6) Delivering successful IT-enabled business change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 113-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 8.]
Tuesday 28th November 2006.

The House met at half-past Two 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 Supplementary Estimates for the financial year 2006-07:
   Department for Communities and Local Government, in so far as it relates to the provision of affordable housing.
   Department for Work and Pensions, in so far as it relates to the provision of affordable housing.
   Report to lie upon the Table.

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 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. 9898/06; Commission Communication on improving consultation on Community fisheries management; and supports the Government’s objective of ensuring the long-term sustainability of fish stocks through an effective management process, whilst at the same time providing a sustainable future for the UK fishing industry.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

5 European Standing Committee,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 10755/06, draft Council Regulation establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and draft Council Decision empowering the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights to pursue its activities in areas referred to in Title VI of the Treaty of the European Union, and No. 13104/06, draft Council Decision establishing for the period 2007–2013 the specific programme ‘Fundamental Rights and Citizenship’ as part of the general programme ‘Fundamental Rights and Justice’, notes that the proposals aim at promoting knowledge of and respect for fundamental rights in the European Union; and endorses the Government’s policy of support for the measures, taking account of its reservations on the references to the Charter in the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme and the extension of the Fundamental Rights Agency’s remit to the third pillar.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

6 Greater London Authority Bill,—Secretary Ruth Kelly, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Secretary David Miliband, Mr Secretary Alexander, Yvette Cooper and Jim Fitzpatrick, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Greater London Authority; to amend the Greater London Authority Act 1999; to make further provision with respect to the functional bodies, within the meaning of that Act, and the Museum of London; 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 11].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Greater London Authority Bill be printed [Bill 11–EN].

7 Pensions Bill,—Mr Secretary Hutton, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Jack Straw, Hilary Armstrong, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Mr Secretary Alexander, James Purnell and Mr James Plaskitt, presented a Bill to make provision about pensions and other benefits payable to persons in connection with bereavement or by reference to pensionable age; to make provision about the establishment and functions of the Personal Accounts Delivery Authority; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 12].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Pensions Bill be printed [Bill 12–EN].

8 Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses Bill (Allocation of Time),—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses Bill—

Timetable

1. Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption or six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, whichever is the later.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

2. When the Bill has been read a second time—
(a) it shall, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any question being put;
(b) the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.
3. On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee, the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question; and if the Bill is reported with amendments the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

4. For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1, the Speaker or Chairman shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—
   (a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;
   (b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;
   (c) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
   (d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

5. On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Speaker or Chairman 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 (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

7. (1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 6.
   (2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question 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) the Lords Amendment as amended.
   (4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—
       (a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and
       (b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.
   (5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees to a Lords Amendment.
   (6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees to all the remaining Lords Amendments.
   (7) As soon as the House has agreed or disagreed to a Lords Amendment, or disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to, the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

8. (1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.
   (2) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

9. (1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 8.
   (2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.
   (3) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair.
   (4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.
(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

**Reasons Committee**

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, (so far as not previously concluded) 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 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 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. (1) This paragraph applies 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.

(2) 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.

20. (1) Any private business which has been set down for consideration at seven o’clock, four o’clock or three o’clock (as the case may be) on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall, instead of being considered as provided by Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day.
9 Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses Bill.—The Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

The House, pursuant to Order [this day], resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Power of FSA to disallow excessive regulatory provision).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 6, after the word ‘where’, to insert the words ‘from the effective date of this section and following a change of governance of a recognised body, such’.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 2, to leave out line 5 and insert the words ‘need to maintain the competitiveness of United Kingdom markets,’.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Procedural and other supplementary provisions).

Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 3, line 20, at the end, to insert the words ‘(d) specifying those persons which the Authority believes may be affected by the proposal.’.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 4, to leave out lines 10 and 11.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 5 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House, pursuant to Order [this day].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Kevin Brennan reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no Amendment thereunto.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

10 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from:

(1) residents of the Borough of Wellingborough and others for making it compulsory for children to wear cycle helmets while cycling; and

(2) people living around Thundersley for the reopening of Thundersley public toilets were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the North Hertfordshire Free Tibet Support Group for measures to encourage dialogue between the Tibetan government in exile and the government of China was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.33 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”) (No. 2) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2. Consumer Protection.—Draft Compensation (Exemptions) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3. Agriculture.—Feed (Specified Undesirable Substances) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3120), dated 22nd November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Other Papers:

6. Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Springvale Educational Village Project [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 40] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7. Constitutional Affairs,—Paper, entitled Legal Aid Reform: the Way Ahead [by Command] [Cm. 6993] [Ms Harriet Harman].

8. Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Murder, Manslaughter and Infanticide [by Act]; to be printed [No. 30] [Ms Harriet Harman].

9. National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Community Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David S. Borrow from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Laura Moffatt.

2. Draft Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Frank Field, Mr Dai Havard and Mr George Howarth from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Robert Flello, Lynda Waltho and David Wright.

European Standing Committees

3. European Union Document No. 9898/06 relating to Consultation on Fisheries Management Proposals,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Walley and Mr Roger Williams from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbin and Andrew George.

4. European Union Documents No. 10755/06 relating to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and No. 13104/06 relating to Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Kate Hoey from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 28th November; and
   (2) Record of the discussions of the Parliamentary Visitor Centre Sub-Committee of the Administration Committee at its meeting on 28th November (meeting held concurrently with the House of Lords Information Committee); to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Call TV quiz shows: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 72-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—(1) Defence Procurement 2006: First Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 56];
   (2) Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2005–06: Second Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 57];
   (3) The Work of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 84-i]; and
   (4) Winter Supplementary Estimates 2006–07: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—The EU ETS: Lessons from phase I: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 70-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 International Development,—(1) HIV/AIDS: Marginalised groups and emerging epidemics: Second Report from the International Development Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 46-I and -II]; and
   (2) Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 114-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 74-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].
PRAYERS.

1 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Ann Winterton reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fraud (Trials Without a Jury) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fraud (Trials Without a Jury) 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, Jonathan Shaw: 289. Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Robert Goodwill: 219. So the Question was agreed to.

3 Fraud (Trials Without a Jury) 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 Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill:

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee
2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 14th December 2006.
3. The Public Bill 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—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

4 European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, and Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 10755/06, draft Council Regulation establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and draft Council Decision empowering the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights to pursue its activities in areas referred to in Title VI of the Treaty of the European Union, and No. 13104/06, draft Council Decision establishing for the period 2007–2013 the specific programme ‘Fundamental Rights and Citizenship’ as part of the general programme ‘Fundamental Rights and Justice’, notes that the proposals aim at promoting knowledge of and respect for fundamental rights in the European Union; and endorses the Government’s policy of support for the measures, taking account of its reservations on the references to the Charter in the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme and the extension of the Fundamental Rights Agency’s remit to the third pillar—(Kevin Brennan);
The House divided. Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Jonathan Shaw: 346. Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Robert Goodwill: 158. So the Question was agreed to.
Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) the residents of Benfleet, Canvey Island and others against changes to the Post Office Card Account;
(2) Coventry British Pensioners and Trade Union Association against the reform of widows’ benefits for women who are widowed under the age of sixty; and
(3) the people of West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly against plans to reduce or close hospital services at St Michael’s or Penzance

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—(Steve McCabe);

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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 Customs,—Customs and Excise Duties (Travellers’ Allowances and Personal Reliefs) (New Member States) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3157), dated 28th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Immigration,—Immigration (Certificate of Entitlement to Right of Abode in the United Kingdom) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3145), dated 23rd November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

6 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3123), dated 22nd November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (No. 4) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3168), dated 27th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:


9 Northern Ireland,—Report on the Social Fund for 2005–06 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 42] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [24th July] from residents of Southend, Rochford, Great Wakering, Little Wakering, Barling and Foulness Island, Essex, against the disposal of radioactive waste on Foulness [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Association of Law Costs Draftsman Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, John Austin, Norman Baker, Tony Baldry, Mr Clive Betts, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Roger Godsiff, Simon Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Martin Linton, Mr Jim McGovern, Anne Moffat and Bridget Prentice.

2 Draft Compensation Act 2006 (Contribution for Mesothelioma Claims) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ed Balls, John Battle, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Clive Betts, Kevin Brennan, Mr David Burrowes, Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Ann Cryer, Dr John Grogan, Mr Mark Hoban, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Tony Lloyd, Mr Chris Mullin and Mr Terry Rooney.

3 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer and Lynne Jones from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David S. Borrow and Ms Dari Taylor.

4 Draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) Regulations 2006, the draft Compensation (Regulated Claims Management Services) Order 2006 and the draft Compensation (Specification of Benefits) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Orders to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Colin Burgon, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr William Cash, Mr James Clappison, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Dr Ivan Harris, Mr Dai Havard, Kate Hoey, Simon Hughes, Mr Bob Laxton, Martin Linton, Bridget Prentice, Dr Gavin Strang, Graham Stringer and Mr Paul Truswell.

5 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (Cm. 6918),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Ms Dari Taylor from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Rules) and nominated in substitution Mr Jamie Reed and Mr George Howarth.

6 Draft Taxation of Securitisation Companies Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ed Balls, Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr David Curry, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr David Evennett, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Dr Brian Iddon, John McDonnell, Mr Alan Milburn, Dr Doug Naysmith, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Andy Reed, John Thurso and Mr Anthony Wright.

7 Draft Oil Taxation (Market Value of Oil) Regulations 2006 and the draft Petroleum Revenue Tax (Attribution of Blended Crude Oil) Regulations 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Ben Chapman, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Dr Bruce George, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr John Gummer, Mr David Hamilton, John Healey, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Brian Jenkins, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr John Spellar and Ms Gisela Stuart.

8 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment No. 2) (England and Wales) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Paul Farrelly, Mr Mark Field, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr David Gauke, Helen Goodman, Mark Hunter, Mr Michael Jack, Lynne Jones, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Elliot Morley, Sandra Osborne, Mr Jamie Reed and Helen Southworth.

9 Draft Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Jim Cousins, James Duddridge, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Patrick Hall, Mr Greg Hands, Dr Evan Harris, Simon Hughes, Mr Greg Knight, Martin Linton, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Alun Michael, Bridget Prentice, Mark Tami, Joan Walley and Derek Wyatt.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Barrett, Mr Russell Brown, David Cairns, Mr David Clelland, Clive Efford, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Anne Main, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Frank Roy, Jim Sheridan, Jo Swinson, Keith Vaz, Mrs Betty Williams and Pete Wishart.

11 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Nigel Evans, Linda Gailby, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr David Jones, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Andrew Pelling, John Penrose, Mr Nick Raynsford, Chris Ruane, Joan Ruddock, Jon Trickett, Angela Watkinson, Mr Tom Watson, Hywel Williams and Mark Williams.

12 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr Ian Austin, Gordon Banks, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Jen Craddas, Angela Eagle, Mr John Heppell, Helen Jones, Jane Kennedy, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, Mark Pritchard, James Purnell, Mr John Redwood, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, John Smith and Mr Nigel Waterson.

13 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Bill Etherington, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garnier, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mark Hunter, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Gordon Marsden, Joan Ryan, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Andrew Smith, Bob Spink, Sir John Stanley and Mr Mark Todd.

14 Draft Housing (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Richard Burden, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Ian Davidson, Mark Fisher, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hanson, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Alan Simpson, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Gary Streeter, David Tredinnick, Mr Charles Walker, Lynda Waltho and Sammy Wilson.

15 Draft Asylum (First List of Safe Countries) (Amendment) Order 2006 and draft Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and draft Regulations to the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Chris Bryant, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Alan Campbell, Lynne Featherstone, Damian Green, Mr Mike Hall, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Rob Marris, Mr Ken Purchase, Bob Russell, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Robert Walter, Mr Michael Wills, Mr Rob Wilson and Jeremy Wright.

**European Standing Committees**

16 European Union Document No. 13080/06, relating to European enforcement order and the transfer of sentenced persons, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

17 European Union Documents No. 14431/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 14430/06 and Addendum 1, relating to Financial management, have been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Documents No. 11199/06, No. 11660/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, and unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 10th October 2006, submitted by HM Treasury, already referred to the Committee on 18th October.

18 European Union Document No. 13193/05, relating to Consumer credit, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

19 European Union Document No. 14871/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to the European Institute of Technology, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

20 European Union Document No. 14181/06 relating to Electronic Recording and Reporting of Fishing Activities and Means of Remote Sensing.—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 Alistair Carmichael, Tony Cunningham, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Adam Holloway, Chris McCafferty, Mr George Mudie, Martin Salter, Mr Graham Stuart, Bill Wiggin, Mr Roger Williams and Mr David Winnick.

**APPENDIX III**

**Reports from Select Committees**

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 88-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 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. 41-ii]; and (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee: to be published [Michael Connarty].

3 Health,—Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2006: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 94-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Home Affairs,—Justice and Home Affairs at European Union Level: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 28th November; to be printed [No. 76-ii] [Mr John Denham].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Tourism in Northern Ireland and its Economic Impact and Benefits: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 119-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts,—BBC outsourcing: the contract between the BBC and Siemens Business Services for the provision of technology services: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 118-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology,—Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 67-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 82-ii] [David Maclean].

9 Transport,—Department for Transport Annual Report 2006: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [95-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
[No. 9; WH, No. 2]

Wednesday 29th 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.—(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.]

[No. 10.]

Thursday 30th November 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Welfare Reform Bill,—Mr. Jimmy Hood reported from the Welfare Reform Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Monday 4th December; and to be printed [Bill 13].

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

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr. Bill Olner reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (Cm. 6918).

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 etc. Bills.—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of twelve Lords to join with a Committee of this House as the Joint Committee on Consolidation etc. Bills;

Human Rights,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of six Lords 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 of Lords should be drawn to them on any of the grounds specified in House of Lords Standing Order 73 (Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments);

To report to the House of Lords:

(a) in relation to any document containing proposals laid before the House of Lords 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 of Lords on any matter arising from its consideration of the said proposals or draft orders; and

To report to the House of Lords 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
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(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.

They have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee appointed by this House 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 leave to report from time to time;
That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;
That the evidence taken before the Human Rights Committee in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Committee; and that the evidence taken by the Committee shall, if the Committee so wishes, be printed.

4 Implementing the Hague Programme,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 11222/06, Commission Communication: Implementing the Hague Programme: the way forward, and No. 11228/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Report on the implementation of the Hague Programme for 2005; and takes note that the discussions at the Tampere Justice and Home Affairs Informal Council showed that there was little support amongst Member States for the proposed use of the Article 42 passerelle; and furthermore supports the Government’s position that this is not the right time to focus on institutional change, and that the European Union’s priority for Justice and Home Affairs should instead be on developing practical co-operation to combat the transnational challenges of terrorism, organised crime and migration—(Joan Ryan);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Dave Watts: 275.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 130.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 11222/06, Commission Communication: Implementing the Hague Programme: the way forward, and No. 11228/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Report on the implementation of the Hague Programme for 2005; and takes note that the discussions at the Tampere Justice and Home Affairs Informal Council showed that there was little support amongst Member States for the proposed use of the Article 42 passerelle; and furthermore supports the Government’s position that this is not the right time to focus on institutional change, and that the European Union’s priority for Justice and Home Affairs should instead be on developing practical co-operation to combat the transnational challenges of terrorism, organised crime and migration.

5 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 1939, in the year commencing 1st October 2006 there be appropriated for the purposes of section 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.—(Mr Peter Lilley.)

6 Adjournment (Rail performance),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tom Harris);
And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

7 Estimates,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [26th November] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.
8 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 December.

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Dangerous Drugs,—Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3148), dated 21st November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Paper:

3 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Labour Relations Agency for 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. 28] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Association of Law Costs Draftsmen Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the First Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

2 Draft Compensation Act 2006 (Contribution for Mesothelioma Claims) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Second Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

3 Draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) Regulations 2006, draft Compensation (Regulated Claims Management Services) Order 2006 and draft Compensation (Specification of Benefits) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Orders.

4 Draft Taxation of Securitisation Companies Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman of the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (Cm. 6918),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Ms Dari Taylor from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Rules) and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth and Mr Jamie Reed.

6 Draft Oil Taxation (Market Value of Oil) Regulations 2006 and draft Petroleum Revenue Tax (Attribution of Blended Crude Oil) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

7 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment No. 2) (England and Wales) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman of the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

8 Draft Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

10 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

11 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

12 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

13 Draft Housing (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

14 Draft Asylum (First List of Safe Countries) (Amendment) Order 2006 and draft Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006,—The Speaker has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations.

European Standing Committees

15 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire 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 International Development,—Water and Sanitation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 126-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

2 Public Administration,—Skills for Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 93-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

3 Treasury,—(1) The Bank of England November 2006 Inflation Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 89-i]; and

(2) Globalisation: its impact on the real economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 90-i] [Mr John McFall].

MEMORANDUM

Westminster Hall,—In pursuance of paragraph (13) of Standing Order No. 10, the Speaker has approved 1st February, 15th March, 26th April, 10th May, 14th June and 5th July 2007 as days when the business to be taken in Westminster Hall shall be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.

[No. 10; WH, No. 3]

Thursday 30th November 2006.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Organised Crime in Northern Ireland—Third Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Session 2005-06, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Kevin Brennan.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 5th December.

[Adjourned at 5.20 p.m.]
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[No. 11.]

Monday 4th December 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Derek Conway reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Association of Law Costs Draftsmen Order 2006.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Compensation Act 2006 (Contribution for Mesothelioma Claims) Regulations 2006.

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

3 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee in the last Session of Parliament.

A Clause (NC1) (Individual officers’ liability)—(Mr Andrew Dismore)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC3) (Liability of holding company)—(James Brokenshire)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(d) a partnership;
(e) an unincorporated association.’—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 288.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(bb) a duty owed in respect of the detention of any person in lawful custody;’—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 288.

And it being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills) and Orders [10th October], put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 to 71) 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 prerogative is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

4 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 24th July, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.
5 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 9th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

6 Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 25th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

7 Consultation on Fisheries Management 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. 9898/06: Commission Communication on improving consultation on Community fisheries management; and supports the Government’s objective of ensuring the long-term sustainability of fish stocks through an effective management process, whilst at the same time providing a sustainable future for the UK fishing industry—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

8 Adjournment.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Huw Irranca-Davies);

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

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 1st December 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 4th December 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, and

(2) draft Street Works (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007,

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Education,—Newfield School (Change to School Session Times) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3147), dated 25th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Supreme Court of Northern Ireland.—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 486), dated 28th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Other Papers:

9 Defence,—Paper, entitled The Future of the United Kingdom’s Nuclear Deterrent [by Command] [Cm. 6994] [Secretary Des Browne].

10 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the State Veterinary Service for 2005-06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 45] [Secretary David Miliband].

11 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled The Management of Sex Offenders in the light of the murder of Mrs Attracta Harron [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Helping newly registered businesses meet their tax obligations [by Act]; to be printed [No. 98] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Association of Law Costs Draftsmen Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts and Mr Jim McGovern from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Richard Burden and Dr Howard Stoate.

2 Draft Compensation Act 2006 (Contribution for Mesothelioma Claims) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Battle, Mrs Ann Cryer, Tony Lloyd and Mr Terry Rooney from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Chris Bryant, Clive Efford, Mr Peter Kilfoyle and Mark Tami.

3 Draft Taxation of Securitisation Companies Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Paul Goodman from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Hoban.

4 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Michael Fabricant.

5 Draft Asylum (First List of Safe Countries) (Amendment) Order 2006 and draft Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Crispin Blunt from the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Lancaster.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—The Department for Communities and Local Government Annual Report 2006:

   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 106-ii]; and

   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Climate change: the role of bioenergy: Government response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06: First Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Special Report [No. 131]; and

   (2) Defra’s Departmental Report 2006 and Defra’s budget: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 132-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights,—The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 60-ii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].
4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Community Restorative Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 87-ii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Department for Work and Pensions: Using leaflets to communicate with the public about services and entitlements: Seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 133]; and

(2) A foot on the ladder: low cost home ownership: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 134-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Welsh prisoners in the Prison Estate: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 74-iii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 12.]

Tuesday 5th December 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) Regulations 2006, the draft Compensation (Regulated Claims Management Services) Order 2006 and the draft Compensation (Specification of Benefits) Order 2006.

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

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Taxation of Securitisation Companies Regulations 2006.

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

3 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Oil Taxation (Market Value of Oil) Regulations 2006 and the draft Petroleum Revenue Tax (Attribution of Blended Crude Oil) Regulations 2006.

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

4 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Dr William McCrea reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment No. 2) (England and Wales) Order 2006.

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

5 European Standing Committee,—Mr David Wilshire reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 5047/06 and Addenda 1 and 2; Commission Communication; Taking sustainable use of resources forward: A Thematic Strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste, and No. 5050/06, Draft Directive on waste: and agrees with the Government’s proposed negotiating position relating to the revision of the Waste Framework Directive.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

6 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.

Government Policy on Public Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the Government’s failure to improve public health outcomes and to reduce health inequalities; believes that the gap between the public health of the UK and that of comparable health economies is unacceptable; identifies obesity, smoking, sexually transmitted disease, infectious disease control, teenage pregnancy, alcohol and substance abuse, the promotion of healthy lifestyles and screening for treatable disease as areas of particular concern; supports frontline staff striving in adverse circumstances to improve the health of the nation; is concerned about the shortage of public health staff due to the Government’s financial mismanagement; joins with the Chief Medical Officer in condemning the use of public health funds to tackle NHS deficits; and calls on the Government to ensure that funds for public health are spent on addressing remediable health issues—(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 trebling of investment in the NHS by 2008 which is crucial to improving public health and tackling health inequalities; notes that this extra investment has enabled a huge expansion in preventive services including extending breast cancer screening to women aged 65–70 which has helped increase the number of breast cancers detected by 40 per cent. since 2001 and the first ever national bowel cancer screening programme which will detect around 3,000 bowel cancers a year when fully rolled out; acknowledges that this Government has done more than any previous government to help people give up smoking, including banning smoking in all workplaces and public places from 1st July 2007; further welcomes the help and support being given to people to live healthier lives including two million 4 to 6 year olds now receiving a free piece of fruit or portion of vegetable, new healthier standards for school meals, clearer food labelling, new health trainers and NHS life checks; and recognises the unprecedented action this Government has taken to tackle the root causes of ill health and health inequalities including helping more people find work, lifting a significant number of children out of relative poverty and taking action to tackle poor housing’, instead thereof.—(Caroline Flint)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Mark Lancaster: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Kevin Brennan: 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 Government’s trebling of investment in the NHS by 2008 which is crucial to improving public health and tackling health inequalities; notes that this extra investment has enabled a huge expansion in preventive services including extending breast cancer screening to women aged 65–70 which has helped increase the number of breast cancers detected by 40 per cent. since 2001 and the first ever national bowel cancer screening programme which will detect around 3,000 bowel cancers a year when fully rolled out; acknowledges that this Government has done more than any previous government to help people give up smoking, including banning smoking in all workplaces and public places from 1st July 2007; further welcomes the help and support being given to people to live healthier lives including two million 4 to 6 year olds now receiving a free piece of fruit or portion of vegetable, new healthier standards for school meals, clearer food labelling, new health trainers and NHS life checks; and recognises the unprecedented action this Government has taken to tackle the root causes of ill health and health inequalities including helping more people find work, lifting a significant number of children out of relative poverty and taking action to tackle poor housing.

Government Transport Strategy and Capacity on British Roads and Railways.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Government’s trebling of investment in the NHS by 2008 which is crucial to improving public health and tackling health inequalities; notes that this extra investment has enabled a huge expansion in preventive services including extending breast cancer screening to women aged 65–70 which has helped increase the number of breast cancers detected by 40 per cent. since 2001 and the first ever national bowel cancer screening programme which will detect around 3,000 bowel cancers a year when fully rolled out; acknowledges that this Government has done more than any previous government to help people give up smoking, including banning smoking in all workplaces and public places from 1st July 2007; further welcomes the help and support being given to people to live healthier lives including two million 4 to 6 year olds now receiving a free piece of fruit or portion of vegetable, new healthier standards for school meals, clearer food labelling, new health trainers and NHS life checks; and recognises the unprecedented action this Government has taken to tackle the root causes of ill health and health inequalities including helping more people find work, lifting a significant number of children out of relative poverty and taking action to tackle poor housing.

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 Sir Rod Eddington’s independent report on the impact of transport decisions on economic productivity and growth; accepts his findings that the UK transport network provides the right connections, in the right places, to support the journeys that matter to economic performance; but also that the current unprecedented period of sustained economic growth will continue to place increasing pressures on key sections of that network, and that this needs to be addressed with a wide-ranging strategy encompassing better-use and investment solutions; supports the Government’s commitment to taking 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, piloting road-pricing and building on the improvements in rail performance; acknowledges the progress already made through sustained long-term investment and forward planning
through the Future of Transport White Paper; and recognises the substantial increases in capacity which this approach has brought, and the continuing programme of investment to provide further increases in capacity and reliability in future, instead thereof.—[Mr Secretary Alexander.]

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 David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Tony Cunningham: 290.

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 Sir Rod Eddington’s independent report on the impact of transport decisions on economic productivity and growth; accepts his findings that the UK transport network provides the right connections, in the right places, to support the journeys that matter to economic performance, but also that the current unprecedented period of sustained economic growth will continue to place increasing pressures on key sections of that network, and that this needs to be addressed with a wide-ranging strategy encompassing better-use and investment solutions; supports the Government’s commitment to taking 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, piloting road-pricing and building on the improvements in rail performance; acknowledges the progress already made through sustained long-term investment and forward planning through the Future of Transport White Paper, and recognises the substantial increases in capacity which this approach has brought, and the continuing programme of investment to provide further increases in capacity and reliability in future.

7 Legal Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Association of Law Costs Draftsmen Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 19th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from members of the Alzheimer’s Society and residents of Brighton and Hove against restrictions on the prescription of Alzheimer drug treatments was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Criminal Appeal (Trial without jury where danger of jury tampering and Trial by jury of sample counts only) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 487), dated 30th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Other Papers:

6 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Reinvestment and Reform: Improving Northern Ireland’s Public Infrastructure [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 79] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Gangmasters (Licensing),—First Report on the Operation of the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 for 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Home Office: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour [by Act]; to be printed [No. 99] [Clerk of the House].

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

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) Regulations 2006, the draft Compensation (Regulated Claims Management Services) Order 2006 and the draft Compensation (Specification of Benefits) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dai Havard from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Orders) and nominated in substitution David Wright.

2 Draft Taxation of Securitisation Companies Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John McDonnell and Mr Alan Milburn from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Chris Bryant and Ian Lucas.

3 Draft Oil Taxation (Market Value of Oil) Regulations 2006 and the draft Petroleum Revenue Tax (Attribution of Blended Crude Oil) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Hamilton and Mr Denis Murphy from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Kelvin Hopkins and Mr Shahid Malik.

4 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment No. 2) (England and Wales) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jamie Reed and Helen Southworth from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne and Ms Dari Taylor.

European Standing Committees

5 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 discharged Mr Kevan Jones from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbin.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Costs of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Winter Supplementary Estimate 2006–07: Third Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and a Memorandum reported and ordered to be published on 28th November [No. 129];

(2) Future Rapid Effect System (FRES): Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) Disposal of radioactive waste at Foulness: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 International Development,—Water and Sanitation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 126-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].
Northern Ireland Affairs,—Community Restorative Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 87-iii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

Tuesday 5th December 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 1.57 p.m.

Taxing Officer,—In pursuance of section 1(1) of the Parliamentary Costs Act 2006, the Speaker appointed Mr David William Neal Doig to be the Taxing Officer of the House of Commons, with effect from 6th November 2006.

Wednesday 6th December 2006.
The House met at half-past Eleven 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 27th November, was pleased to receive the same very graciously and give the following Answer:

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

2 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Janet Anderson reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

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


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4 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Cummings reported from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2006.

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

5 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006.

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

6 Compensation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Compensation Act 2006 (Contribution for Mesothelioma Claims) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 2nd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

7 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment No. 2) (England and Wales) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.
6th December 2006

8 Adjournment (European Affairs).—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.

9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) Dr Belle Humphrey, parent, and others of like disposition for the introduction of
Universal Newborn Screening for Leukodystrophies and other like hereditary
diseases; and
(2) the Alzheimer’s Society against restrictions on the prescription of Alzheimer drug
treatments
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past
Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Excise,—(1) Draft Excepted Vehicles (Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Hydrocarbon Oil
Duties Act 1979) Order 2006; and
(2) Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Revocation)
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [John Healey].

2 Stamp Duty Land Tax.—Stamp Duty Land Tax (Variation of the Finance Act 2003)
Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3237), dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an
Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Corporation Tax,—(1) Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) (Amendment) Regulations 2006
(S.I., 2006, No. 3239), dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory
Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey];
(2) Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Change of Accounting Practice)
(Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3238), dated 6th December 2006 [by
Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo]; and
(3) Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Disregard and Bringing into
Account of Profits and Losses) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3236),
dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]
[Dawn Primarolo].

4 Education,—(1) Education (Local Education Authority Performance Targets) (England)
(Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3150), dated 28th November 2006;
(2) Education (School Performance Targets) (England) (Amendment) Regulations
2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3151), dated 30th November 2006; and
(3) Newark and Sherwood College (Dissolution) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3160),
dated 24th November 2006
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan
Johnson].

5 Excise,—Excise Duties (Road Fuel Gas) (Reliefs) (Revocation) Regulations 2006
(S.I., 2006, No. 3234), dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory
Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

6 Immigration,—Asylum (Designated States) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3215),
dated 30th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]
[Secretary John Reid].
7 Local Government,—Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 6) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3212), dated 1st December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

8 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Leicester) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3211), dated 1st December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

9 Social Security,—Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3188), dated 28th November 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


11 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 25th April 2006, made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford, amending the existing provisions governing the Glasstone Benefaction; and

(2) Statute, dated 13th June 2006, made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

12 Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for the 2006 Pre-Budget Report [by Act]; to be printed [No. 125] [Clerk of the House].

13 House of Commons Members’ Fund,—Account of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for 1st October 2004–30th September 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138] [Clerk of the House].

14 Pre-Budget Report,—Paper, entitled Pre-Budget Report, December 2006: Investing in Britain’s potential: Building our long-term future [by Command] [Cm. 6984] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].


(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].

16 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 (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3188) [by Command] [Cm. 6974] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr David Heath, Stephen Hesford, Mr Douglas Hogg, Simon Hughes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Kerry McCarthy, Robert Neill, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mr Jamie Reed, Joan Ryan and Mr Iain Wright.
2 Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) (No. 2) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Peter Bottomley, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Barbara Follett, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Dai Havard, Paul Holmes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Glenda Jackson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Edward Vaizey, Joan Walley, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Shaun Woodward.

3 Tax Credits (Claims and Notifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2689):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Gauke, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr David Laws, Ann McKechnie, Mr Denis MacShane, Judy Mallaber, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Robert Neill, Alan Simpson, Mr Denis Skinner, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

4 Draft Science and Technology Facilities Council Order 2007 and the draft Technology Strategy Board Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Stephen Crabb, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Jeff Ennis, Dr Evan Harris, Charles Hendry, Mark Lazarowicz, Steve McCabe, John McDonnell, Alun Michael, Albert Owen, Dr Nick Palmer, Dr Desmond Turner, Malcolm Wicks and Mr Phil Willis.

5 Customs and Excise Duties (Travellers’ Allowances and Personal Reliefs) (New Member States) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3157):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Mr Nicholas Brown, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Charles Clarke, Philip Davies, Mr David Drew, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Evennett, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Paul Goodman, John Healey, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Margaret Moran, Mr Brooks Newmark, Emily Thornberry and Dr Alan Whitehead.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Bone, Lorely Burt, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Frank Field, Michael Jabez Foster, Charles Hendry, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Peter Lilley, Steve McCabe, Fiona Mactaggart, Chris Mole, Julie Morgan, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Ben Wallace and Malcolm Wicks.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Harry Cohen, Natasha Engel, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr John Heppell, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Barbara Keeley, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, David Lepper, Mr Jim Murphy, Richard Ottaway, Mike Penning, Mr Marsha Singh and Keith Vaz.

8 Draft Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Walley from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Clive Bets.
Draft Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Regulations 2006:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David S. Borrow, Mr David Crausby, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Michael Fallon, Caroline Flint, Sandra Gidley, Mr John Greenway, Nia Griffith, David Heyes, Mr George Howarth, Mr Andrew Love, Shona McIsaac, Dr Andrew Murrison, Dr John Pugh, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Andrew Rosindell and Claire Ward.

Draft Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) (England and Wales) Order 2006 and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 3) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Frank Roy and Keith Vaz from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Liz Blackman and Chris Mole.

Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Watson from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Helen Southworth.

Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Eagle from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Don Touhig.

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 12107/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr David Anderson, Mr Richard Bacon, Annette Brooke, Colin Challen, Tony Cunningham, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Neil Gerrard, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr John Horam, Miss Anne McIntosh, Bill Rammell, Sarah Teather and Angela Watkinson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Sustainable Schools:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 140-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—The Rural Payments Agency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 107-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Environmental Audit.—The EU ETS: Lessons from phase I: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 70-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-iii];

(2) Draft regulation to impose a uniform format for residence permits for third country nationals: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 141-i]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs.—UK Trade and Investment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 136-i] [Mike Gapes].

Northern Ireland Affairs.—Community Restorative Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 87-iv] [Sir Patrick Cormack].
7 Procedure.—Early Day Motions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee; to be printed [No. 135-i] [Mr Greg Knight].

8 Public Accounts.—Improving the use of temporary staff in the NHS acute and foundation trusts: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 142-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Science and Technology.—Space Policy:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 66-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Mr Phil Willis].

10 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-iii]; and
   (2) First Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 83-i]
       [David Maclean].

11 Transport.—(1) The Ports Industry in England and Wales: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 61-iii]; and
   (2) Transport Security: Travelling without fear: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-i]
       [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 13; WH, No. 5]

Wednesday 6th December 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 4.42 p.m.

[No. 14.]

Thursday 7th December 2006.

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

PRAYERS

1 Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2006.

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

2 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Janet Anderson reported from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Housing (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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

3 Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Ann Winterton reported from the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Asylum (First List of Safe Countries) (Amendment) Order 2006 and draft Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006.

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

4 Income Tax Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hutton, Mr Stephen Timms, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Ed Balls, presented a Bill to restate, with minor changes, certain enactments relating to income tax; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 11th December and to be printed [Bill 14].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Income Tax Bill be printed [Bill 14–EN].
5 Estimates Day [1st Allotted Day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [30th November], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 2006–07 (Department for Communities and Local Government).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department for Communities and Local Government—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £1,351,500,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 2,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,357,195,000, 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.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

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, 2006–07 (Department for Work and Pensions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department for Work and Pensions—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £782,539,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 2,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £517,523,000, 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);

And it being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

The Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Supplementary Estimates, 2006–07.

Supplementary Estimates, 2006–07: Department for Communities and Local Government

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department for Communities and Local Government—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £1,351,500,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 2,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,357,195,000, 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.

Supplementary Estimates, 2006–07: Department for Work and Pensions

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department for Work and Pensions—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £782,539,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 2,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £517,523,000, 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.

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

Estimates, 2006–07 (Navy) Vote A

Resolved, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2007, modifications in the maximum numbers in the Reserve Naval and Marine Forces set out in House of Commons Paper No. 18 be authorised for the purposes of Part I of the Reserve Forces Act 1996.
Supplementary Estimates and New Estimates, 2006–07

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £4,150,559,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 2 and 7,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £5,956,487,000, 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 Paper No. 2 be set on appropriations in aid.

Estimates, 2007–08 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008—

(1) resources, not exceeding £181,206,923,000, be authorised, on account, for use for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 19, and

(2) a sum, not exceeding £171,368,021,000, 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 Stephen Timms, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Ed Balls do prepare and bring it in.

7 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 2007 and 31st March 2008 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending with 31st March 2007 and 31st March 2008: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 11th December and to be printed [Bill 15].

8 Corporation Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Taxation of Securitisation Companies Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

9 Corporation Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Oil Taxation (Market Value of Oil) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

10 Petroleum Revenue Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Petroleum Revenue Tax (Attribution of Blended Crude Oil) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

11 Consumer Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

12 Consumer Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Compensation (Specification of Benefits) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

13 Consumer Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Compensation (Regulated Claims Management Services) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

14 Waste Prevention and Recycling,—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. 5047/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication, Taking sustainable use of resources forward: A Thematic Strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste, and No. 5050/06 and Addendum 1, Draft Directive on waste; and agrees with the Government’s proposed negotiating position relating to the revision of the Waste Framework Directive—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.
15 Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2006 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—Ordered, That, for the purposes of its approval under section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993, the Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2006 shall be treated as if it were an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees).—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

16 Modernisation of the House,—Ordered, That Graham Stringer be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Mr Iain Wright be added.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

17 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the Tyne and Wear Asbestos Support Group for the provision of Alimta to sufferers of mesothelioma was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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 11th December.

[Adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gambling Act 2005 (Definition of Small-scale Operator) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3266); and

2 Corporation Tax,—Lloyd’s Underwriters (Double Taxation Relief) (Corporate Members) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3262), dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

3 Education,—(1) Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3156), dated 24th November 2006; and
(2) Teachers’ Pensions etc. (Reform Amendments) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3122), dated 22nd November 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


5 Merchant Shipping,—(1) Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3225), dated 4th December 2006;
(2) Merchant Shipping (Inland Waterway and Limited Coastal Operations) (Boatmasters’ Qualifications and Hours of Work) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3223), dated 4th December 2006; and
(3) Merchant Shipping (Local Passenger Vessels) (Crew) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3224), dated 5th December 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

6 Registration of Political Parties,—Registration of Political Parties (Prohibited Words and Expressions) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3252), dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].
Other Papers:

7 Constitutional Affairs.—Department for Constitutional Affairs: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6973] [Ms Harriet Harman].

8 Crown Prosecution Service.—Crown Prosecution Service: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6982] [The Solicitor General].

9 International Development.—Department for International Development: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6978] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

10 Northern Ireland.—Reports and Accounts of the Western Education and Library Board for—
   (1) 2003–04, and
   (2) 2004–05
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 31 and 32] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Secretary of State’s Second Report under section 11(1) of the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Act 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Probation Board (Northern Ireland).—Report and Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 29] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Dominic Grieve, Simon Hughes, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Andrew Pelling and Mr Jamie Reed members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill Committee.

2 Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill Committee.

3 Draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) (No. 2) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the First Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

4 Tax Credits (Claims and Notifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2689).—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Second Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the Regulations.

5 Draft Science and Technology Facilities Council Order 2007 and draft Technology Strategy Board Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Orders.

6 Customs and Excise Duties (Travellers’ Allowances and Personal Reliefs) (New Member States) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3157).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the Order.

7 Draft Petroleum Act 1998 (Third Party Access) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

8 Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (House of Commons Paper No. 39).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the Report.

9 Draft Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Regulations 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

10 Draft Housing (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alan Simpson and Dr Howard Stoate from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Angela Eagle and Joan Walley.
11 Draft Asylum (First List of Safe Countries) (Amendment) Order 2006 and draft Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Bryant and Sharon Hodgson from the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Khalid Mahmood and Siobhain McDonagh.

Grand Committees

12 The Speaker has appointed Sir Alan Haselhurst Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 12th December.

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on 13th December.

European Standing Committees

14 The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 14181/04 on Electronic Recording and Reporting of Fishing Activities and Means of Remote Sensing.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—Strategic Exports Controls:

   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees; to be printed [No. 117-i]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committees; to be published [Mr Roger Berry].

2 European Scrutiny and Home Affairs,—Migration Issues relating to the Accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union: Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny and Home Affairs Committees, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committees; to be printed [No. 143-i] [Mr John Denham].

3 Health,—NHS Deficits: First Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 73-I and -II] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Public Administration,—Skills for Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 93-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 14; WH, No. 6]

Thursday 7th December 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Terrorism Detention Powers—Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 12th December.

[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.]
PRAYERS

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Derek Conway reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) (No. 2) Order 2006.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Science and Technology Facilities Council Order 2007 and the draft Technology Strategy Board Order 2007.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Offender Management Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Offender Management 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 Michael Foster, Mr Dave Watts: 411.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Roger Williams: 91.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

4 Offender Management 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 Offender Management Bill:

   **Committal**
   1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

   **Proceedings in Public Bill Committee**
   2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 25th January 2007.
   3. The Public Bill 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—(Huw Irranca-Davies);
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Dave Watts: 280.
   Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 213.
   So the Question was agreed to.

5 Offender Management Bill (Money),—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Offender Management 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 Offender Management Bill it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of,—
   (1) any sums required by the Secretary of State in connection with the making and implementation of arrangements for the provision of probation services;
(2) any other expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act; and
(3) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act
out of money so provided—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing
Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time—
It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time—
It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

7 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing
Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Financial Assistance
Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this
House on 15th November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

8 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft National
Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2006, which was laid before
this House on 19th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Huw
Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

9 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Animal
Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) (England and
Wales) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th November, in the last
Session of Parliament, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

10 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Scotland
Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc ) (No. 3) Order 2006, which
was laid before this House on 6th November, in the last Session of Parliament, be
approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

11 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith,
pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales)
(Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 7th November,
in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

12 Constitutional Affairs.—Ordered, That James Brokenshire be discharged from the
Constitutional Affairs Committee and Robert Neill be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on
behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Education and Skills.—Ordered, That Mrs Nadine Dorries be discharged from the Education
and Skills Committee and Mr Andrew Pelling be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on
behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Transport.—Ordered, That Mr Robert Goodwill be discharged from the Transport
Committee and Mr Phillip Hollobone be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the
Committee of Selection.)

15 Health.—Ordered, That Anne Milton be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr
Stewart Jackson be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of
Selection.)

16 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Shailesh Vara be discharged
from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Mr Geoffrey Cox be
added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

17 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of London and surrounding areas for
measures to prevent passengers playing loud music on buses was presented and read;
and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 8th December 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland in relation to the establishment and operation of a single wholesale electricity market in Northern Ireland and Ireland [Cm. 7002] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Home Office,—Home Office Targets: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [Cm. 6995] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 8th December 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(4) Lloyd’s Sourcebook (Finance Act 1993 and Finance Act 1994) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3273), dated 7th December 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ed Balls]; and


6 Defence,—(1) Armed Forces (Entry, Search and Seizure) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3244); and


7 Education,—(1) Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3171), dated 28th November 2006;

(2) Further Education (Providers of Education) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3199), dated 30th November 2006; and


8 Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 466), dated 22nd November 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 11th December 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

9 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007; and

(2) draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


12 Cinemas and Film,—Films (Certification) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3281), dated 7th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

13 Education,—Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3226), dated 11th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 European Communities (Wales),—Structural Funds (National Assembly for Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3282), dated 7th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

15 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 130], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].


17 Professional Qualifications,—European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Second General System) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3214), dated 4th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

18 Road Traffic,—Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Community Recording Equipment Regulation) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3276), dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


21 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3292), dated 11th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

22 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Home Office for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 124] [John Healey].

23 Health,—Department for Health: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6985] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
24 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Report and Accounts of Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 105] [Mr Secretary Hain].

25 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) HM Revenue and Customs: Filing VAT and Company Tax returns; and
(2) The Estate Strategy of the Police Service of Northern Ireland [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 102 and 101] [Clerk of the House].

26 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [28th November] from residents of the Borough of Wellingborough and others for making it compulsory for children to wear cycle helmets while cycling [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

27 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007, together with a Statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

28 Treaty Series (No. 31, 2006).—Exchange of Notes, done at Kosovo on 25th May 2006 and London on 16th June 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) concerning the Transfer of Mr Luan Goci to the Jurisdiction of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 6998] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

29 Treaty Series (No. 32, 2006).—Amendments to the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), done at Geneva on 5th October 2005, adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session on October 5th, 2005, with effect from 1st April 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6999] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II
General Committees
Draft Science and Technology Facilities Council Order 2007 and the draft Technology Strategy Board Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jeff Ennis, Alun Michael and Albert Owen from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Kevan Jones, Mr George Mudie and Mr Tom Watson.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees
1 Education and Skills.—Citizenship Education:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 147-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts.—(1) Tackling child obesity—first steps: Eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 157]; and
(2) Update on PFI debt refinancing and the PFI equity market: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 158-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Treasury.—The 2006 Pre-Budget Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 115-i] [Mr John McFall].

4 Work and Pensions.—The Government’s Employment Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 63-iii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE
The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill,—John Bercow reported from the Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill Committee:

(1) That it had come to the following Resolution. That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) That it had gone through the Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

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

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the Customs and Excise Duties (Travellers' Allowances and Personal Reliefs) (New Member States) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3157).

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


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4 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (House of Commons Paper No. 39).

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

5 European Standing Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 14181/04, Draft Council Regulation on electronic recording and reporting of fishing activities and on means of remote sensing; and supports the Government's objective of ensuring that this proposal delivers improved management and control, thereby contributing to the long-term sustainability of fish stocks.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

6 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Mr Stephen Timms, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Ed Balls presented (under Standing Order No. 50 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to permit expenditure in preparation for the imposition of a tax on the increase in the value of land resulting from the grant of permission for development: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 37].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill be printed [Bill 37–EN].

7 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Secretary Ruth Kelly, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary John Reid, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson, Secretary David Miliband, Mr Secretary Hutton, Mr Phil Woolas and Angela E. Smith presented a Bill to make provision with respect to local government and the functions and procedures of local authorities and certain other authorities; to make provision with respect to persons with functions of inspection and audit in relation to local government; to establish the Valuation Tribunal for England; to make provision in connection with local involvement networks; to abolish Patients' Forums and the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health; to make provision with respect to local consultation in connection with health services; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 16].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill be printed [Bill 16–EN].
8 Greater London Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Authority 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, Liz Blackman, Mr Frank Roy: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Lancaster: 151.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

9 Greater London Authority 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 Greater London Authority Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 23rd January 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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—

(Huw Irranca-Davies);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Mr Frank Roy: 321.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Evennett: 146.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Greater London Authority Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Greater London Authority 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 Greater London Authority 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 under or by virtue of the Act, and

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

(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

11 Extradition.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 7th November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—

(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

12 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Asylum (First List of Safe Countries) (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—

(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.
13 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

14 Scientific Research.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Science and Technology Facilities Council Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

15 Scientific Research.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Technology Strategy Board Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

16 Cinemas and Films.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Films (Definition of “British Film”) (No. 2) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

17 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Housing (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

18 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from John Potter and other citizens of the United Kingdom for each hospital to employ its own cleaning staff and for those staff to be managed by matrons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—Draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Environmental Protection,—Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3289), dated 11th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Immigration,—Asylum (Designated States) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3275), dated 7th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

4 Libraries,—Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3294), dated 7th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Medicines,—Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3264), dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

7 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on The Fire and Rescue Service Training Centre [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 80] [Mr Secretary Hain].


9 Immigration. — Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3277), dated 7th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

10 Medical. — Reports and Accounts of the General Medical Council for 2005 [by Act] [Bridget Prentice].

11 National Audit. — Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Accessing the value for money of OGCbuying.solutions [by Act]; to be printed [No. 103] [Clerk of the House].

12 Northern Ireland. — Report and Accounts of the Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 54] [Mr Secretary Hain].


14 Trade and Investment. — UK Trade and Investment: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7001] [Mr Secretary Darling].

15 Work and Pensions. — Paper, entitled Personal accounts: a new way to save [by Command] [Cm. 6975] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Customs and Excise Duties (Travellers’ Allowances and Personal Reliefs) (New Member States) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3157). — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nicholas Brown, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Margaret Moran and Emily Thornberry from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Diana S. Johnson, Mr Sadiq Khan, Alun Michael and Mark Tami.

2 Draft Petroleum Act 1998 (Third Party Access) Order 2007. — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones, Fiona Mactaggart and Julie Morgan from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Janet Dean, David Heyes and Albert Owen.

3 Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (House of Commons Paper No. 39). — The Committee of Selection has discharged Keith Vaz and Danny Alexander from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Report) and nominated in substitution Greg Mulholland and Mr Terry Rooney.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration. — (1) House of Commons Accommodation: Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2005–06. First Special Report from the Administration Committee; to be printed [No. 164]; and

(2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 12th December; to be published

[Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government. — (1) The Supply of Rented Housing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 47(i)]; and

(2) Planning-Gain Supplement: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Phyllis Starkey].
3 Defence,—(1) *The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the manufacturing and skills base*: 
   (i) Fourth Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 59]; and  
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and  
(2) *The Army’s requirement for armoured vehicles: the FRES programme: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed* [No. 159-i]  
[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) *The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: First Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 77]; and  
(2) *The EU ETS: Lessons from phase I: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed* [No. 70-iv]  
[Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs,—*The Work of the Home Office: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed* [No. 162-i] [Mr John Denham].

6 International Development,—*Water and Sanitation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed* [No. 126-iii] [Malcolm Bruce].

7 Regulatory Reform,—*Scrutiny of Regulatory Reform Orders: First Special Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 160] [Mr Andrew Miller].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) *Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed* [No. 67-ii]; and  
(2) *Research Council Institutes: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed* [No 68-i]  
[Mr Phil Willis].

9 Trade and Industry,—*The future of UK manufacturing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed* [No. 161-i] [Mr Peter Luff].

10 Treasury,—*The 2006 Pre-Budget Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed* [No. 115-ii] [Mr John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs,—*Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate*: 
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 74-iv]; and  
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published  
[Dr Hywel Francis].

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Tuesday 12th December 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 1.56 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the Tax Credits (Claims and Notifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2689).

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

2 Sustainable Communities Bill,—Mr Nick Hurd, supported by Gregory Barker, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Martin Caton, Colin Challen, Mr David Chaytor, Jim Dowd, Mr David Drew, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Michael Meacher and Dr Desmond Turner presented a Bill to make provision for the Secretary of State to publish action plans in connection with promoting the sustainability of local communities and to enable local authorities and local communities to participate in the formulation and implementation of those plans; to require the Secretary of State to provide information on government spending in local authority areas to local authorities upon request; to make provision for local authorities to produce local spending plans; to require the Secretary of State to approve and implement those plans; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 17].

3 Energy Saving (Daylight) Bill,—Mr Tim Yeo, supported by Peter Bottomley, Sir John Butterills, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr David Kidney, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Lembit Opik, Richard Ottaway, Dr Desmond Turner, Mr John Whittingdale and Sir George Young presented a Bill to advance time by one hour throughout the year to create lighter evenings, for an experimental period; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 18].

4 Land Use (Gardens Protection etc) Bill,—Mrs Caroline Spelman, supported by Mr Eric Pickles, Alistair Burt, Mr Robert Syms, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Greg Clark, Mr Greg Hands, Robert Neill, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr James Arbuthnot, Michael Gove and Michael Fabricant presented a Bill to make provision for the protection of gardens and urban green space; to confer on local authorities powers to set housing density targets; to make provision about the transfer of land formerly used for economic purposes to residential use; to transfer to local authorities certain powers relating to housing and planning; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 19].

5 Disabled Children (Family Support) Bill,—Mr Gary Streeter, supported by Mrs Joan Humble, Danny Alexander, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Stephen Dorell, Angela Browning, Mr Tom Clarke, Mrs Janet Dean, Annette Brooke, Mr Brooks Newmark, Alison Seabeck and Mrs Betty Williams presented a Bill to make provision about the assessment and delivery of short breaks and respite care for carers of disabled children; to amend the law relating to disabled children and their carers; 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 23rd February and to be printed [Bill 20].

6 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill,—Graham Stringer, supported by Mr George Howarth, Ann Coffey, Helen Jones, Clive Efford, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Mike Hancock, Geraldine Smith, Jim Cousins, Jane Kennedy, Mr Clive Betts and Jan Stewart presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment of a compulsory registration scheme for off-road vehicles; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd March and to be printed [Bill 21].

7 House of Commons (Participation) Bill,—Mr Robert Walter, supported by Derek Conway, Mr John Redwood, Bill Etherington, Angela Browning, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Nigel Evans, David Taylor, Mr Christopher Chope, Derek Wyatt, Mr James Clappison and Peter Luff presented 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 and other proceedings of the House: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 22].
8 Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill,—Sir John Butterfill, supported by Mr Adrian Bailey, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr David Curry, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Mike Weir and Sir Nicholas Winterton presented a Bill to remove existing funding limits in respect of building societies, subject to regulation by the Financial Services Authority; to provide consequential rights to building society members; and to enable specified categories of mutual organisations to transfer engagements to one another or to a company. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 23].

9 Temporary and Agency Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Bill,—Paul Farrelly, supported by Charlotte Atkins, Colin Burgon, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Andrew Love, Ann McKechin, Mr George Mudie, Geraldine Smith, Ian Stewart and Derek Wyatt presented a Bill to prohibit discrimination against temporary and agency workers; to make provision about the enforcement of rights of such workers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd March and to be printed [Bill 24].

10 Local Planning Authorities (Energy and Energy Efficiency) Bill,—Mr Martin Caton, supported by Gregory Barker, Colin Challen, Mr John Gummer, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Elliot Morley, Andrew Stunell, Joan Walley, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Tim Yeo presented a Bill to enable local planning authorities to make certain requirements regarding the generation, conservation and use of energy; to require local planning authorities to consider specifying requirements for the generation of renewable and low carbon energy and the imposition of energy efficiency standards when determining planning applications; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 25].

11 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill,—Richard Ottaway, supported by Mr Greg Knight, Mr John Maples, Derek Wyatt, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Phil Willis, Mr Malcolm Moss and Mr Nigel Evans 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 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 26].

12 Polling Stations (Regulation) Bill,—Mr Roger Godsiff, supported by Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Paara S. Khabra, Mike Gapes, Mr George Mudie, Kelvin Hopkins, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mrs Ann Cryer and Mr John Spellar presented a Bill to make it an offence to campaign in prescribed areas around polling stations on the day of certain elections; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd February and to be printed [Bill 27].

13 Criminal Law (Amendment) (Protection of Property) Bill,—Mr Shabir Huq, supported by David Davis, Mr Dominic Grieve, Patrick Mercer, Mr Edward Garmer, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Frank Field, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Lady Hermon, Mr Rob Wilson, Mr Stewart Jackson and Dr Richard Taylor 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 9th March and to be printed [Bill 28].

14 Streetscape and Highways Design Bill,—Mr Alan Duncan, supported by Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mrs Nadine Dorries, James Duddridge, Mr Nigel Evans, Charles Hendry, Kate Hoey, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Bob Laxton, Anne Main, Mr Mark Prisk, and Mr Graham Stuart presented a Bill to make provision about standards of streetscape and highways design; to require the Secretary of State to provide guidance and advice to local authorities and the Highways Agency on streetscape and highways design; to require local authorities to publish policies on the quality of design of traffic signs and highway developments; to require local authorities to have regard to such policies when causing or permitting traffic signs to be placed on or near a road or when carrying out highways work; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 29].

15 Cystic Fibrosis (Exemption from Prescription Charges) Bill,—Mr John Hayes, supported by Greg Clark, Michael Gove, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Angela Watkinson, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, David Taylor, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Stewart Jackson and John Bercow presented a Bill to exempt persons with cystic fibrosis from charges for drugs, medicines, appliances and pharmaceutical services, and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 30].
16 Post-16 Education and Training Bill.—Mr Barry Sheerman, supported by Mr Tim Boswell, Mr David Chaytor, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Rob Wilson, Jeff Ennis, Mr Gordon Marsden, Helen Jones, Tim Farron, Paul Holmes, Dr Tony Wright and Mr David Curry presented a Bill to make provision about post-16 education and training; to amend the law relating to the definition of compulsory school age; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd February and to be printed [Bill 31].

17 Trade Union Rights and Freedoms Bill.—John McDonnell, supported by Ms Katy Clark, Alan Keen, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Austin Mitchell, Nia Griffith, Jon Cruddas, Jon Trickett, Mr Andrew Dismore, Kelvin Hopkins, and Mrs Siân C. James presented a Bill to make provision for the law relating to the rights and freedoms of workers and of trade unions, the regulation of relations between employers and workers, protection of employment in lawful industrial action, and remedies in trade disputes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd March and to be printed [Bill 32].

18 Electric Shock Training Devices Bill.—Sarah McCarthy-Fry, supported by Mr David Drew, Tony Baldry, Mr Mike Hancock, Lyn Brown, Mr Roger Gale, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr John Whittingdale, Lynda Waltho, Mr David Anderson, Andrew Gwynne and Laura Moffatt presented a Bill to prohibit the sale, manufacture, hire, loan, importation or use of electric shock training devices; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 33].

19 Waging War (Parliament’s Role and Responsibility) Bill.—Mr Michael Meacher, supported by Alan Simpson, Mr Neil Gerrard, David Taylor, Adam Price, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mike Penning, Peter Bottomley, Mr Don Foster, Mr David Chaytor and Mark Fisher presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to lay before the House of Commons a mechanism for obtaining the approval of that House for the deployment of British forces for armed conflict: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 34].

20 Housing Association (Rights and Representation of Residents) Bill.—Emily Thornberry, supported by Dr Phyllis Starkey, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Clive Betts, Mike Gapes, Mr Andrew Love, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Sadiq Khan, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods and Harry Cohen presented a Bill to make provision about the rights and representation of housing association residents; to make requirements of housing associations in relation to service delivery; to make further provision for the regulation of housing associations; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd March and to be printed [Bill 35].

21 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill.—Mr Francis Maude, supported by Mr Tim Boswell, Greg Clark, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Nick Gibb, Charles Hendry, Nick Herbert, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Hon Nicholas Soames 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 26th January and to be printed [Bill 36].

22 Income Tax Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax law rewrite bills). That the Income Tax Bill be proceeded with as a tax law rewrite bill—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

23 Petroleum.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Petroleum Act 1998 (Third Party Access) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

24 Customs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Customs and Excise Duties (Travellers’ Allowances and Personal Reliefs) (New Member States) (Amendment) Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Customs and Excise Duties (New Access) Order No. 006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3157), dated 28th November 2006, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

25 Welfare Reform and Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions under section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, stating the changes in law which the Secretary of State is proposing in the Welfare Reform Bill by way of amendments to the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979, the amount of expenditure which the Secretary of State proposes to incur and the purposes for which he proposes to incur it (House of Commons Paper No. 39), which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.
Electronic Recording and Reporting of Fishing Activities and Means of Remote Sensing.—
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. 14181/04, Draft Council Regulation on electronic recording and reporting of fishing activities and on means of remote sensing; and supports the Government’s objective of ensuring that this proposal delivers improved management and control, thereby contributing to the long-term sustainability of fish stocks—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Justice and Security (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 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill:

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee
2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 25th January 2007.
3. The Public Bill 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)—It was agreed to.

Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money];
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) 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 Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

Delegated Legislation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 439) be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee—(Mr Ian Cawsey);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 299.
Tellers for the Noes, Sammy Wilson, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) the residents of the Borough of Copeland and others throughout Cumbria for the retention of maternity services currently provided at the West Cumberland Hospital, and
(2) the residents of Ayrshire and others, including those who have lost out due to the closure of Farepak, for a plan to recompense, before Christmas 2006, those who have lost monies through membership of the Farepak Christmas savings club were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

32 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the People of Chalfont St Peter and others against the reduction in the number of beds available at Chalfonts and Gerrards Cross Hospital was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

33 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Huw Irranca-Davies);

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 eleven minutes to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.49 p.m.]
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Greater London Authority Bill Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Norman Baker, Tom Brake, Ms Karen Buck, Ms Dawn Butler, Yvette Cooper, Michael Fabricant, Jim Fitzpatrick, Michael Gove, Mr Greg Hands, Martin Linton, Siobhain McDonagh, Robert Neill, Mr Andrew Pelling, Stephen Pound, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield and Hillsborough).

2 Offender Management Bill Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, James Brokenshire, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Neil Gerrard, Andrew Gwynne, Mark Hunter, Mr Nick Hurd, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr David Kidney, Ian Lucas, Kerry McCarthy, David Maclean, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mark Williams.

3 Draft Employment Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedules 3, 4 and 5) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Battle, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr David Burrowes, Ms Dawn Butler, Ann Coffey, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Jeff Ennis, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Fabian Hamilton, David Howarth, Steve McCabe, John McDonnell, Mr Jim McGovern, Margaret Moran and Mike Penning.

4 Tax Credits (Claims and Notifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 2689).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Vincent Cable from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Danny Alexander.

5 Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2006 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Government’s assessment to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Ed Balls, Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr James Clappison, Mr David Curry, Mr David Evennett, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Fraser Kemp, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Siôn Simon, Graham Stringer, Mrs Theresa Villiers and Mr Anthony Wright.

6 Draft Street Works (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, David Cairns, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr Wayne David, Mrs Nadine Dorries, James Duddridge, Mark Durkan, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr John Heppell, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Alan Milburn, Dr Doug Naysmith, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Ian Stewart, Dr Gavin Strang, Emily Thornberry, Lynda Waltho and David Wright.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ed Balls, Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Ann Clwyd, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Field, Paul Flynn, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Christopher Fraser, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Philip Hollobone, Ms Sally Keeble, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Gwyn Prosser, Dr Howard Stoate and Keith Vaz.

8 Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Revocation) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3235), and the draft Excepted Vehicles (Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Hydrocarbon Oils Duties Act 1979) Order 2006:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order and draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Chris Bryant, Dr Vincent Cable, Jim Dowd, Mr David Evennett, Mr Paul Goodman, John Healey, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Brian Jenkins, Alan Keen, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Documents No. 11902/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 11896/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to the Sustainable Use of Pesticides.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: John Austin, Ms Celia Barlow, Tony Cunningham, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr James Gray, Martin Horwood, Mr Bob Laxton, Anne Moffat, Mr James Paice, Ian Pearson, Mr Gordon Prentice and Mr Roger Williams.

10 European Union Document No. 13347/06, relating to EU Enlargement: Bulgaria and Romania.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr David Blunkett, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Simon Burns, Tony Cunningham, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Ian McCartney, Anne Main, Mr Elliott Morley, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Neil Turner and Richard Younger-Ross.

11 European Union Document SEC (06) 1195/4, relating to EC Action on Health Services.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Clive Betts, Ben Chapman, Tony Cunningham, Mr Jim Devine, Sandra Gidley, Jane Kennedy, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Stephen O’Brien, John Penrose, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Rosindell, Jim Sheridan and Ms Rosie Winterton.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—Party Funding: First Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceeding of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 163-I and -II] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Education and Skills.—Ofsted:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 165-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Climate change: “the citizen’s agenda”: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 88-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Developments in the European Union:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 166-i]; and
   (ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee, to be published
   (2) Active Diplomacy for a Changing World: The FCO’s Strategic Priorities: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No.167] [Mike Gapes].

5 Public Accounts.—Tackling pensioner poverty: encouraging take-up entitlements: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 169-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

6 Science and Technology.—Research Council Institutes: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No 68-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Scottish Affairs.—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 12th December; to be printed [No. 168-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

8 Statutory Instruments.—Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 82-iv] [David Maclean].
9 Treasury.—The 2006 Pre-Budget Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 115-iii] [Mr John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions.—The Government’s Employment Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 63-iv] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 17; WH, No. 8]

**Wednesday 13th December 2006.**

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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. 18.]

**Thursday 14th December 2006.**

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

PRAYERS.

1 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Regulations 2006. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Adjournment (Fisheries).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ben Bradshaw);

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

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till six minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 18th December. [Adjourned at 7.06 p.m.]

**APPENDIX I**

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Healthcare and Associated Professions,—Draft Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Provision of Information to Passengers) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3303), dated 12th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


4 Social Security,—Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 5) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3274), dated 7th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Flexible Working (Eligibility, Complaints and Remedies) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3314), dated 7th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

6 Education and Skills.—Department for Education and Skills: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6992] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Health.—Review of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act: Proposals for revised legislation (including establishment of the Regulatory Authority for Tissue and Embryos) [by Command] [Cm. 6989] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Museums and Galleries.—Report and Accounts of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 75] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Northern Ireland.—Report of proceedings of the Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland for the two years ending 31st December 2005 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 81] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Parliamentary Commissioner.—First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2006–07: Investigation into the Home Office’s regulation of animal experimentation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 144] [Clerk of the House].

11 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for—
   (1) 1st July to 31st December 2005; and
   (2) 1st January to 30th June 2006
   [by Command] [Cm. 6987 and 6988] [Hilary Armstrong].

12 Transport.—Paper, entitled The Future of Air Transport Progress Report [by Command] [Cm. 6977] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

13 Treasury.—HM Treasury: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6990] [Mr Stephen Timms].

14 Trunk Road Charging Schemes.—Account of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 120] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Offender Management Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Edward Garnier, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mark Williams members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Offender Management Bill Committee.

2 Offender Management Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley and Mr Peter Atkinson Chairmen of the Offender Management Bill Committee.

3 Greater London Authority Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Tom Brake, Yvette Cooper, Michael Fabricant, Michael Gove, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Andrew Slaughter and Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield Hillsborough) members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Greater London Authority Bill Committee.

4 Greater London Authority Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara and Ann Winterton Chairmen of the Greater London Authority Bill Committee.

5 Draft Employment Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedules 3, 4 and 5) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the First Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

6 Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Second Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the Government’s Assessment.

7 Draft Street Works (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

8 Stamp Duty Land Tax (Variation of the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3237).—The Speaker has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman of the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the Regulations.
9 Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Revocation) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3235) and draft Excepted Vehicles (Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Hydrocarbon Oils Duties Act 1979) Order 2006.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the Order and draft Order.

10 Draft Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Regulations 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Heyes and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Patrick Hall and Fiona Mactaggart.

European Standing Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 12107/06 and Addenda 1 and 2 on an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child.

12 The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 11902/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 11896/06 and Addenda 1 and 2 on Sustainable use of Pesticides and No. 11755/06 and Addenda 1 to 12 on Authorisation of Plant Protection Products.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 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. 41-iv]; and

(2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

2 Health.—Workforce Planning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 171-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 International Development.—(1) Conflict and Development: Peacebuilding and Post-conflict Reconstruction: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2005-06: First Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 172]; and

(2) Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 114-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

4 Public Administration.—Skills for Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 93-iii] [Dr Tony Wright].

Thursday 14th December 2006.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Changes in medical and clinical practice).—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 9th January, pursuant to Order [27th November].

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bill Petitions,—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have been complied with:
   - Bournemouth Borough Council
   - Broads Authority
   - Manchester City Council
   - National Trust (Northern Ireland)

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:
   - Bournemouth Borough Council
   - Manchester City Council
   - Transport for London (Supplemental Toll Provisions)

   and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons:
   - Broads Authority
   - National Trust (Northern Ireland).

3 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Employment Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedules 3, 4 and 5) Order 2006.

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

4 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the Government's Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 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 European Standing Committee,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12107/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication: Towards an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child; supports the Government’s view that any such strategy should stay within the Union’s existing competences; asks the Government to ensure that any EU activity in the field of children’s rights adds value to existing intergovernmental arrangements; and opposes any future legislation on children’s rights that does not have a proper Treaty basis.

   Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

6 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—Mr Andrew Dismore, supported by Dr Tony Wright, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Martin Salter, Annette Brooke, Mr Andrew Love, Keith Vaz, Ms Karen Buck and Mary Creagh 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 29th June and to be printed [Bill 38].

7 Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill,—David Maclean presented a Bill to amend the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to exempt from its provisions the House of Commons and House of Lords and correspondence between Members of Parliament and public authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 39].
8 Provision of Palliative Care Bill,—Jim Dobbin, supported by 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 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 19th January and to be printed [Bill 40].

9 Termination of Pregnancy Bill,—Mrs Nadine Dorries, supported by Mr Michael Howard, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Anne Main, Bob Russell, Mr John Hayes, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Edward Vaizey, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mike Penning, Mr Mark Field and Mr Brooks Newmark presented a Bill to reduce the time limit for legal terminations of pregnancy from 24 to 20 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 bringing the pregnancy to term as a condition of informed consent to termination; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 41].

10 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill,—The Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

11 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) 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 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill:

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee
2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 18th January 2007.
3. The Public Bill 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 Frank Roy).—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Mrs Caroline Gibbs and other customers of Creation Post Office for the continuation of the subsidy for rural post offices and for the retention of the Post Office Card Account 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 Frank Roy.) And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.52 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 15th December 2006 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Enterprise Act 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3363), dated 14th December 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].
2 Environmental Protection.—(1) Controls on Dangerous Substances and Preparations Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3311), dated 11th December 2006; and
with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary David Miliband].

3 Housing.—Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3340), dated 14th December 2006, with an
Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

4 Legal Services.—Legal Services Ombudsman (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3362), dated 15th December 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum
[Bridget Prentice].

5 Social Security.—Social Security (Bulgaria and Romania) Amendment Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3341), dated 14th December 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum
[Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 18th December 2006:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

6 Companies,—Draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2006 [by Act], with an
Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

7 Criminal Law.—Draft Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Amendment of Schedules 3 and 5) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

8 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2006;
(2) draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2006; and
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ed Balls].

9 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007; and
(2) draft Waste (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

10 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gambling Act 2005 (Relevant Offences) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3391), dated 16th December 2006 [by Act], with an
Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

11 Building and Buildings,—Building and Approved Inspectors (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3318), dated 15th December 2006 [by Act], with an
Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

dated 15th December 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

13 Corporation Tax,—(1) Group Relief for Overseas Losses (Modification of the Corporation Tax Acts for Non-resident Insurance Companies) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3389); and
(2) Insurance Companies (Corporation Tax Acts) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3387),
dated 18th December 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ed Balls].
14 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (EEA Passport Rights) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3385); and
dated 18th December 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ed Balls].

15 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3306), dated 11th December 2006; and
   (2) National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3373), dated 13th December 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

16 Pensions,—Superannuation (Admission to Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3374), dated 14th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Hilary Armstrong].

17 Police,—Police and Justice Act 2006 (Supplementary and Transitional Provisions) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3365), dated 14th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

18 Public Health,—Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3368), dated 13th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Other Papers:

20 Charities,—Report and Accounts of the Community Development Foundation for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 137] [Clerk of the House].

21 Development of Tourism,—Statement, dated 18th December 2006, of the appointment and salary of Christopher Rodrigues as Chair of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

22 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Paper, entitled Handling Volume Crime and the Use of Police Bail: A review of how the Police Service of Northern Ireland deal with incidents of volume crime and uses of police bail [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

23 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Sure Start Children’s Centres; and
   (2) Third Validation Compendium Report: Volumes I and II [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 104 and 127-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

24 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2005-06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 145] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

25 National Savings Bank,—Accounts of the National Savings Ordinary Deposits for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 173] [Clerk of the House].

26 Northern Ireland,—(1) Northern Ireland Office: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6991]; and
   (2) Report and Financial Accounts of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 139] [Mr Secretary Hain].

28 Regulatory Reform,—Proposals for—
   (1) a Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc. between Ombudsmen) Order 2007, with
       a statement by the Cabinet Office [by Act] [Hilary Armstrong];
   (2) a Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007, with a statement
       by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary David
       Miliband]; and
   (3) a Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2006, with
       a statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the
       Exchequer].

29 Severn Bridges,—Accounts prepared pursuant to the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 2005–06,
   with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [No. 174] [Clerk of the House].

30 Superannuation,—(1) Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme
   (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (No. 3);
   (2) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (No. 3);
   (3) Civil Service Injury Benefits Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006;
   (4) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2006 (No. 3); and
   (5) Unregistered Death Benefits Scheme
       [by Act] [Hilary Armstrong].

31 United Nations,—North Korea (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order
   2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3327), dated 14th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory
   Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Employment Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedules 3, 4 and 5) Order 2006,—The
   Committee of Selection has discharged John Battle, Mr Fabian Hamilton and Margaret
   Moran from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the
   draft Order) and nominated in substitution Linda Gilroy, Mr George Howarth and
   Paddy Tipping.

2 Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report for the purposes of section 5
   of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993,—The Committee of Selection
   has discharged Graham Stringer from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee
   (nominated in respect of the Government’s Assessment) and nominated in substitution
   Mr Tom Watson.

3 Stamp Duty Land Tax (Variation of the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006,
   No. 3237),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Field from the
   Fourth Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated
   in substitution Mr Frank Field.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Prison Education: Follow-Up:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be
       printed [No. 170-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts,—ASPIRE—the re-competition of outsourced IT services: Minutes of
   Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 179-i]
   [Mr Alan Williams].

   before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 63-v] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Tuesday 19th December 2006.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses Bill, without Amendment.

2 Cluster Munitions (Prohibition of Development and Acquisition) Bill.—Nick Harvey,
supported by John Barrett, Willie Rennie, Susan Kramer, Mr Michael Moore, Bob Russell, Lorely Burt, Mr Adrian Sanders, Tim Farron and Malcolm Bruce, presented a Bill to prohibit the development, acquisition, possession, transfer and use of cluster munitions and their components; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 42].

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—(Mr Frank Roy);

4 Royal Assent,—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:
   Consolidated Fund Act 2006

5 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.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from
   (1) residents of Hitchin and Harpenden against planned changes to NHS facilities in Hertfordshire; and
   (2) parents of children attending Medstead Church of England Primary School and others against plans to close the Provision for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Children at the school were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)
   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Seven o'clock, adjourned till Monday 8th January, pursuant to Resolution [27th November].

Adjourned at 7.27 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:
   1 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
   2 Charities,—Draft Charities (Bridge House Estates) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Hilary Armstrong].
   3 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Appointed Representatives) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3414); and
   4 Food,—Olive Oil (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3367), dated 13th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].
5 Health Service Charges.—Recovery of Health Services Charges (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 507), dated 6th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Local Government.—Local Government Companies (Best Value) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 500), dated 5th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Magistrates’ Courts.—Assistants to Justices’ Clerks Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3405), dated 18th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

8 National Health Service.—(1) Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (General) and Road Traffic (NHS Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3388); and (2) Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Reviews and Appeals) and Road Traffic (NHS Charges) (Reviews and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3398), dated 12th December 2006 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Communities and Local Government.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, Session 2005–06, on Planning-gain Supplement [by Command] [Cm. 7005] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

10 Human Rights.—Government Reply to the Twenty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2005–06, on Human Trafficking [by Command] [Cm. 6996] [Secretary John Reid].

11 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petitions— (1) [27th November] from the residents of West Dorset for the maintenance of the Post Office Card Account and the rural post office network; (2) [29th November] from Coventry British Pensioners and Trade Union Association against the reform of widows’ benefits for women who are widowed under the age of sixty; and (3) [29th November] from the residents of Benfleet, Canvey Island and others against changes to the Post Office Card Account [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Revenue and Customs.—Annual Report of HM Revenue and Customs for 2005–06 with HM Revenue and Customs: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6983] [Dawn Primarolo].

13 Transport.—Department for Transport: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6976] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture Media and Sport.—Caring for our collections: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 176-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Defence.—(1) Armed Forces Bill: proposal for a Service Complaints Commissioner: Government Response to the Fourteenth Report of the Committee, Session 2003–06: Second Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 180]; and (2) Defence Industrial Strategy update: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 177-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Home Affairs.—Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System: Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 181-i] [Mr John Denham].

4 Welsh Affairs.—Orders in Council: (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 175-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].
PRAYERS

1 Statistics and Registration Service Bill.—The Statistics and Registration Service Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

2 Statistics and Registration Service 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 Statistics and Registration Service Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 25th January 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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 any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

3 Statistics and Registration Service Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Statistics and Registration Service 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 Statistics and Registration Service Bill it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Statistics Board;

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

4 National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

5 Employment Tribunals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Employment Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedules 3, 4 and 5) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

6 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 (Delegated Legislation Committees) and Order [7th December], That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2006 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.
EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child.—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. 12107/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication: Towards an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child; supports the Government’s view that any such strategy should stay within the Union’s existing competences; asks the Government to ensure that any EU activity in the field of children’s rights adds value to existing intergovernmental arrangements; and opposes any future legislation on children’s rights that does not have a proper Treaty basis—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) members and supporters of the Alzheimer’s Society of Selby and York against restrictions on the NHS prescription of certain drugs; and
(2) residents of Ushaw Moor and surrounding villages for protection against development of the Oversteads House Sheltered Flats Complex
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—(Liz Blackman);
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.—(Kevin Brennan.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes 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):

Thursday 21st December 2006

1 Cabinet Office,—Cabinet Office: Autumn Performance Report 2006 [Cm. 7004] [Hilary Armstrong].

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 20th December 2006

2 Electromagnetic Compatibility.—Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3418), dated 18th December 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


Thursday 21st December 2006

4 Companies,—(1) Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3428); and
(2) Companies (Registrar, Languages and Trading Disclosures) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3429), dated 20th December 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Council Tax,—(1) Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3395); and

7. European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3329), dated 14th December 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


9. Local Government,—(1) Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 7) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3425), dated 20th December 2006; and
   (2) Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3419), dated 19th December 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Alexander].


   (2) Road Traffic ( Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Wolverhampton) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3420), dated 19th December 2006; and
   (3) Road Traffic ( Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of South Tyneside) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3424), dated 20th December 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Alexander].


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Friday 22nd December 2006


17. National Health Service,—Health Service Commissioner for England ( Special Health Authorities) (Revocation) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3332), dated 14th December 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Friday 29th December 2006

20 Education.—(1) Education (Aptitude for Particular Subjects) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3408); and

dated 16th December 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Wednesday 4th January 2007

21 Fire and Rescue Services.—(1) Firefighters’ Compensation Scheme (England) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3434);

(2) Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3433); and

(3) Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (England) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3432),
dated 19th December 2006, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Thursday 5th January 2007


23 Excise.—(1) Cider and Perry and Wine and Made-wine (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 4); and

(2) Customs and Excise (Personal Reliefs for Special Visitors) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 5),
dated 4th January 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [John Healey].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8th January 2007

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

24 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

25 Agriculture.—Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3472), dated 28th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

26 Constitutional Law.—Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3248), dated 14th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

27 School Standards and Framework.—Draft School Admissions Code, dated 8th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

28 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 16 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

29 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Paper, entitled The Iraq Reconstruction Service Medal [Command] [Cm. 7000] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

30 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Improving Quality and Safety: Progress in Implementing Clinical Governance in Primary Care: Lessons for the New Primary Care Trusts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100] [Clerk of the House].

31 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 3rd January 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

32 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Ashington 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. 184] [Clerk of the House].
33 Social Security (Administration).—Account of the National Insurance Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 186] [Clerk of the House].

**APPENDIX II**

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 60-iii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

2 Public Accounts,—The Modernisation of the West Coast Main Line: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 189-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 22.]

Tuesday 9th January 2007.

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

**PRAYERS.**

1 Greater London Authority Bill.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Greater London Authority Bill Committee the following Resolution:

   (1) That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

   (2) Certain Memoranda.

   Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be published.

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Street Works (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

3 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. 11902/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication: A thematic strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides, No. 11896/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive establishing a framework for Community action to achieve a sustainable use of pesticides, and No. 11755/06 and Addenda 1 to 12, draft regulation concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market; and agrees with the Government’s proposed negotiating position relating to the thematic strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides and the authorisation of plant protection products.

   Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Authority).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to clarify the meaning of ‘public authority’ in section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998—(Mr Andrew Dismore);

   And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business)—It was agreed to.

   Ordered, That Mr Andrew Dismore, Nia Griffith, Mary Creagh, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Douglas Carswell, Ms Karen Buck, Clive Efford, Angela Eagle, Joan Ruddock and Mr Paul Burstow do prepare and bring in the Bill.

5 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Authority) Bill.—Mr Andrew Dismore accordingly presented a Bill to clarify the meaning of ‘public authority’ in section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 43].

6 Welfare Reform Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—Ordered, That the Order of 24th July 2006 (Welfare Reform 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 this day’s sitting 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 10 p.m. at this day’s sitting—(Mr Jim Murphy).

7 Welfare Reform Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Welfare Reform Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC3) (Assessment of limited capability for work)—(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 Jeremy Browne, Jenny Willott: 226.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 307.

Another Clause (NC7) (Participation in work-focused interviews)—(Mr David Ruffley)—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 Evenett, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 219.
Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Ian Cawsey: 294.

An Amendment (No. 79) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 28, to leave out the words ‘medical examination’ and insert the word ‘assessment’, instead thereof.—(Roger Berry.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
And it being Eight o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills) and Orders [24th July and this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.—It was negatived.

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. 7 to 11 and 13 to 47) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 48) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) The AMHB shall vary only for those aged under 21.’—(Mr Andrew Love.)

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

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) The Appropriate Maximum Housing Benefit may not vary according to the age of the claimant.’—(Danny Alexander.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Jeremy Browne: 70.
Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Huw Irranca-Davies: 286.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendment (No. 12) made to the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Delegated Legislation.—Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Mr Jack Straw relating to the Electoral Commission shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(Liz Blackman.)
9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Bexley and neighbouring areas against the exemption of the judiciary and tribunals from Section 19B of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000;

(2) supporters of Jamil el-Banna for his return from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the United Kingdom; and

(3) Skegness Hoteliers Association, Skegness Chamber of Commerce and others against proposals to introduce a Bed Tax on the United Kingdom tourist industry

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

10 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.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Housing,—Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Anti-social Behaviour Order Functions) (England) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Taxis (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Health and Safety,—Carriage of Explosives (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 520), dated 13th December 2006 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


Other Papers:

6 National Health Service,—Report and Accounts of the National Patient Safety Agency for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 116] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [28th November] from the North Hertfordshire Free Tibet Support Group for measures to encourage dialogue between the Tibetan government in exile and the government of China; and

(2) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [18th December] from Mrs Caroline Gibbs and other customers of Creaton Post Office for the continuation of the subsidy for rural post offices and for the retention of the Post Office Card Account

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 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:

9th January 2007

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Street Works (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mark Durkin, Mr John Heppell, Mr Alan Milburn, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Ian Stewart and Lynda Waltho from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr David Kidney, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Dan Norris, Joan Ruddock, Mr Michael Wills and Sammy Wilson.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Documents No. 11902/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 11896/06 and Addenda 1 to 12 relating to the Sustainable Use of Pesticides, and No. 11755/06 and Addenda 1 to 12 relating to Authorisation of Plant Protection Products.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne MoVat from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents and Addenda) and nominated in substitution Mr Wayne David.

3 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 2nd November 2006, submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, relating to the EU–China relationship, referred to European Standing Committee B on 7th November in the last Session of Parliament, has been replaced by European Union Documents No. 14381/06, Commission Communication: EU–China: Closer partners, growing responsibilities, and No. 14823/06, Policy paper on EU trade and investment: Competition and Partnership.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—The Work of the Committee, 2005–06: First Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 198] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Caring for our collections: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 176-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Pre-Budget 2005: Tax, economic analysis and climate change: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: First Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 195]; and

(2) Keeping the Lights on: Nuclear, Renewables and Climate Change: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 196]; and

(3) Trade, Development and the Environment: the role of DfID: Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 197] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Home Affairs,—Justice and Home Affairs Issues at European Union Level: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 76-iii] [Mr John Denham].

5 Trade and Industry,—Trade and Investment Opportunities with Mercosur: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 208-i] [Mr Peter Luff].

[No. 22; WH, No. 10]

Tuesday 9th January 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]
10th January 2007

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the Stamp Duty Land Tax (Variation of the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3237).

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

2 Protection of Listed Vehicles.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the establishment of a scheme to promote the maintenance and preservation of certain vehicles of cultural value; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Randall, Kelvin Hopkins, Mrs Janet Dean, John Thurso, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Robert Goodwill, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Julian Brazier and Mr Greg Hands do prepare and bring it in.

3 Protection of Listed Vehicles Bill,—Mr John Randall accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment of a scheme to promote the maintenance and preservation of certain vehicles of cultural value; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 44].

4 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.

Community Maternity Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the provision of high quality maternity services designed around the needs and wishes of expectant mothers and reconciling choice, access and safety; values the hard work of health professionals working in maternity care; endorses the need for every woman to be supported by the same midwife throughout her pregnancy; is deeply concerned at the closure or prospective closure of birth centres and maternity units and the consequent impact upon choice and access to services; regrets that the impacts of financial deficits and the Working Time Directive are forcing closures; welcomes and congratulates the cross-party opposition to such closures; and calls on the Government to respond positively to the demands for a national debate about the future configuration of maternity services—(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 extra investment in NHS maternity services under this Government; further welcomes the endorsement by the Royal College of Midwives of the ambitious vision for maternity services; notes that this investment has funded 2,400 more midwives than in 1997 and supported a 44 per cent. increase in students entering the midwifery profession, and that the latest surveys show that 8 out of 10 women say they are satisfied with their maternity care; recognises the preparatory work underway to deliver the Government’s manifesto commitment that by 2009 all women will have the choice over where and how they have their baby and what pain relief to use, and that every woman will be supported by the same midwife throughout their pregnancy, with this support linked to other services provided in children’s centres; supports the focus of services to tackle inequalities; and recognises that maternity services will need to continue to change in order to deliver this commitment and to ensure that the NHS provides the safest and most effective maternity care for babies, parents and families and the best possible value for money for taxpayers’, 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 Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Liz Blackman: 324.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the extra investment in NHS maternity services under this Government; further welcomes the endorsement by the Royal College of Midwives of the ambitious vision for maternity services; notes that this investment has funded 2,400 more midwives than in 1997 and supported a 44 per cent. increase in
students entering the midwifery profession, and that the latest surveys show that 8 out of 10 women say they are satisfied with their maternity care; recognises the preparatory work underway to deliver the Government’s manifesto commitment that by 2009 all women will have the choice over where and how they have their baby and what pain relief to use, and that every woman will be supported by the same midwife throughout her pregnancy, with this support linked to other services provided in children’s centres; supports the focus of services to tackle inequalities; and recognises that maternity services will need to continue to change in order to deliver this commitment and to ensure that the NHS provides the safest and most effective maternity care for babies, parents and families and the best possible value for money for taxpayers.

Future of the Sub-Post Office Network.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the contribution that sub-post offices make in communities across the country; pays tribute to sub-postmasters and postmistresses for the service they provide; believes that sub-post offices have a key role to play in delivering new services in those communities for local councils, businesses and consumers; condemns the Government’s short-sighted plan to close 2,500 sub-post offices; and urges the Government to allow sub-post offices greater freedom to develop their businesses—(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 ‘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 since 1999; endorses the Government’s firm commitment to ensuring the continuation of the network, while acknowledging the widely held view that its present size is unsustainable; supports the Government’s approach of allowing Royal Mail the freedom to respond to future commercial challenges and opportunities, and in particular enabling Post Office Limited to determine the future shape of the network within clear Government rules governing criteria for local access, a requirement to develop new “outreach” services, full public consultation on proposals for each affected area and a continuing commitment to social network payments by the Government to reflect sub-post offices’ social role; and welcomes the Government’s renewed commitment to allowing the public to get their pensions and benefits in cash from post offices if they choose to do so, including a successor to the Post Office card account when the current contract expires in 2010’, 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.

The 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 since 1999; endorses the Government’s firm commitment to ensuring the continuation of the network, while acknowledging the widely held view that its present size is unsustainable; supports the Government’s approach of allowing Royal Mail the freedom to respond to future commercial challenges and opportunities, and in particular enabling Post Office Limited to determine the future shape of the network within clear Government rules governing criteria for local access, a requirement to develop new “outreach” services, full public consultation on proposals for each affected area and a continuing commitment to social network payments by the Government to reflect sub-post offices’ social role; and welcomes the Government’s renewed commitment to allowing the public to get their pensions and benefits in cash from post offices if they choose to do so, including a successor to the Post Office card account when the current contract expires in 2010.

5 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of the Keep South Reddish Railway Station Open campaign against Network Rail’s proposals for the closure of stations on the Stockport to Stalybridge railway line; and

(2) Courtney’s Campaign for amendment of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

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

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Cabinet Office,—Paper, entitled Transformational Government: Enabled by Technology: Annual Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 6970] [Hilary Armstrong].


Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Don Foster, Barbara Follett, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr Edward Vaizey and Mr Shaun Woodward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill Committee.

2 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Derek Conway Chairman of the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Russell Brown, Barbara Follett, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Nia Griffith, Mr John Grogan, Paul Holmes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Jamie Reed, John Robertson, Helen Southworth, Mr Robert Syms, Mark Tami, Mr Edward Vaizey, Mr Rob Wilson, Mr Shaun Woodward and Jeremy Wright.

3 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Michael Foster, Paul Goggins, Mr Mark Lancaster, Dan Norris, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson and Lynda Walmsley members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill Committee.
4 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Janet Anderson Chairmen of the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Peter Bone, Rosie Cooper, Mark Durkan, Natasha Engel, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Paul Goggins, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Lady Hermon, Meg Hillier, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Dr William McCrea, Dan Norris, Lembit Öpik, Dr Nick Palmer, Bridget Prentice, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Chris Ruane, Lynda Wall, Sammy Wilson and David Wright.

5 Statistics and Registration Service Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Evennett, John Healey, Dr Brian Iddon, Sarah McCarthy-Fry and Mrs Theresa Villiers members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Statistics and Registration Service Bill Committee.

6 Statistics and Registration Service Bill Committee:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill and Mr Bill Olner Chairmen of the Statistics and Registration Service Bill Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Jim Dobbins, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr David Evennett, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, John Healey, Mr Mark Hoban, Stewart Hosie, Dr Brian Iddon, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Fiona Mactaggart, Rob Morris, Alan Michael, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Andy Reed and Mrs Theresa Villiers.

7 Income Tax Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Bill; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Mr Nicholas Brown, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Field, Paul Flynn, Mr Mark Francois, John Healey, John Hemming, Alan Keen, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Kali Mountford, Mr George Mudie, Robert Neill, Mark Tami and Mr Tom Watson.

8 Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Mr Jack Straw:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Motion to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Richard Bacon, Tony Baldry, John Battle, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Paul Farrelly, Nigel Griffiths, Mr David Heath, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Austin Mitchell, Paddy Tipping, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Shahid Vara and Dr Rudi Vis.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Clive Betts, Ms Karen Buck, Lorely Burt, Jeremy Corbyn, Mark Durkan, Angela Eagle, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hanson, Dr Evan Harris, Lady Hermon, Mr Mark Lancaster, Chris McCafferty, Mr Andrew Mackay, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Michael Mates, Dan Norris, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Siôn Simon, David Simpson and Mr Dennis Skinner.

10 Stamp Duty Land Tax (Variation of the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3237).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sarah McCarthy-Fry from the Fourth Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ms Diana R. Johnson.

European Standing Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 13347/06 on EU Enlargement: Bulgaria and Romania.
12 The Speaker has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. (SEC (06) 1195/4) on EC Action on Health Services.

13 European Union Document No. 13193/05 relating to Consumer Credit.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Colin Burgon, Mr David Burrowes, Lorely Burt, Tony Cunningham, Mr Tobias Ellwood, David Howarth, Mr Ian McCartney, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Alan Milburn, Anne Moffat, Mr Mark Prisk and Mr Neil Turner.

14 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 28th November 2006, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to 2005 Annual Reports of the European Court of Auditors, has been referred to European Standing Committee B together with European Union Documents No. 11399/06, No. 11660/06 and Addenda 1 and 2. Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 10th October 2006, No. 14431/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 14630/06 and Addendum 1, relating to Financial Management, already referred to the Committee on 18th October, in the last Session of Parliament, and on 29th November.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Public Expenditure: Government’s Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: First Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 211]; and

(2) Bologna Process:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 205-i]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) The work of the Committee in 2005–06: First Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 213]; and

(2) Climate Change: the “citizen’s agenda”: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 88-iv]
[Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 41-v]; and

(2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—(1) The Work of the Committee in 2005 and 2006: First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Annexes; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 206]; and

(2) Visit to Guantanamo Bay: Second Report from the Committee, with Appendices and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 44]
[Mike Gapes].

5 Public Accounts,—Reducing reliance on landfill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 212-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Space Policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Science and Technology; to be printed [No. 66-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Transport,—The Draft Transport Plan for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 199-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
8 Treasury.—(1) Debt Management Office Report and Accounts for 2005–06: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 190]; (2) Government Actuary’s Departmental Annual Report and Resource Accounts 2005–06: Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 194]; and (3) HM Revenue and Customs: Spring Departmental Report 2006: Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 51] [John McFall].

[No. 23; WH, No. 11]

Wednesday 10th January 2007.
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 5.09 p.m.]

[No. 24.]

Thursday 11th January 2007.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Greater London Authority Bill,—Ann Winterton reported a memorandum from the Greater London Authority Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Offender Management Bill,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Offender Management Bill Committee that it had come to the following Resolution:

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

3 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—David Taylor reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Revocation) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3235), and the draft Excepted Vehicles (Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979) Order 2006.

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

4 Adjournment (Social exclusion),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Steve McCabe);

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

5 Adjournment,—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.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th January.

[Adjourned at 6.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Paper:

Social Security Administration,—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 marking the completion of the review of the scheduled list of the prescribed diseases [by Command] [Cm. 7003] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Helen Southworth from the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Sadiq Khan.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 13347/06 relating to EU Enlargement: Bulgaria and Romania,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian McCartney and Mr Neil Turner from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Geoffrey Hoon and Alison Seabeck.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence and Foreign Affairs,—Iraq: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence and Foreign Affairs Committees; to be printed [No. 209-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Work and Pensions,—Work of the Committee in 2005–06: Second Report from the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 215] [Mr Terry Rooney].

Adjournment (Future of Legal Aid).—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 16th January.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
PRAYERS

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Mr Jack Straw.

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

2 European Standing Committee,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13347/06, Commission Communication: Monitoring report on the state of preparedness for EU membership of Bulgaria and Romania; and endorses the Government’s support for EU enlargement.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) 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, Jonathan Shaw, Steve McCabe: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 182.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

4 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) 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 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 1st February 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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.

5 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) 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 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of expenditure of the Secretary of State or the Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs for the purpose of or in connection with preparing for the imposition of a tax on the increase in the value of land resulting from the grant of permission for development—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.
6 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Street Works (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 4th December, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

7 Stamp Duty Land Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Stamp Duty Land Tax (Variation of the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3237), dated 6th December 2006, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

8 Sustainable Use of Pesticides.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 11902/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication: A thematic strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides, No. 11896/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive establishing a framework for Community action to achieve a sustainable use of pesticides, and No. 11755/06 and Addenda 1 to 12, draft regulation concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market; and agrees with the Government’s proposed negotiating position relating to the thematic strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides and the authorisation of plant protection products—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

9 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Ms Celia Barlow be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mark Lazarowicz be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Kitty Ussher be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Iain Wright be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Communities and Local Government.—Ordered, That Lyn Brown be discharged from the Communities and Local Government Committee and David Wright be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Anne Snelgrove be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Chris Mole be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of the Taunton constituency and others for the preservation of the local network of post offices across Taunton Deane was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 8 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Mental Capacity.—Draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Loss of Capacity during Research Project) (England) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Disability Discrimination.—Code of Practice on Post-16 Education, dated 15th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Social Security.—Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Electronic Communications) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 26), dated 9th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

4 Human Rights.—Government Response to the Thirty-Second Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2005–06, on The Human Rights Act: the DCA and Home Office Reviews [by Command] [Cm. 7011] [Ms Harriet Harman].

5 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled Hate Crime in Northern Ireland: A thematic inspection of the management of hate crime by the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland by the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].
6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ofwat—Meeting the demand for water [by Act]; to be printed [No. 150] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Lottery,—Review of the sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 182] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

8 Netherlands (No. 1, 2007),—Agreement, done at London on 25th October 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in respect of the Netherlands Antilles concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7102] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Parliamentary and Other Pensions,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 216] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [15th March 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from the National Federation of Private Pet Crematoria against the classification of pet crematoria as landfill sites [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Mr Jack Straw,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Louise Ellman and Paul Farrelly from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Motion) and nominated in substitution Mrs Linda Riordan and Mr John Spellar.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—(1) The Supply of Rented Housing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 47-ii]; and

   (2) The World Urban Forum III: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—The Rural Payments Agency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 107-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights,—The Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism: First Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 247][Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) The Paddington Health Campus scheme: Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 244];

   (2) Fines collections: Tenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 245]; and

   (3) Tackling anti-social behaviour: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No 246-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Transport,—(1) The work of the Committee in 2006: First Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 226]; and

   (2) The Ports Industry in England and Wales: Second Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 61] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

6 Work and Pensions,—Jobcentre Plus: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 218] [Mr Terry Rooney].
PRAYERS.

1 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill,—Derek Conway reported from the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill Committee:
   (1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
   (2) That it had gone through the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
   Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Greater London Authority Bill,—Ann Winterton reported a Memorandum from the Greater London Authority Bill Committee.
   Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill Committee:
   (1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
   (2) a Memorandum.
   Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Statistics and Registration Service Bill,—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Statistics and Registration Service Bill Committee, that it had come to the following Resolution:
   That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

5 European Standing Committee,—Dr William McCrea reported from a European Standing Committee, the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document SEC (06) 1195/4, Commission Communication: Consultation on Community Action on Health Services; notes that this document concerns itself primarily with the need for the development of legal certainty in the field of cross-border healthcare; notes that this need arises from case law developed in the European Court of Justice that currently applies to the UK and which contains unhelpful areas of ambiguity; further notes that the rest of the Communication looks broadly at non-regulatory areas where co-operation at a European level may add value to Member states’ efforts in the field of healthcare; and therefore supports the Government’s position that the UK should pro-actively engage in this area in order to achieve the maximum influence over the shape of the debate and any subsequent proposals.
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   Minutes of Proceedings to lie upon the Table.

6 Age-Related Macular Degeneration Bill,—Mrs Linda Riordan, supported by John McDonnell, Jeremy Corbyn, Ms Katy Clark, Mrs Ann Cryer and Dr Gavin Strang presented a Bill to make provision for the treatment of age-related macular degeneration; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 45].

7 Bilingual Juries (Wales).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 10 of the Juries Act 1974 to provide that in certain cases all members of a jury be bilingual in Welsh and English; and for connected purposes: And that Hywel Williams, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Dai Davies, Mr Roger Williams, Michael Fabricant, Mr Angus MacNeil, Andrew George, Nia Griffith, Adam Price and Mr Dan Rogerson do prepare and bring it in.

8 Bilingual Juries (Wales) Bill,—Hywel Williams accordingly presented a Bill to amend section 10 of the Juries Act 1974 to provide that in certain cases all members of a jury be bilingual in Welsh and English; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd March and to be printed [Bill 46].

9 Pensions Bill,—The Pensions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Pensions 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 Pensions Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th February 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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.

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

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of 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—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Revocation) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3235) dated 6th December 2006, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Excepted Vehicles (Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Hydrocarbon Oils Duties Act 1979) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

Electoral Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) and Order [9th January], That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will, with effect in each case from 19th January 2007, reappoint James Samuel Younger to be the chairman of the Electoral Commission for the period ending on 31st December 2008, and further reappoint Pamela Joan Gordon to be an Electoral Commissioner for the period ending on 30th June 2007—(Mr John Heppell).—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.

Merchant Shipping.—Ordered, That the Merchant Shipping (Inland Waterway and Limited Coastal Operations) (Boatmasters’ Qualifications and Hours of Work) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3223), dated 7th December, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee—(Mr John Heppell).
16 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Werrington, Peterborough and others for a more visible police presence in the Werrington Centre, Peterborough; and

(2) County Councillor Sally Morgan, residents and users of rural community hospitals and minor injury units in the Teignbridge and South Dartmoor area for the retention of minor injury units at Bovey Tracey and Ashburton Hospitals were presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Laganside Corporation,—Laganside Corporation Dissolution Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 527), dated 18th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

2 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on How the Department for Culture, Media and Sport assessed the BBC’s efficiency as part of the licence fee settlement [by Act]; to be printed [No. 183] [Clerk of the House].

3 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 224] [Clerk of the House].

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [11th December] from residents of London and surrounding areas for measures to prevent passengers playing loud music on buses [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 Race Relations,—Report of the Independent Race Monitor for 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

European Standing Committees

European Union Document SEC (06) 1195/4 relating to EC Action on Health Services,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ben Chapman and Mr Jim Devine from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Anne Moffat and Mr Tom Watson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 16th January; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-i] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Work of the Committee, 2005–06: First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 234] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence,—(1) The work of the Committee in 2005 and 2006: Fifth Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 233];

(ii) The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the White Paper:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 225-i]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].
Environmental Audit,—The Stern Report and Pre-Budget Report 2006: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 227-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

Home Affairs,—Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 181-ii] [Mr John Denham].

International Development,—(1) Work of the Committee in 2005–06: Third Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 228];

(2) Humanitarian response to natural disasters: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 229];

(3) Water and Sanitation:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 126-iv]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(4) Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

Scottish Affairs,—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-ii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

Trade and Industry,—(1) Royal Mail Group: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: First Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 230]; and

(2) The future of UK manufacturing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 161-ii] [Peter Lil].

Treasury,—(1) The 2006 Pre-Budget Report: Second Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 115];

(2) Work of the Committee in 2005–06: Third Report from the Committee to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 191]; and

(3) Financial Services Authority: annual report scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 193-i] [John McFall].

Welsh Affairs,—Energy in Wales: follow-up:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 221-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 26; WH, No. 13]

Tuesday 16th January 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax Bill,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Income Tax Bill. That it had come to the following Resolution, That the Committee recommends that the Income Tax Bill ought to be read a second time.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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


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

3 Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to establish a national strategy to safeguard runaway and missing children; to make provision for the collection and reporting of information about runaway and missing children and for related co-ordination between local authorities and other bodies; and for connected purposes: And that Helen Southworth, Ann Coffey, Dan Norris, John Battle, Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr John Denham, Ann Keen, Ms Dari Taylor, Jane Kennedy, Mr Stewart Jackson and Mr Paul Burstow do prepare and bring it in.

4 Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill,—Helen Southworth accordingly presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to establish a national strategy to safeguard runaway and missing children; to make provision for the collection and reporting of information about runaway and missing children and for related 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 23rd February and to be printed [Bill 47].

5 Conventions,—Resolved, That this House takes note with approval of the Report of the Joint Committee on Conventions of the UK Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 1212 of Session 2005–06).—(Mr Jack Straw.)

6 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 8th February, do adjourn till Monday 19th February 2007—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

7 European Union Enlargement: Bulgaria and Romania,—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. 13347/06, Commission Communication: Monitoring report on the state of preparedness for EU membership of Bulgaria and Romania; and endorses the Government’s support for EU enlargement—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

8 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 Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then half-past Seven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (School Improvement Partner) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 25), dated 7th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Food,—Food Hygiene (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 56), dated 9th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Road Traffic,—Road Tolling (Interoperability of Electronic Road User Charging and Road Tolling Systems) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 58), dated 13th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


Other Papers:

6 Health Professions,—Reports and Accounts of the Health Professions Council for—

(1) 2004–05; and

(2) 2005–06;

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument] [Ms Harriet Harman].

7 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Fifty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 7017] [John Healey].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [20th November] from residents of North Dorset for the Defence College for Communications and Information Systems to remain at Blandford Camp [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Treasure,—Treasure Report for 2004 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Pensions Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and David Taylor Chairmen of the Pensions Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Gordon Bunks, Mr Russell Brown, Lorely Burt, Mary Creagh, Justine Greening, Mr John Heppell, Meg Hillier, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, Mr James Plaskitt, Mark Pritchard, James Purnell, Andrew Selous, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough) and Mr Nigel Waterson.

2 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill Committee.

3 Draft Compensation (Exemptions) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Simon Hughes, Helen Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Martin Linton, Judy Mallaber, Bridget Prentice, Mr Dennis Skinner and Ms Dari Taylor.

4 Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. (N.I.), 2006, No. 439),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Anne Snelgrove.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders and Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ed Balls, Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr David Evennett, Helen Goodman, Mr Mark Hoban, John McDonnell, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Alan Milburn, Julie Morgan, Sandra Osborne and Mr Andy Reed.

6 Draft Waste (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, David Cairns, Ben Chapman, Rosie Cooper, Jim Cousins, Frank Dobson, Mr. Nigel Dodds, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Philip Dunne, Mr. Mark Field, Kate Hoey, Mr. Mark Lancaster, Mr. David Lidington, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Alan Reid and Helen Southworth.

7 Draft Marriage Act 1949 (Remedial) Order 2006:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Bill Etherington, Linda Gilroy, Ms Harriet Harman, Simon Hughes, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Robert Neill, Mr Brooks Newmark, Graham Stringer and Mr Paul Truswell.

8 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Richard Burden, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Paul Farrelly, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Paul Goggins, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Lady Hermon, Mr Piers S. Khabra, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mark Lazarowicz, Ann McKechin, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Lembit Öpik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Andrew Turner, Lynda Waltho and Sammy Wilson.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr William McCrea Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Charles Clarke, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Simon Hughes, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Margaret Moran, Albert Owen, Mr Andrew Pelling, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Mr Andrew Smith and Bob Spink.

European Standing Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 13193/05 on Consumer Credit.

11 European Union Document No. 14871/06 and Addenda 1 and 2 relating to the European Institute of Technology.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr David Anderson, Mr Tom Clarke, Tony Cunningham, Mr Boris Johnson, Bill Rammell, Grant Shapps, Mr Ian Taylor, Sarah Teather, Angela Watkinson, Mrs Betty Williams, Stephen Williams, Mr Iain Wright and Derek Wyatt.

12 European Union Documents No. 14381/06 and No. 14823/06 relating to the EU-China Relationship.—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 Simon Burns, Tony Cunningham, Mark Fisher, Mr Dai Havard, Mark Hunter, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Chris Mullin, Willie Rennie, John Smith, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Charles Walker and Mr Ben Wallace.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Party Funding.—Oral Evidence from the Lord Chancellor on the role of the Attorney General: First Special Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 222]; and
(2) Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 223-i]
[Mr Alan Beith].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-ii] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games: funding and legacy: Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 69-I and -II]; and
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(2) *Call TV quiz shows:* Third Report from the Committee with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 72]
[Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Education and Skills,—*14–19 Diplomas:*
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 249-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 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. 41-vi]; and
(2) *Ministerial Correspondence:* Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Michael Connarty].

6 Procedure,—*Public Petitions:* Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee; to be printed [No. 217-i] [Mr Greg Knight].

7 Public Accounts,—*VAT missing trader fraud:* Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 250-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) *The work of the Committee in 2005–06:* First Report from the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 202]; and
(2) *Office of Science and Innovation Scrutiny 2006:* Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 203-i]
[Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-v] [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—*Driver and Vehicle Licensing in Northern Ireland:* Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 97-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Work and Pensions,—*Child Support Reform:* Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 219-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 27; WH, No. 14]

**Wednesday 17th January 2007.**

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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.]

[No. 28.]

**Thursday 18th January 2007.**

PRAYERS.

1 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

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

2 Adjournment (Anti-social behaviour),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(*Steve McCabe*);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
3 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of Whipps Cross hospital against the reduction of services and the possible closure of Whipps Cross hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn. —(Jonathan Shaw.)

And the Motion having been made after Six o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes to Seven o’clock, till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2 Police,—Police Grant Report (England and Wales) for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 207] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Paper:

5 Standards in Public Life,—Eleventh Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: Review of the Electoral Commission [by Command] [Cm. 7006] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Pensions Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Gordon Banks, Mr John Heppell, Meg Hillier, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, James Purnell and Mr Nigel Waterson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Pensions Bill Committee.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 13193/05 relating to Consumer Credit,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lorely Burt, Mr Alan Milburn and Anne Moffat from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Ben Chapman, Susan Kramer and Graham Stringer.

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. 235-ii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Health,—Workforce Planning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 171-ii] [Dr Doug Naysmith].
3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Draft Protocol for Community-based Restorative Justice Schemes: First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 87] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

4 Public Administration,—(1) The Work of the Committee 2005-06: First Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 258]; and

(2) Public services: putting people first: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 251-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

5 Trade and Industry,—Local energy—turning consumers into producers: First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 17th, 23rd and 31st October in the last Session of Parliament [No. 257] [Peter Luff].

[No. 28; WH, No. 15]

Thursday 18th January 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Parking Policy and Enforcement—Seventh Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2005–06, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 23rd January.

[Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.]

[No. 29.]

Friday 19th January 2007.

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.

2 The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

3 Sustainable Communities Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sustainable Communities Bill;

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

Mr Nick Hurd rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Lancaster: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Jonathan Shaw: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

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

4 Local Planning Authorities (Energy and Energy Efficiency) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Planning Authorities (Energy and Energy Efficiency) Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 23rd February.

5 Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill.—The Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee.

6 Provision of Palliative Care Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provision of Palliative Care Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd February.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Rural Development (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 75), dated 9th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Children and Young Persons,—Children and Young People’s Plan (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 57), dated 11th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


4 Health Care and Associated Professions,—General Osteopathic Council (Continuing Professional Development) Rules Order of Council 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3511), dated 18th December 2006 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Pensions,—Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Prescribed Bodies) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 60), dated 15th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Petroleum,—Offshore Petroleum Activities (Conservation of Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 77), dated 16th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Claims Management Services Tribunal Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 90), dated 18th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Other Paper:

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [10th January] from the Supporters of the Keep South Reddish Railway Station Open Campaign against Network Rail’s proposals for the closure of stations on the Stockport to Stalybridge railway line [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Pensions Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Justine Greening from the Pensions Bill Committee and nominated in substitution John Penrose.
22nd January 2007

[No. 30.]

Monday 22nd January 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Compensation (Exemptions) Order 2006.

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


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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Waste (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

4 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a second reading to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill because it fails to provide the freedom and powers to meet the needs of communities as claimed by the White Paper; would lead to further centralisation because of the new power for the Secretary of State to direct councils to restructure; would lead to the costs of restructuring falling on over-burdened council tax payers; fails to return powers on housing, planning, transport, learning and skills from unelected regional bodies to local government; fails to impose an upper limit for the number of performance targets used by central government to micro-manage local government; fails to give NHS patients and the public an independent and investigative public services watchdog, or a national voice for patients; and fails to fulfil the Government’s pledge in the White Paper ‘Our health, Our care, Our say’ to give local councillors a commissioning role in public health’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Caroline Spelman.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Kevin Brennan: 283.

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 Michael Foster, Kevin Brennan: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Jenny Willott: 206.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Local Government and Public Involvement in 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 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill.

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.
Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th March 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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 Michael Foster, Kevin Brennan: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 199.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Government and Public Involvement in 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 Local Government and Public Involvement in 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 under the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under another enactment—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

7 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Second Reading of the Income Tax Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

8 Income Tax Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Income Tax Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Bill be now read a second time—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax law rewrite bills).

9 Income Tax 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 Income Tax Bill, it is expedient to authorise any incidental or consequential charges to tax which may arise from—

(a) provisions restating, with minor changes, certain enactments relating to income tax, or
(b) the exercise by the Treasury of a power to make provision for the purpose of returning the effect of the law to what it was immediately before 6th April 2007—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

10 Human Rights (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mary Creagh be discharged from the Joint Committee on Human Rights and Mark Tami be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
11 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Michael Gove be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr James Clappison be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Environmental Protection,—Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 79), dated 17th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Papers:

3 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Big Science: Public investment in large scientific facilities [by Act]; to be printed [No. 153] [Clerk of the House].

4 Police (Northern Ireland),—Statement by the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland on her investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Raymond McCord Junior and related matters [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Compensation (Exemptions) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham and Mr Ian Davidson from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello and John Mann.


3 Draft Waste (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nigel Dodds, Kate Hoey, Mrs Madeleine Moon and Helen Southworth from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Ms Sally Keeble, Dr William McCrea and Kali Mountford.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—The Supply of Rented Housing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 47-iii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Education and Skills,—14–19 Diplomas:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 249-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].
3 Human Rights,—(1) The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 60-iv]; and
(2) Legislative Scrutiny: First Progress Report: Second Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 263].
[Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Supporting small business: Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 262]; and
(2) Sure Start Children’s Centres: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 261-i]
[Mr Don Touhig].

5 Trade and Industry,—The future of UK manufacturing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 161-iii] [Mr Peter Luff].

[No. 31.]

Tuesday 23rd January 2007.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—A Bill to confer further powers on the Broads Authority; to make other provisions as to that Authority; and for related purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

2 National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill,—A Bill to make provisions as to the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty in relation to Northern Ireland, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

3 Greater London Authority Bill,—Ann Winterton reported from the Greater London Authority Bill Committee:
(1) a Memorandum; and
(2) That it had gone through the Bill and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.
Memorandum to lie upon the Table; and to be published.
Certain Memoranda (reported on 9th, 11th, 16th and 23rd January) to be printed.
Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Offender Management Bill,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Offender Management Bill Committee:
(1) a Memorandum; and
(2) That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Memorandum to lie upon the Table; and to be published.
Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 50].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Pensions Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Pensions Bill Committee, That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

6 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Marriage Act 1949 (Remedial) Order 2006.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 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. 13193/05, modified draft Directive on credit agreements for consumers amending Council
Directive 93/13/EC; further notes the Government’s current negotiating line; and supports the Government’s actions in this area.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

8 Intergovernmental Contracts (Provision of Information).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the provision to Parliament of certain information relating to intergovernmental contracts; and for connected purposes: And that Dr John Pugh, Nick Harvey, Mr Michael Moore, Susan Kramer, Dr Vincent Cable, Lynne Featherstone, Norman Lamb, Simon Hughes and Mr Paul Burstow do prepare and bring it in.

9 Intergovernmental Contracts (Provision of Information) Bill.—Dr John Pugh accordingly presented a Bill to require the provision to Parliament of certain information relating to intergovernmental contracts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 49].

10 Opposition Day (3rd Allotted Day).—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Healthcare-acquired infections.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while recognising the commitment and efforts of NHS staff to minimise infection rates, is alarmed at the continuing high levels of healthcare-acquired infections; notes that the NHS is not on track to meet the target for reducing MRSA bloodstream infections in 2008 and that new highly virulent MRSA strains are emerging; is shocked at increasing rates of Clostridium difficile infection which the Department of Health now regards as endemic in the health service; calls on the Government and the NHS to accelerate actions to combat levels of healthcare-acquired infections, including reduced bed occupancy rates, increased isolation facilities and single rooms, improved hand hygiene, enhanced hospital cleaning incorporating novel processes, and the rigorous screening of patients; commends the adoption of a uniform policy within NHS trusts; calls for the piloting by the NHS of a ‘search and destroy’ strategy against the most virulent strains of MRSA and Clostridium difficile; and demands that the Government report six-monthly to the House on the action it is taking to combat healthcare-acquired infections—(Mr Andrew Lansley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end and add the words ‘welcomes the top priority given to reducing healthcare-acquired infections by this Government; recognises that the Government is the first ever to collect data on these infections including establishing the world’s most comprehensive MRSA surveillance system; further welcomes the new code of practice for health and social care providers introduced under the Health Act 2006 to reduce infections like MRSA and the new duty on the Healthcare Commission to ensure service providers comply with the code; welcomes the Government setting a target to halve rates of MRSA by 2008; notes the progress towards achieving this target; acknowledges that more must be done to achieve this goal; and therefore welcomes the priority given to reducing healthcare-acquired infections in the operating framework of the NHS in 2007 and the additional £50 million given to NHS trusts in December 2006 to tackle healthcare associated infections’, 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 David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 289.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the top priority given to reducing healthcare-acquired infections by this Government; recognises that the Government is the first ever to collect data on these infections including establishing the world’s most comprehensive MRSA surveillance system; further welcomes the new code of practice for health and social care providers introduced under the Health Act 2006 to reduce infections like MRSA and the new duty on the Healthcare Commission to ensure service providers comply with the code; welcomes the Government setting a target to halve rates of MRSA by 2008; notes the progress towards achieving this target; acknowledges that more must be done to achieve this goal; and therefore welcomes the priority given to
reducing healthcare-acquired infections in the operating framework of the NHS in 2007 and the additional £50 million given to NHS trusts in December 2006 to tackle healthcare associated infections.

Life chances of disabled children. — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the plight of the UK’s 570,000 disabled children and the 55 per cent. of their families who are living in, or on the margins of, poverty; further notes with concern the Children’s Commissioner for England’s view that services for disabled children are a 'national scandal'; acknowledges the link between disability and child poverty; believes that the Government’s target of halving child poverty by 2010 and eradicating it by 2020 will not be achieved without a strategy that seeks to improve the life chances of disabled children; welcomes the interest in short breaks for families with disabled children shown by the hon. Members for Normanton and Devon South West in their previous and proposed private members’ bills and looks forward to the Government’s response; believes that the current system of assessment and support provided for families with disabled children is complicated, bureaucratic, costly and stressful for both disabled children and their parents; further believes that the complexity of the benefit system acts as a barrier to employment for parents of disabled children in a way that prevents social mobility and entrenches poverty; and therefore calls on the Government to build on legislative progress on disability issues made under this and previous governments by simplifying the assessment processes and reducing the complexity of the benefit system for families with disabled children in order to prevent disabled children and their families being trapped in poverty— (Mr Jeremy Hunt)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the fact that this Government acknowledged the challenges faced by disabled children and their families by publishing a report in 2005. Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People; welcomes the establishment of an Office for Disability Issues to improve co-ordination of disability policy across Whitehall and provide a forum for the voice of disabled people; recognises that the Government committed itself to improve outcomes for all children and young people through its change programme—Every Child Matters—which is driving change in local areas through the establishment of Children’s Trusts; commends the Government in its specific focus on disabled children in the disabled children’s standard of the Children’s National Service Framework and the Special Educational Needs strategy, Removing Barriers to Achievement; acknowledges the Government’s close working with stakeholders from the disabled children sector in developing its work programme; notes the Government’s investment in support services for families with disabled children through its funding of the Family Fund and the Contact a Family national help line; commends the success of the Government’s Early Support Programme for young disabled children; further commends the introduction of direct payments for families with disabled children and disabled young people, which increase choice and control and empowers those families; and congratulates the Government’s commitment to further improving services for disabled children through the disability strand of the Children and Young People Policy Review’, instead thereof.— (Mrs Anne McGuire)

And the Question being put, 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 David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 231. Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Jonathan Shaw: 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 Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved,— That this House welcomes the fact that this Government acknowledged the challenges faced by disabled children and their families by publishing a report in 2005. Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People; welcomes the establishment of an Office for Disability Issues to improve co-ordination of disability policy across Whitehall and provide a forum for the voice of disabled people; recognises that the Government committed itself to improve outcomes for all children and young people through its change programme—Every Child Matters—which is driving change in local areas through the establishment of Children’s Trusts; commends the Government in its specific focus on disabled children in the disabled children’s standard of the Children’s National
Service Framework and the Special Educational Needs strategy, Removing Barriers to Achievement; acknowledges the Government’s close working with stakeholders from the disabled children sector in developing its work programme; notes the Government’s investment in support services for families with disabled children through its funding of the Family Fund and the Contact a Family national help line; commends the success of the Government’s Early Support Programme for young disabled children; further commends the introduction of direct payments for families with disabled children and disabled young people, which increase choice and control and empowers those families; and congratulates the Government’s commitment to further improving services for disabled children through the disability strand of the Children and Young People Policy Review.

11 Consumer Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Compensation (Exemptions) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

12 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

13 Financial Services and Markets,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3384), dated 18th December, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

14 Financial Services and Markets,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

15 Financial Services and Markets,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

16 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Waste (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

17 Delegated Legislation,—Ordered, That the School Admissions Code 2007, dated 8th January, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr John Heppell.)

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

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 Banks and Banking,—Financial Services (EEA State) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 108), dated 22nd January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

2 Industrial Development,—Assisted Areas Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 107), dated 22nd January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Paper:

4 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 7008] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Marriage Act 1949 (Remedial) Order 2006.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Liam Byrne, Mrs Ann Cryer, Bill Etherington, Linda Gilroy, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews and Graham Stringer from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Clapham, Mr John Grogan, Sharon Hodgson, Judy Mallaber, Austin Mitchell and Jon Trickett.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Work of the Committee in 2005 and 2006. Second Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 259]; and

(2) Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 223-i]

[Mr Alan Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Caring for our collections: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 176-iii]; and

(2) Public Service Media Content: Memorandum laid before the Committee

[Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence.—The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the White Paper: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 225-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit.—Pre-Budget Report 2006: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 227-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Foreign Affairs.—South Asia:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 55-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mike Gapes].

6 Home Affairs.—Justice and Home Affairs Issues at European Union Level: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 76-iv] [Mrs Janet Dean].

7 International Development.—EU Trade and Development Issues: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 271-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Treasury.—Climate change and the Stern review: implications for HM Treasury policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 248-i] [John McFall].

9 Welsh Affairs.—Energy in Wales: follow-up:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 221-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 23rd January 2007.

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 1.58 p.m.]

[No. 32.]

Wednesday 24th January 2007.

The House met at half-past Eleven 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 three drawings now in the possession of the Courtauld Institute of Art.—(Liz Blackman.)

2 Income Tax Bill,—Mr Kenneth Clarke reported from the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills, to which the Income Tax Bill was committed, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Joint Committee, be printed [Bill 48].

Bill, as amended in the Joint Committee, re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax law re-write bills).

Committee to-morrow.

3 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

4 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Dr William McCrea reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the Merchant Shipping (Inland Waterway and Limited Coastal Operations) (Boatmasters' Qualifications and Hours of Work) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3223).

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

5 Access to Inland Waterways,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for access by the public for non-motorised boating purposes to the inland waterways of England and Wales; and for connected purposes: And that Dr Desmond Turner, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Michael Meacher, John Bercow, Joan Ruddock, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Gordon Prentice, Peter Bottomley and Sir Robert Smith do prepare and bring it in.

6 Access to Inland Waterways Bill,—Dr Desmond Turner accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for access by the public for non-motorised boating purposes to the inland waterways of England and Wales; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd February and to be printed [Bill 52].

7 Adjournment (Iraq and the wider Middle East),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

Jeremy Corbyn rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:—It was negatived.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 31st January, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Secretary John Reid relating to the Police Grant Report not later than three hours after their commencement, and shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Motions in the name of
Secretary Ruth Kelly 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 Motion relating to the Police Grant Report, whichever is the later; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; 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 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 Pensions,—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


3 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo]; and (2) draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Food,—Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 106), dated 20th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


Other Papers:

6 Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2007 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7021] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

7 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 three drawings now in the possession of the Courtauld Institute of Art [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 200] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Ian Austin, Kevin Brennan, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Mark Francois, John Healey and Sarah McCarthy-Fry members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill Committee.

2 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ian Austin, Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Vincent Cable, Michael Connarty, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Greg Hands, John Healey, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ian Lucas, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Anne Main, Chris Ruane, Joan Walley and David Wright.
3 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—
The Speaker has appointed Lyn Brown, Alistair Burt, Michael Fabricant, Alison Seabeck, Jonathan Shaw, Andrew Stunell and Mr Phil Woolas members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee.

4 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton and Mr Christopher Chope Chairmen of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Tom Brake, Lyn Brown, Mr David Burrowes, Alistair Burt, Mr Philip Dunne, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Gwynne, Patrick Hall, Tom Levitt, Robert Neill, Dr John Pugh, Alison Seabeck, Jonathan Shaw, Angela E. Smith (Basildon), Sir Peter Soulsby, Andrew Stunell, Mr Robert Symns, Mr Neil Turner, Lynda Waltho and Mr Phil Woolas.

5 Draft Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Amendment of Schedules 3 and 5) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Hugh Bayley, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jon Cruddas, Clive Efford, Mr Dominic Grieve, Kate Hoey, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Jamie Reed, Graham Stringer and Mike Wood.

6 Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2007:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Hanson, David Heyes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Lembit Opik, Mr Ken Purchase, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson, Alan Simpson, Geraldine Smith, Ian Stewart, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Charles Walker and Lynda Waltho.

7 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr Peter Bone, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr David Jones, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Greg Knight, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Adam Price, Chris Ruane, Mr Don Touhig, Dr Desmond Turner, Angela Watkinson and Mark Williams.

8 Draft Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Harry Cohen, Mr David Drew, Caroline Flint, Sandra Gidley, Patrick Hall, Glenda Jackson, David Lepper, Shona McIsaac, Mr Malcolm Moss, Dr Andrew Murray, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Andrew Pelling, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Mark Todd, Claire Ward and Dr Alan Whitehead.

9 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers and Mr Piara S. Khabra from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey and Helen Southworth.

10 Draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: David Cairns, Colin Challen, Rosey Cooper, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Natasha Engel, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Dr Ian Gibson, Lady Hermon, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Chris Mole, Albert Owen, Mr John Redwood, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Martin Salter, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Richard Shepherd and Mr Ian Taylor.
11 Merchant Shipping (Inland Waterway and Limited Coastal Operations) (Boatmasters’ Qualifications and Hours of Work) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3223),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Albert Owen and Mr Andrew Pelling from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ian Lucas and Angela Watkinson.

European Standing Committees

12 The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 14871/06 and Addenda 1–2 on European Institute of Technology.

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document Nos. 14381/06 and 14823/06 on EU–China Relationship.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Bullying: (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 85-ii]; and (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published (2) Sustainable Schools: (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 140-ii]; and (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Climate change: the “citizens agenda”: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 88-v] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 41-vii]; (2) Fisheries: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 274-i]; and (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Human Rights Annual Report 2006: (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 269-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mike Gapes].

5 International Development,—Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: (1) Fourth Report from the International Development Committee with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 21st November 2006 and 16th January 2007 [Nos. 114-I and -II] (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Mr Kenneth Clarke reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

7 Public Accounts,—Assessing the value for money of OGCbuying.solutions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 275-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
8 Science and Technology,—(1) The Cooksey Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 204-i]; and
   (2) Research Council Institutes: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 68-iii]
   [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 82-vi] [David Maclean].

10 Tax Law Rewrite Bills (Joint Committee).—Income Tax Bill:
   (1) First Report from the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 268]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee; to be printed [No. 268-i]
   [Mr Kenneth Clarke].

11 Trade and Industry,—Post Office Network: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 276-i] [Mr Peter Lilley].

12 Transport,—(1) Passenger Rail Franchising: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: First Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 265]; and
   (2) The Government’s Motorcycle Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 264-i]
   [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

13 Treasury,—(1) Review of the April 2005 merger of HM Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 192-i]; and
   (2) The Valuation Office Agency: Annual Report 2005–06: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 236-i]
   [John McFall].

14 Work and Pensions,—Child Support Reform: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 219-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].
[No. 33.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Pensions Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported a Memorandum from the Pensions Bill Committee. Memorandum to lie upon the Table; and to be published.

2 Statistics and Registration Service Bill,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Statistics and Registration Service Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 51].

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

3 Post-16 Education and Training Bill,—The Order for reading the Post-16 Education and Training Bill a second time on Friday 23rd February was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

4 UK Borders Bill,—Secretary John Reid, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Ms Harriet Harman and Mr Liam Byrne presented a Bill to make provision about immigration and asylum; 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 UK Borders Bill be printed [Bill 53.—EN].

5 Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fraud (Trials without a Jury) Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

   A Clause (NC1) (Applications under section 43 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003: notice of transfer)—(Joan Ryan)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (NC4) (Conditions to be satisfied)—(Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

   Another Clause (NC5) (Conditions to be satisfied (No. 2))—(Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Mr Robert Goodwill: 190.

   Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Huw Irranca-Davies: 278.

   Another Clause (NC9) (Applications by defence for certain fraud cases to be conducted without a jury)—(Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

   Another Clause (NC11) (Safeguards)—(Simon Hughes)—brought up and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Bob Russell: 171.

   Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Claire Ward: 281.

   Another Clause (NC13) (Application by defendants for certain fraud cases to be conducted without a jury (No. 2))—(Mr Douglas Hogg)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

   Another Clause (NC15) (Expert panel)—(Mr Dominic Grieve)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
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An Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 1, to leave out Clause No. 1.—(Mr Douglas Hogg.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [29th November], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Robert Goodwill: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Claire Ward: 283.

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.

Question put, That Amendments Nos. 1 to 6 be made to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Jonathan Shaw: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Robert Goodwill: 184.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Kevin Brennan: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Robert Goodwill: 246.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

6 Marriage,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Marriage Act 1949 (Remedial) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

7 Consumer Credit,—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. 13193/05, modified draft Directive on credit agreements for consumers amending Council Directive 93/13/EC; further notes the Government’s current negotiating line; and supports the Government’s actions in this area—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Dacorum against restrictions on the prescription of Alzheimer’s drugs; and

(2) residents of Northampton and people who work in the town and use its facilities against proposals to close Lings Forum Leisure Centre and the Forum Cinema and to cut the number of neighbourhood wardens 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 John Heppell.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Hilary Armstrong].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Insolvency,—Insolvency Practitioners and Insolvency Services Account (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 133), dated 22nd January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
4 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 8), dated 9th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II
General Committees
Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Second Delegated Legislation Committee 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. 235-iv] [Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger].

2 Health,—(1) Workforce Planning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 171-iii]; and
(2) Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 278-II]
[Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Public Administration,—(1) Debt of Honour: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 277-i]; and
(2) The Third Sector and Public Policy—Options for Committee Scrutiny: Paper laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 33; WH, No. 18]
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Protecting and preserving our heritage—Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2005–06, and the Government’s response thereto, Cm. 6947),—A motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr David Lammy);
And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 30th January.

[Adjourned at 6.45 p.m.]

[No. 34.]
Friday 26th January 2007.
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 Tim Yeo moved, That this 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 Andrew Mackay, Peter Bottomley: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Richard Ottaway: 46.

So the Question was negatived.
4 Energy Saving (Daylight) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Energy Saving (Daylight) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
Mr Tim Yeo rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Yeo, Mr Greg Knight: 32.
Tellers for the Noes, John Robertson, Mr Russell Brown: 20.
Whereupon the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 37 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).
And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 2nd February.

5 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 2nd March.

6 Cluster Munitions (Prohibition of Development and Acquisition) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cluster Munitions (Prohibition of Development and Acquisition) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 29th January.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment and Training.—(1) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007; and
(2) draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Health and Safety,—Work at Height (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 114), dated 23rd January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Paper:

3 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Economic Secretary to the Treasury on the Petition [16th November] from the residents of Buckfastleigh against the closure of local bank branches [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Amendment of Schedules 3 and 5) Order 2007.

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

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007.

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

3 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC3) (Expiry)—(Mr Edward Vaizey)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 4 to 6) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 4th December, be approved—(Mr Ian Cawsey):—It was agreed to.

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

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

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Charities (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Police,—Draft Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (Renewal of Temporary Provisions) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5 Horserace Betting and Olympic Lottery,—Account of the Olympic Lottery Distribution Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 267] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Paper, entitled Improving Procurement in the Criminal Justice System [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 National Lottery,—Account of the National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 266] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Amendment of Schedules 3 and 5) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Campbell, Jon Cruddas and Kate Hoey from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Sharon Hodgson, Siobhain McDonagh and Mr Frank Roy.

2 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Bone, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Greg Knight and Mr Don Touhig from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Adam Afriyie, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Mark Field and Mr Wayne David.

3 Draft Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Andrew Murrison from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen O’Brien.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Education and Skills,—Higher Education:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 285-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

[No. 36.]

Tuesday 30th January 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—Ordered, That the Broads Authority Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 6th February.

2 National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

3 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee:

(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
(2) certain Memoranda.
Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Pensions Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported a Memorandum from the Pensions Bill Committee.
Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

5 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill Committee:

(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
(2) That it had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

6 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Bercow reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
7 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Amess reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

8 European Standing Committee.—John Cummings reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 14871/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Regulation establishing the European Institute of Technology; and supports the Government's view that while the Proposal will potentially provide a means of strengthening innovation and competitiveness, a number of issues still need to be addressed before the Government can support this Proposal.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

9 Climate Change (Effects).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make requirements about the monitoring of measures to address the effects of climate change; and for connected purposes: And that Rob Marris do prepare and bring it in.

10 Climate Change (Effects) Bill.—Rob Marris accordingly presented a Bill to make requirements about the monitoring of measures to address the effects of climate change; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 54].

11 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.

Education provision for children with special educational needs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the conclusions reached by Baroness Warnock in 2005 that inclusion has failed many children; further notes the recommendation of the Education and Skills Committee that a major review be undertaken of Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision; further notes the decline in the number of special schools since 1997; further notes that there are currently no plans for a review of the closure of special schools before 2009; further notes that SEN pupils who are not in special schools who do not have statements account for almost half of all permanent exclusions; further notes the non-statutory nature of the new measures to encourage those local authorities planning to close a special school to demonstrate that alternate provision would be better; believes that the inclusion policy of the Government's Removing Barriers to Achievement document encourages local authorities to shut special schools; shares Baroness Warnock's opinion that inclusion is failing many children; further believes that resources in many mainstream schools are not adequate to deal with the SEN children in their care; considers that the initial and in-service training of teachers of SEN pupils should be strengthened; and therefore calls on the Government to follow the recommendation of the Education and Skills Committee to conduct a fundamental review of SEN provision, including the statutory provisions for statementing and meeting need, and to put a moratorium on the closure of special schools until that review has taken place.—(Mr David Willetts);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'notes the conclusions reached by Baroness Warnock in 2005 but does not agree that inclusion has failed many children; does not agree with the view of the Education and Skills Committee that a fundamental review is needed of special educational needs provision or of the system of assessments and statements; welcomes the fact that in 2004 the Government put in place a long-term strategy for improving outcomes for children with special educational needs and disabled children that is already having an impact on their achievement; acknowledges the record levels of spending by local authorities on special educational needs of some £4.5 billion in 2006-07 that are underpinning the strategy; welcomes the measures announced in the Government's response to the Education and Skills Committee on providing better training for staff working with children with special educational needs including a national programme of continuing professional development, nationally accredited training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators in schools and measures to increase access to specialist teachers; further welcomes the announcement of an additional 15 special schools with specialist status to share expertise and raise standards and the increase in specialist and unit provision for children within, or attached to, mainstream schools; commends the Government's plans for ensuring that local authority proposals for changing special educational provision must show how they will improve provision for children with special educational needs; and considers that a moratorium on closing special schools would prevent locally elected authorities from improving their provision for children with special educational needs', instead thereof.—(Jim Knight)
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 Mark Lancaster: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 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 notes the conclusions reached by Baroness Warnock in 2005 but does not agree that inclusion has failed many children; does not agree with the view of the Education and Skills Committee that a fundamental review is needed of special educational needs provision or of the system of assessments and statements; welcomes the fact that in 2004 the Government put in place a long-term strategy for improving outcomes for children with special educational needs and disabled children that is already having an impact on their achievement; acknowledges the increase in spending by local authorities on special educational needs of some £4.5 billion in 2006–07 that are underpinning the strategy; welcomes the measures announced in the Government’s response to the Education and Skills Committee on providing better training for staff working with children with special educational needs including a national programme of continuing professional development, nationally accredited training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators in schools and measures to increase access to specialist teachers; further welcomes the announcement of an additional 15 special schools with specialist status to share expertise and raise standards and the increase in specialist and unit provision for children within, or attached to, mainstream schools; commends the Government’s plans for ensuring that local authority proposals for changing special educational provision must show how they will improve provision for children with special educational needs; and considers that a moratorium on closing special schools would prevent locally elected authorities from improving their provision for children with special educational needs.

Government’s decision on the sale of a radar system to Tanzania.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the protests of citizens of Tanzania in a demonstration in Dar es Salaam on 20th January 2007 demanding the arrest of any wrongdoers involved in the sale of a radar system to Tanzania in 2001–02; further notes that the Serious Fraud Office is investigating the propriety of the deal and allegations of corruption; further notes that Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world and a leading recipient of British aid; further notes that Tanzania borrowed to finance this deal, whilst simultaneously seeking and receiving debt relief; calls upon the Government to explain why adequate enquiries were made in the propriety of the deal at the time; further calls upon the Government to explain why the views of the World Bank were not adequately considered in the process of deciding whether to issue an export licence, in breach of Criterion Eight of the Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria; further calls upon the Government to explain why consent to the deal was forced through a divided Cabinet by the Prime Minister in the face of the opposition of the then Secretary of State for International Development, the Rt Hon Member for Birmingham, Ladywood (Mr Andrew Mitchell),

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 it would be inappropriate to comment on allegations of corruption in connection with the sale of a radar system to Tanzania in light of the current investigation by the Serious Fraud Office; notes the great progress made by Tanzania since 2002 in achieving debt relief, poverty reduction and public service reform; notes that the decision to grant an export licence for the air traffic control system was taken after due consideration of the Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria; acknowledges that that decision took place after full discussion at Cabinet level; further notes that the UK subsequently established its own cross-Whitehall methodology for the assessment of applications against Criterion 8 of the consolidated criteria and was subsequently instrumental in establishing a shared methodology with its EU partners, and further notes the Government’s efforts to promote an International Arms Trade Treaty’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Hilary Benn.)

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 David Evennett, Angela Watkinson: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 293.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House notes that it would be inappropriate to comment on allegations of corruption in connection with the sale of a radar system to Tanzania in light of the current investigation by the Serious Fraud Office; notes the great progress made by Tanzania since 2002 in achieving debt relief, poverty reduction and public service reform; notes that the decision to grant an export licence for the air traffic control system was taken after due consideration of the Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria; acknowledges that that decision took place after full discussion at Cabinet level; further notes that the UK subsequently established its own cross-Whitehall methodology for the assessment of applications against Criterion 8 of the Consolidated criteria and was subsequently instrumental in establishing a shared methodology with its EU partners; and further notes the Government’s efforts to promote an International Arms Trade Treaty.

12 Criminal Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Amendment of Schedules 3 and 5) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 18th December, 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 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

14 EC Action on Health 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 SEC (06) 1195/4, Commission Communication: Consultation on Community Action on Health Services; notes that this document concerns itself primarily with the need for the development of legal certainty in the field of cross-border healthcare; notes that this need arises from case law developed in the European Court of Justice that currently applies to the UK and which contains unhelpful areas of ambiguity; further notes that the rest of the Communication looks broadly at non-regulatory areas where co-operation at a European level may add value to Member states’ efforts in the field of healthcare; and therefore supports the Government’s position that the UK should pro-actively engage in this area in order to achieve the maximum influence over the shape of the debate and any subsequent proposals—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

15 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 (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 27th 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))—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

16 Agriculture,—Ordered, That the Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes (Cross-compliance) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3254), dated 5th December, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
17 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from members of the Women’s Institute for a full scale investigation into the practices of the dairy sector and the effects those practices have on dairy farmers was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 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 Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twelve minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—(1) Draft Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007; and
(2) draft Tourist Boards (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2007
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

2 Social Security,—(1) Draft Child Benefit Up-rating Order 2007; and
(2) draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2007
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

3 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

4 Tax Credits,—Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

5 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts for 2005–06 of—
(1) the NHS Pension Scheme and NHS Compensations for Premature Retirement Scheme; and
(2) the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 185 and 273] [John Healey].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games—Risk assessment and management [by Act]; to be printed [No. 252] [Clerk of the House].

7 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc),—Thirteenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 260] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Prisons,—Report of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 210] [Secretary John Reid].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on—
(1) the Petition [20th November] from people living around St Mary’s Church Conservation Area, Benfleet requesting the rejection of a planning application; and
(2) the Petition [28th November] from people living around Thundersley requesting the re-opening of Thundersley public toilets [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Tax Credits,—Report from HM Treasury, under section 41 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

11 Treasury,—Paper, entitled The National Asset Register January 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7022] [Mr Stephen Timms].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Mole and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ken Purchase and Mr Don Touhig.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 30th January; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 223-iii] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-v] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Defence,—(1) Defence Industrial Strategy: update: Sixth Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 177]; and
(2) The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the White Paper:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 225-iii]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environmental Audit,—The Role of the FCO: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 289-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 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. 41-viii]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

7 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Second Progress Report: Third Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 287]; and
   (2) Legislative Scrutiny: Mental Health Bill: Fourth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 288] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

8 Public Accounts,—OFWAT—Meeting the demand for water: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts on 29th January; to be printed [No. 286-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Science and Technology,—Space Policy:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 66-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

10 Trade and Industry,—The future of UK manufacturing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 161-iv] [Mr Peter Luff].

11 Treasury,—Comprehensive Spending Review: emerging issues: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 279-i] [Mr John McFall].
12 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Work of the Committee in 2005–06: First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 291]; and

(2) Globalisation and its impact on Wales:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 281-i]; and

(ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 36; WH, No. 19]

Tuesday 30th January 2007.

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.]

[No. 37.]


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

PRAYERS

1 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2007.

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 Documents No. 14381/06, Commission Communication ‘EU–China: Closer partners, growing responsibilities’, and No. 14823/06, Trade and Investment Policy paper ‘Competition and partnership’; and supports the Government’s key objectives: to foster China’s emergence as a responsible global player; to promote sustainable development, modernisation and internal reform in China; and to get the best for the United Kingdom from China’s rise.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Historic Counties, Towns and Villages (Traffic Signs and Mapping),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law so as to require traffic authorities to cause traffic signs to be placed on or near roads for the purpose of indicating the location of historic county, town and village boundaries; to require the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to mark the boundaries of the historic counties, towns and villages on its maps; and for connected purposes: And that Andrew Rosindell, Mr Simon Burns, Derek Conway, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Mark Lancaster, Peter Luff, Mr Greg Pope, Mr John Randall, Bob Russell and Angela Watkinson do prepare and bring it in.

4 Historic Counties, Towns and Villages (Traffic Signs and Mapping) Bill,—Andrew Rosindell accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law so as to require traffic authorities to cause traffic signs to be placed on or near roads for the purpose of indicating the location of historic county, town and village boundaries; to require the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to mark the boundaries of the historic counties, towns and villages on its maps; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 55].

5 Police,—Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) for 2007–08, House of Commons Paper No. 207, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
6 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2007–08, House of Commons Paper No. 231, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [24th January]—It was agreed to.

7 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [24th January], That the Limitation of Council Tax and Precepts (Alternative Notional Amounts) Report (England) 2007–08, House of Commons Paper No. 232, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.07 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Fees and Charges,—Draft Private Security Industry (Licence Fees) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

3 Public Health,—(1) Draft Smoke-free (Exemptions and Vehicles) Regulations 2007; and (2) draft Smoke-free (Penalties and Discounted Amounts) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

7 European Union,—Paper, entitled Prospects for the European Union in 2007: The German Presidency, January to June 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7024] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 Local Land Charges,—Guidance for Registering Authorities on Setting Fees for Local Land Charge Services in England [by Command] [Cm. 7026] [Bridget Prentice].

9 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7010] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

10 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Code of Practice on Observers at United Kingdom elections [by Act] [Clerk of the House].
11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on—

(1) the Petition [7th December] from the Tyne and Wear Asbestos Support Group for the provision of Alimta to sufferers of mesothelioma; and

(2) the Petition [12th December] from John Potter and other citizens of the United Kingdom for each hospital to employ its own cleaning staff and for those staff to be managed by matrons

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Ninth Report from the House of Lords Committee on Science and Technology, Session 2005-06, on Science and Heritage [by Command] [Cm. 7031] [Secretary Tessa Jowell]

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill Committee: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Jim Dowd, Mr Mike Hall, Nick Harvey, Mr George Howarth, Mr Greg Knight, Martin Linton, Peter Luff, David Maclean, Bridget Prentice, David Simpson, Mr John Spellar, Mr Don Touhig and Mr John Whittingdale.

2 Draft School Admissions Code:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Code to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, John Bercow, Mr David S. Borrow, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Nick Gibb, Linda Gilroy, Mr David Hamilton, Jim Knight, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Shahid Malik, Greg Mulholland, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Sarah Teather and Angela Watkinson.

3 Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Allen and Mr Ken Purchase from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Paul Farrelly and Chris Mole.

4 Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Anti-Social Behaviour Order Functions) (England) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Peter Bottomley, Tom Brake, Mr David Burrowes, Mr William Cash, Greg Clark, Harry Cohen, Mr David Crausby, Bill Etherington, Michael Fabricant, Barbara Follett, Mr Bruce George, Mr Saadq Khan, Mr George Mudie, Meg Munn, Mr Dennis Murphy, Mr Dan Rogerson and Jonathan Shaw.

5 Draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Ed Balls, Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Jon Cruddas, Mr David Evennett, Julia Goldsworthy, Justine Greening, Patrick Hall, Kate Hoey, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, John McDonnell, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Richard Spring, Graham Stringer and Mrs Theresa Villiers.

6 Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Chris Bryant, Ann Clwyd, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr David Curry, David T. C. Davies, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Jeff Ennis, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr David Gauke, Paul Goggins, Mr Brian Jenkins, Alan Keen, Jane Kennedy, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Eddie McGrady, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Keith Vaz, Lynda Waltho, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Michael Wills.
7 Draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Loss of Capacity during Research Project) (England) Regulations 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Frank Field, Sandra Gidley, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr James Gray, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Stewart Jackson, Tim Loughton, Gwyn Prosser, Dr John Pugh, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mark Tami, Claire Ward, Mr David Winnick and Ms Rosie Winterton.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Rosie Cooper, Jeremy Corbyn, Angela Eagle, Barry Gardiner, Mr Robert Goodwill, Chris Huhne, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Gordon Marsden, Anne Molfat, John Penrose, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mark Pritchard, Mr Siôn Simon, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Dave Watts, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 13080/06 relating to European Enforcement Order and the Transfer of Sentenced Persons,—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 Jeremy Browne, Mr James Clappison, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Greg Hands, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Simon Hughes, Mr Kevan Jones, Fiona MacTaggart, Jim Sheridan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Dr Rudi Vis.

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. 235-vi] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) 14-19 Diplomas:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 249-vii]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (2) Bologna Process:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 205-ii]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Pre-Budget Report 2006: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 227-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Climate Change: the “citizen’s agenda”: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [Nos. 88-vi and -vii] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 Foreign Affairs,—South Asia:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 55-vi]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mike Gapes].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Work of the Committee in 2006: Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 294]; and
   (2) Tourism in Northern Ireland and its Economic Impact and Benefits: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 119-i]
   [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2006: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 295-ii] [Mr
Edward Leigh.

8 Science and Technology,—Government Proposals on the Regulation of Hybrid and Chimera Embryos: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 272-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-vii]; and
   (2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 83-ii]
   [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—Roads Policing and Technology: Getting the balance right: Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2003–06: Second Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 290] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Work and Pensions,—(1) Child Support Reform: Memoranda laid before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be published; and
   (2) Personal Accounts: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Terry Rooney].


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 1st February 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope reported a Memorandum from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Adjournment (Defence in the world),—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.

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons,—Draft Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc.) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Postal Services,—Draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
3 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (Continuance in force of sections 1 to 9) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Education,—Valley Invicta Park Federation (School Governance) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 167), dated 26th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 175), dated 28th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


Other Papers:


8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [9th January] from the supporters of Jamil el-Banna for his return from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the United Kingdom [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland from the Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Fraser Kemp.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—(1) The Work of the Committee 2005–06: Second Report from the Health Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 297]; and
(2) Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 278-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Home Affairs,—Work of the Committee in 2005–06: First Report from the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 296] [Mr John Denham].

3 Treasury,—Financial Stability: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 292-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 38; WH, No. 21]

Thursday 1st February 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (East Asia—Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs 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—(Mr Ian Cawsey);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 6th February.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
Friday 2nd February 2007.

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 Greg Knight moved, That this 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 Greg Knight, Pete Wishart: 1.

Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Mr Ian Cawsey: 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 Land Use (Gardens Protection etc) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Use (Gardens Protection 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 Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th June.

5 Electric Shock Training Devices Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Shock Training Devices Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

6 Waging War (Parliament’s Role and Responsibility) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Waging War (Parliament’s Role and Responsibility) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th April.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 5th February.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Food,—Quick-frozen Foodstuffs (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 191), dated 20th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

2 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Report of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2005–06 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [30th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of the constituency of Taunton and others against the proposals to move the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office from its current location in Taunton [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

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

PRAYERS.

1 UK Borders Bill.—The UK Borders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

2 UK Borders 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 UK Borders Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 22nd March 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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—(Jonathan Shaw).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Mr Frank Roy: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 174.

So the Question was agreed to.

3 UK Borders Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to UK Borders 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 UK Borders Bill, it is expedient to authorise—(Mr Michael Foster):

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

(a) any expenditure of a Minister of the Crown 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, and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

4 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

5 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

6 Health Care and Associated Professions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 14th December, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.
7 European Institute of Technology.—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. 14871/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Regulation establishing the European Institute of Technology; and supports the Government's view that while the Proposal will potentially provide a means of strengthening innovation and competitiveness, a number of issues still need to be addressed before the Government can support this Proposal—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

8 EU–China Relationship.—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. 14381/06, Commission Communication 'EU-China: Closer partners, growing responsibilities', and No. 14823/06, Trade and Investment Policy paper 'Competition and partnership'; and supports the Government’s key objectives: to foster China’s emergence as a responsible global player; to promote sustainable development, modernisation and internal reform in China; and to get the best for the United Kingdom from China’s rise—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland.—Draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Food.—Contaminants in Food (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 210), dated 29th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Housing.—Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 34), dated 18th January 2007 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


Other Papers:

7 Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 201] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Dr Foster Intelligence: A joint venture between the Information Centre and Dr Foster LLP;

(2) Financial Auditing and Reporting: General Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for 2005–06; and

(3) Identity and Passport Service: Introduction of ePassports [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 151, 148 and 152] [Clerk of the House].
9 Northern Ireland.—(1) Accounts for 2004–05 of the—
   (i) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Agency;
   (ii) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Eastern Health and
        Social Services Board Trust;
   (iii) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Northern Health and
        Social Services Board Trust;
   (iv) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Northern Ireland
        Health and Social Services Boards;
   (v) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Southern Health and
        Social Services Board Trust;
   (vi) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Western Health and
        Social Services Board Trust; and
(2) Report and Accounts of the Loughs Agency for 1st January 2001 to
    31st December 2002,
    with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon
    [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 242, 239-1 and -II, 237, 241, 238, 240 and
    188] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft School Admissions Code,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter
   Atkinson and John Bercow from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated
   in respect of the draft Code) and nominated in substitution Mr Charles Walker and
   Anne Main.

2 Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Anti-Social Behaviour Order Functions)
   (England) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Greg Clark from
   the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order)
   and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Syms.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—The Supply of Rented Housing: Minutes of Evidence
   taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed
   [No. 47-iv] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

   Education and Skills Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
   Committee relating to the Report [No. 301] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Third Progress Report: Fifth Report from the Joint
   Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of
   Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 303]; and
   (2) The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint
       Committee; to be printed [No. 60-v]
       [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts,—Improving Quality and Safety: Progress in Implementing Clinical
   Governance in Primary Care: Lessons for the New Primary Care Trusts: Minutes of
   Evidence taken before the Committee on Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 302-i] [Mr
   Edward Leigh].

5 Science and Technology,—Government Proposals on the Regulation of Hybrid and Chimera
   Embryos: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Science and Technology;
   to be printed [No. 272-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;
   Ordered, That the Broads Authority Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 20th February.

2 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported certain Memoranda from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee.
   Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft School Admissions Code.
   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:
   Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about travel concessions; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords],—The Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] was read the first time, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Privilege (bills brought from the Lords)); and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 60].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 60–EN].

6 Access to Contraceptive Services,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about access to contraceptive services; and for connected purposes: And that Natascha Engel, Mr Neil Gerrard, Chris McCafferty, Norman Lamb, Lynne Featherstone, Lorely Burt, Anne Main, Laura Moffatt, Dr Howard Stoate, Dr Doug Naysmith, Dr Evan Harris and Mr David S. Borrow do prepare and bring it in.

7 Access to Contraceptive Services Bill,—Natascha Engel accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about access to contraceptive services; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 57].

8 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.
   A Clause (NC5) (Northern Ireland department with policing and justice functions)—(Mr David Hanson)—brought up, read the first time and second time, and added to the Bill.
   Amendments (Nos. 32 and 33) made to the Bill.
   Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 29, to leave out paragraphs (d) and (e) and insert ‘(d) there is evidence of a significant relationship between A and B.’; instead thereof.—(Lembit Öpik.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Amendment (No. 34) made to the Bill.
   Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—
   ‘(11) Where a certificate has been issued under subsection (2), the judge conducting the trial may—
   (a) accept the certificate, or
   (b) reject the certificate.
   (12) When considering the issuing of a certificate under subsection (11), the judge shall take into account any written representations he may receive from the defendant.
   (13) If the judge conducting the trial—
   (a) accepts the certificate, the trial shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Part,'
(b) rejects the certificate, the trial shall be conducted with a jury and the provisions of this Part shall not apply.

(14) In cases where a certificate has been rejected in accordance with subsection (11)(b), the judge conducting the trial shall provide, in writing, his reasons for the rejection to the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.

(15) The Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland may publish the reasons provided under subsection (14). —(Mr Alan Reid.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 24, to leave out Clause 7.—(Mr Alan Reid.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jenny Willott, Mr Adrian Sanders: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Huw Irranca-Davies: 354.

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 to 31 and 35) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, to leave out lines 12 and 13.—(Mr Eddie McGrady.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 32, to leave out Clause 19.—(Mr Alan Reid.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [13th December].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Roger Williams: 48.


The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Questions on the remaining Amendments and new Schedule moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 28) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (NS1) (Northern Ireland department with policing and justice functions)—(Tony Cunningham)—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 Deputy Speaker put the Question.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Tony Cunningham: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Williams, Lembit Öpik: 45.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Policing Board (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

3 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Education,—(1) Education (Admission Forums) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 192); and
   (2) School Admissions (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 194),
   dated 29th January 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

7 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 2007),—Declaration, done at Paris on 5th December 2005, by certain European Governments on the Ariane Launcher Production Phase; Final Document of the meeting of Government Representatives on the Extension of the Declaration on the Ariane Launcher Production Phase until 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7033] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Efficiency Programme: A Second Review of Progress, with Opinion pieces on improving government efficiency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 156-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

9 National Health Service,—Report and Accounts of the Health and Social Care Information Centre for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 270] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10 Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland),—Draft Revised Codes of Practice for—
   (1) the exercise by police officers of statutory powers of stop and search (Code A);
   (2) searches of premises by police officers and the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises (Code B);
   (3) the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers (Code C);
   (4) the identification of persons by police officers (Code D);
   (5) audio recording of interviews with suspects (Code E);
   (6) visual recording with sound of interviews with suspects (Code F); and
   (7) statutory power of arrest by police officers (Code G)
   [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11 Private Security Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Security Industry Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 178] [Secretary John Reid].

12 School Teachers,—Sixteenth Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7007] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Don Touhig from the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Kevan Jones.

2 Draft School Admissions Code.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dawn Butler, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Andrew Love and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Code) and nominated in substitution Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Elliot Morley, Jon Trickett and Lynda Waltho.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 6th February; to be published [Mr Frank Doran]

2 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 225-iv]; and

   (2) The Constitutional Role of the Attorney General: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-vii] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Defence.—(1) The Army’s requirement for armoured vehicles: the FRES programme: Seventh Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 5th December [No. 159];

   (2) The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the Manufacturing and Skill Base: Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Committee, Session 2006–07: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 304]; and

   (3) The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the White Paper: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 225-iv] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Home Affairs.—Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 181-iii] [Mr John Denham].

6 Liaison.—The Prime Minister:

   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee; to be printed [No. 308-ii]; and

   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Alan Williams].

7 Public Accounts.—Central government’s use of consultants: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 309-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Public Administration.—The Work of the Cabinet Office: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 305-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

9 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Work of the Committee in 2006: First Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 308]; and

   (2) Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 168-iii] [Mr Mohammed Sarwar].

10 Treasury.—(1) Climate Change and the Stern Review: implications for HM Treasury policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 248-ii]; and

   (2) The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: ten years on: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 299] [John McFall].
6 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-ii]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(2) Energy in Wales: follow-up: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published.
[Dr Hywel Francis].


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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

Wednesday 7th February 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Friday 20th April; and to be printed [Bill 62].

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Anti-Social Behaviour Order Functions) (England) Order 2007.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Cummings reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2006.

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

4 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2007.

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:

Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the establishment of the National Consumer Council and its functions; to make provision for the abolition of other consumer bodies; to make provision about the handling of consumer complaints by certain providers; to make provision requiring certain providers to be members of redress schemes in respect of consumer complaints; to amend the Estate Agents Act 1979; to make provision about the cancellation of certain contracts concluded away from business premises; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords],—The Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 61].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 61-EN].
7 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill.—Mr Wayne David presented a Bill to amend section 33 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 58].

8 National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (Impact on Carers).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence to consider the impact of proposed drugs and treatments on carers and patients when assessing their cost effectiveness; and for connected purposes: And that Greg Clark, Mike Penning, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Mark Field and Mr Adam Holloway do prepare and bring it in.

9 National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (Impact on Carers) Bill.—Greg Clark accordingly presented a Bill to require the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence to consider the impact of proposed drugs and treatments on carers and patients when assessing their cost effectiveness; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 59].

10 Opposition Day [5th 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.

Arms Trade Obligations, the Al Yamamah Arms Agreement and Related Matters.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the Serious Fraud Office’s (SFO) ongoing investigation into the sale by BAE Systems plc of a military control system to Tanzania and other arms-related inquiries; further notes that the SFO has ceased its investigation into BAE Systems plc and Saudi Arabia; calls for an independent inquiry into the reasons for the ending of the SFO investigation of the Saudi Arabian export sales; requests that there be laid before this House any papers or reports held by the Comptroller and Auditor General relating to the Al Yamamah arms agreement between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that have been prepared for committees of this House but not yet laid before it or published; and reaffirms the obligations of the United Kingdom under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions—(Dr Vincent Cable);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that the Serious Fraud Office’s (SFO) decision to discontinue its investigation into BAE Systems plc and Saudi Arabia was taken independently by the Director of the SFO on grounds of national security in the public interest and in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors; further notes that the SFO is vigorously pursuing a number of other lines of investigation in relation to BAE Systems plc; welcomes the steps being taken by the Government to tackle international corruption; and further welcomes the Government’s commitment to compliance with the United Kingdom’s obligation under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions’, instead thereof.—(Mr Mike O’Brien.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question, the House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jenny Willott, Mr Jeremy Browne: 74.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 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 notes that the Serious Fraud Office’s (SFO) decision to discontinue its investigation into BAE Systems plc and Saudi Arabia was taken independently by the Director of the SFO on grounds of national security in the public interest and in accordance with the Code for Crown Prosecutors; further notes that the SFO is vigorously pursuing a number of other lines of investigation in relation to BAE Systems plc; welcomes the steps being taken by the Government to tackle international corruption; and further welcomes the Government’s commitment to compliance with the United Kingdom’s obligation under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions.

Merchant Shipping (S.I., 2006, No. 3223).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Merchant Shipping (Inland Waterway and Limited Coastal
Operations) (Boatmasters’ Qualifications and Hours of Work) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 3223), a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th December, be revoked—(Mr Paul Burstow);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jenny Willott, Mr Jeremy Browne: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

Government’s Record on Crime,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the increasing evidence of a crisis in the criminal justice system, with excessive levels of prison overcrowding, failure to tackle rising reoffending rates, unacceptable breach rates of the Government’s anti-social behaviour measures, widespread public fear of crime and the judiciary’s concern over Government sentencing policy; believes that a new direction in Government policy prioritising administrative competence over media-driven legislative initiatives is urgently required; calls on the Government to make prison work by tripling the numbers of prisoners doing paid work and making education and training compulsory, with contributions from earnings going towards a victim compensation fund; calls for measures to allow sentences to mean what they say; further calls for the abandonment of the expensive identity cards scheme to allow funding for a sustainable increase in police numbers, urges the Government to divert money allocated to the latest prison building programme towards the expansion of secure and semi-secure mental health treatment facilities; and further calls on the Government to increase the use of restorative community justice panels to help reduce repeat crime, increase the use of rigorous and visible non-custodial sentences as a viable alternative to short-term prison sentences and change licensing provision to give local communities greater say over the closure of pubs and clubs which contribute to alcohol-fuelled violence—(Mr Nick Clegg);

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 significant and lasting reductions in crime this Government has achieved since 1997 which mean that the chances of being a victim of crime are at historically low levels, 24 per cent. according to the most recent British Crime Survey figures, compared with 35 per cent. in 1997; notes the new and innovative powers to tackle anti-social behaviour which are helping provide respite to communities across the country; welcomes the introduction of biometric identity cards to combat immigration abuse, illegal working, identity fraud and crime as well as strengthening national security and improving access to public services; notes the delivery of an extra 19,000 prison places and an increase in spending on prisons by 35 per cent. in real terms over the last 10 years and a further increase over the next five years to deliver a further 8,000 places; welcomes the record numbers of police officers and police community support officers on the streets helping to make communities safer; and congratulates the Government on its commitment to driving down crime further’, instead thereof.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr Paul Burstow 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, Jenny Willott, Mr Roger Williams: 57.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 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, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 279.

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 significant and lasting reductions in crime this Government has achieved since 1997 which mean that the chances of being a victim of crime are at historically low levels, 24 per cent. according to the most recent British Crime Survey figures, compared with 35 per cent. in 1997; notes the new and innovative powers to tackle anti-social behaviour which are helping provide respite to communities across the country; welcomes the introduction of biometric identity cards to combat immigration abuse, illegal working, identity fraud and crime as well as strengthening...
national security and improving access to public services; notes the delivery of an extra 19,000 prison places and an increase in spending on prisons by 35 per cent. in real terms over the last 10 years and a further increase over the next five years to deliver a further 8,000 places; welcomes the record numbers of police officers and police community support officers on the streets helping to make communities safer; and congratulates the Government on its commitment to driving down crime further.

11 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Ordered, That Lynda Waltho be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Sir Peter Soulsby be added.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

12 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Dacorum against the closure and amalgamation of schools in the Hemel Hempstead area was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Anupreet Gill and others of like disposition for leave to stay in the United Kingdom for the family of Mr Harbans Singh Arora was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

APPENDIX I

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Education,—(1) Education (Prohibition from Teaching or Working with Children) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 195); and

(2) Education (Student Support) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 176), dated 29th January 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


6 Income Tax,—(1) Capital Allowances (Leases of Background Plant or Machinery for a Building) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 303); and


Other Papers:

7 House of Lords,—Paper, entitled The House of Lords: Reform [by Command] [Cm. 7027] [Mr Jack Straw].

8 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the First and Fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7018] [John Healey].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 UK Borders Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Alan Campbell, Damian Green, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Paul Rowen and Mr Iain Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the UK Borders Bill Committee.
2 UK Borders Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley and Mr David Amess Chairmen of the UK Borders Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr James Clappison, Mr David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Damian Green, John Hemming, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Stewart Jackson, Kerry McCarthy, Chris Mole, Mr Jamie Reed, Paul Rowen, Joan Ryan, Kitty Ussher, David Wright and Mr Iain Wright.

3 Draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Tony Baldry, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Richard Benyon, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Liz Blackman, Chris Bryant, Mr Douglas Carswell, Ann Clwyd, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Tobias Ellwood, John Hemming, Mr Andrew Love, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Pat McFadden, Alan Michael and Ms Gisela Stuart.

4 Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Anti-Social Behaviour Order Functions) (England) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Bill Etherington and Mr George Mudie from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Dr Alan Whitehead.

5 Draft District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2006:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Bone, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Stephen Crabb, James Duddridge, Mr Philip Dunne, Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Nia Griffith, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Hanson, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Eddie McGrady, Rob Marris, Mr George Mudie, Lembit Opik, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson, Joan Walley and Lynda Waltho.

6 Draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Patrick Hall from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David Hamilton.

7 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, John Battle, Mr Ronnie Campbell, JeVEnnis, Mr John Gummer, Mr John Heppell, Barbara Keeley, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, Mr Jim Murphy, Robert Neill, John Penrose, Gwyn Prosser, Andrew Selous, Mr Dennis Skinner and Dr Gavin Strang.

8 Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Bryant, Ann Clwyd and Keith Vaz from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Janet Dean, Dr Brian Iddon and Mr David Kidney.

9 Draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Loss of Capacity during Research Project) (England) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Devine and Ms Gisela Stuart from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Kilfoyle and Linda Gilroy.


European Standing Committees

11 European Union Document No. 5154/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Emissions Trading Scheme: inclusion of aviation, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.
12 European Union Documents No. 17066/06, No. 17067/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 17068/06, relating to Taxation, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

13 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 28th November 2006, European Union Documents No. 11399/06, No. 11660/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, an Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 10th October 2006, European Union Documents No. 14431/06 and Addendum 1, and No. 14630/06 and Addendum 1 relating to Financial Management.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents and Memoranda: Ed Balls, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Vincent Cable, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Evennett, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Roger Godsiff, Julia Goldsworthy, Justine Greening, Mr George Howarth, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Lee Scott and Mrs Theresa Villiers.

14 European Union Document No. 13568/05 relating to the Marketing of Pyrotechnic Articles,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Lorely Burt, Tony Cunningham, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Paul Flynn, David Howarth, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Graham Stuart, Emily Thornberry, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Charles Walker and Mr Tom Watson.

15 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 13080/06 on European Enforcement Order and the Transfer of Sentenced Persons.

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. 235-viii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) The Constitutional Role of the Attorney General: (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 306-i]; and (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and (2) Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Environmental Audit,—The Role of the FCO: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 289-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Defra’s Departmental Report 2006 and Defra’s Budget: Second Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 132]; and (2) Questions to Defra on the work of the Committee: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

5 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. 41-ix]; and (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Human Rights Annual Report 2006: (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 269-ii]; and (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Sir John Stanley].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Tourism in Northern Ireland and its Economic Impact and Benefits: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 119-iii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Public Accounts,—Jobcentre Plus: Delivering effective services through Personal Advisers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 312-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
9 Science and Technology,—(1) *Human Enhancement Technologies in Sport: Second Report* from the Science and Technology Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 67]; and

(2) *Space Policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 66-iv]*

[Mr Phil Willis].

10 Statutory Instruments,—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 82-viii] [David Maclean].

11 Transport,—(1) *Transport for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: The Draft Transport Plan: Third Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 199];

(2) *Department for Transport Annual Report 2006: Fourth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 95];

(3) *Bus Services across the UK: Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 2003–06: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 298]; and

(4) *The Government's Motorcycling Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 264-ii]*

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Treasury,—*Climate Change and the Stern review: implications for HM Treasury policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 248-iii]*

[John McFall].

13 Work and Pensions,—*The Government’s Employment Strategy: Third Report from the Work and Pensions Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported on 1st November in the last Session of Parliament [No. 63-I and -II]*

[Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 42; WH, No. 23]

Wednesday 7th February 2007.

*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 5.26 p.m.]

[No. 43.]

Thursday 8th February 2007.

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

PRAYERS

1 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill.—Mr Christopher Chope reported certain Memoranda from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Pensions Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Pensions Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Monday 19th February; and to be printed [Bill 56].

Certain Memoranda (reported on 25th and 30th January) to be printed.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
3 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Loss of Capacity during Research Project) (England) Regulations 2007.

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


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5 Local Planning Authorities (Energy and Energy Efficiency) Bill,—The Order for resuming on Friday 23rd February the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th January, That the Local Planning Authorities (Energy and Energy Efficiency) Bill be read a second time, was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 20th April.

6 Adjournment (Future of buses),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Kevin Brennan);

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.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 19th February, pursuant to Order [17th January].

[Adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Animals,—(1) Draft Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (England) Regulations 2007;

(2) draft Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007; and

(3) draft Welfare of Animals (Miscellaneous Revocations) (England) Regulations 2007
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 2, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Electricity,—Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006 (Amendment) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Environmental Protection,—Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Housing,—Draft Housing (Tenancy Deposit Schemes) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

6 Sea Fisheries,—Decommissioning of Fishing Vessels Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 312), dated 6th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


8 Companies,—Companies Acts (Unregistered Companies) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 318), dated 7th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 228), dated 31st January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


12 Rates,—Rates (Regional Rates) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 52), dated 29th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


14 United Nations,—(1) Iran (Financial Sanctions) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 281), dated 7th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer];
   (2) Iran (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 282), dated 7th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett]; and
   (3) Lebanon (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 283), dated 7th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

16 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 8th February 2007, concerning the gifting of non-lethal equipment to the Palestinian Presidential Guard [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

17 Overseas Territories,—Liberia (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 284), dated 7th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

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. 235-ix] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Health,—Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 278-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].
Monday 19th February 2007

PRAYERS.

1. First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2. Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved.—(James Purnell.)

3. Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved.—(James Purnell.)

4. Adjournment (Human rights: values, rights and responsibilities),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Vera Baird).

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

5. Science and Technology,—Ordered, That Mr Jim Devine be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Linda Gilroy be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Ordered, That James Duddridge be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Mr James Gray be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7. 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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.16 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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

Monday 12th February 2007

1. Miscellaneous (No. 2, 2007),—Instrument, done at Copenhagen on 17th December 2002, amending the Convention for the Establishment of the European Radiocommunications Office (ERO) [Cm. 7034] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Friday 16th February 2007

2. Miscellaneous (No. 3, 2007),—Protocols, done at Berlin 1st June to 1st November 2006, amending the 1955 Bonn Agreements Constituting an International Commission for the International Tracing Service and on Relations between the International Commission for the International Tracing Service and the International Committee of the Red Cross [Cm. 7038] [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:

Friday 9th February 2007


19th February 2007


Monday 12th February 2007

6 Immigration,—Immigration Services Commissioner (Designated Professional Body) (Fees) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 317), dated 6th February 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].


Wednesday 14th February 2007


10 Copyright,—Copyright and Performances (Application to Other Countries) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 273), dated 7th February 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Harriet Harman].

11 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 193), dated 7th February 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


14 Patents,—Patents (Convention Countries) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 276), dated 7th February 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


Thursday 15th February 2007


Friday 16th February 2007

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 19th February 2007:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

24 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

25 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007; and
   (2) draft Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

26 Pensions,—(1) Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2007;
   (2) draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2007; and
   (3) draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

27 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007;
   (2) draft Social Security Contributions (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2007; and
   (3) draft Social Security, Occupational Pension Schemes and Statutory Payments (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

28 Animals,—Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 402), dated 14th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

29 Education,—(1) Education (Budget Statements) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 356), dated 8th February 2007; and

30 Employment,—Gangmasters (Licensing Conditions) (No. 2) (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 401), dated 12th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


Other Papers:

32 European Communities (No. 1, 2007),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 8th May 2003, established in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, amending, as regards the creation of a Customs Files Identification Database, the Convention on the Use of Information Technology for Customs Purposes [by Command] [Cm. 7039] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

33 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Assets Recovery Agency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 253] [Clerk of the House].
34 Prevention of Terrorism,—Second Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, pursuant to Section 14 (3) of the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

35 Public Accounts,—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Second and Third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7035] [Mr Secretary Hain].

36 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [12th January 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from the residents of South Derbyshire and others in support of the Animal Welfare Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

37 Regulation of Investigatory Powers,—Reports for 2005–06 of the—
   (1) Intelligence Services Commissioner; and
   (2) Interception of Communications Commissioner
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 314 and 315] [The Prime Minister].

38 Tax Credits,—Report by the Commissioners for Revenue under Section 40 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

39 Value Added Tax,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 313) [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

   Papers withdrawn:

40 Value Added Tax,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 313) [laid 8th February].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Higher Education:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 285(ii)]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Work and Pensions,—Personal Accounts: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 220-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 45.]

Tuesday 20th February 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 27th February.

2 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported certain Memoranda from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee.
   Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 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. 13080/06, Draft Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union; and supports the Government’s intention to secure adoption of this agreement.
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 Catholics (Prevention of Discrimination),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove remaining legislative discrimination against Catholics; to make provision for the independence and freedom of operation of Catholic institutions; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Gummer, Andrew Mackinlay, Jim Dobbin, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr John Hayes, Mr Edward Leigh and Miss Ann Widdecombe do prepare and bring it in.

5 Catholics (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill,—Mr John Gummer accordingly presented a Bill to remove remaining legislative discrimination against Catholics; to make provision for the independence and freedom of operation of Catholic institutions; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 63].

6 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 15th January 2007 (Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) 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 their commencement.
3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(John Healey.)

7 Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Evaluation of effects in Scotland)—(Mr Mark Francois) 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 10, at the end to insert the words—

‘(4) No expenditure shall be incurred under section 1 earlier than 90 days after the conclusion, on 28th February 2007, of the consultation exercises on the implementation of the Planning-Gain Supplement.’.—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Huw Irranca-Davies: 277.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on Third Reading, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Dave Watts: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

8 Income Tax Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Income Tax Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax law rewrite bills), That the Committee of the whole House be discharged from considering the Bill—(John Healey).—It was agreed to.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft European Communities (Employment in the Civil Service) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

10 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Tax and Civil Partnership Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.
11 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

12 Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Anti-Social Behaviour Order Functions) (England) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 9th January, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

13 Mental Capacity.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Loss of Capacity during Research Project) (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) the residents of Oxfordshire against the current Council Tax Bands allocated to Guardian Court in Banbury; and

(2) Harborough Rail Users Group and others for the safeguarding of all off-peak rail services to and from Market Harborough, Leicestershire were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Environmental Protection.—Environmental Noise (Identification of Noise Sources) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 415), dated 13th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

4 Housing.—Housing (Right to Buy) (Service Charges) (Amendment) (England) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 384), dated 13th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Other Papers:

7 Defence (Votes A), 2007–08.—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 2008 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 280] [Secretary Des Browne].
Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 20th February 2007, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2007 [by Act] [John Healey].

Health,—Government Response to the First Report from the Health Committee, Session 2006–07, on NHS Deficits [by Command] [Cm. 7028] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Academies Programme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 254] [Clerk of the House].

Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Petition [15th March 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from narrow boat owners from the canals of the UK and others for the continuation of the red diesel derogation; and

(2) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petitions—

(i) [29th March 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Worcester Constituency against changes in the arrangements made for wardens of sheltered housing provided by Worcester Community Housing;

(ii) [20th July and 25th July 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Thundersley and Benfleet against the storage of hazardous waste in their area; and

(iii) [16th October 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from the residents of Hadleigh, Essex and others against a planned development in Park Chase, Hadleigh [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Supply Estimates, 2006–07,—Spring Supplementary Estimates for Central Government for 2006–07 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 293] [John Healey].

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 13080/06, relating to European Enforcement Order and the Transfer of Sentenced Persons,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbin.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 223-v] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-x] [Mr Alan Meale].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Public Service Media Content:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 316-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence,—(1) The work of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory and the funding of defence research: Eighth Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 84];

(2) Costs of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Winter Supplementary Estimate 2006–07: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 317]; and

(3) Defence Procurement 2006: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fifth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 318] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environmental Audit,—(1) The EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons for the Future: Second Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 70]; and
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(2) The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 331-i]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs.—Justice and Home Affairs Issues at European Union Level: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 76-v] [Mr John Denham].

7 International Development.—(1) Department for International Development Departmental Report 2006: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Third Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 328];
(2) HIV/AIDS: Marginalised groups and emerging epidemics: Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 329];
(3) Water and Sanitation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 126-v]; and
(4) Fair Trade and Development: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Malcolm Bruce].

8 Scottish Affairs.—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-iv] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Standards and Privileges.—Evidence to the SSRB Review of Parliamentary pay, pensions and allowances: First Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 330] [Sir George Young].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) Work of the Committee in 2005–2006: Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 332]; and
(2) Trade and investment opportunities with Mercosur: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 208-v]
[Mr Peter Lu].

11 Treasury.—Are you covered? Travel Insurance and its regulation: Fourth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 50] [John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs.—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-iii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 45; WH, No. 25]
Tuesday 20th February 2007.
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.]
1 Electoral Commission (Answer to an Address),—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of 16th January, praying that Her Majesty would reappoint James Samuel Younger to be the chairman of the Electoral Commission for the period ending on 31st December 2008, and further reappoint Pamela Joan Gordon to be an Electoral Commissioner for the period ending on 30th June 2007, was presented to Her Majesty, who was graciously pleased to comply with the request, the appointments having become effective from 19th January.

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) (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:

Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the control of cluster munitions; for the destruction of such munitions; and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about tribunals and inquiries; to establish an Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council; to amend the law relating to judicial appointments; to amend the law relating to the enforcement of judgments and debts; to make further provision about the management and relief of debt; to make provision protecting cultural objects from seizure or forfeiture in certain circumstances; to amend the law relating to the taking of possession of land affected by compulsory purchase; to alter the powers of the High Court in judicial review applications; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords],—The Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 65].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 65–EN].

5 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer further powers on local authorities for the regulation of street trading by pedlars; and for connected purposes—

(Prof Brian Iddon);

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 Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—

It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Amess, Jim Dobbin, Mark Hunter, Mr Eric Illsley, Alison Seabeck, Anne Snelgrove, Mr Phil Willis and Sir Nicholas Winterton do prepare and bring in the Bill.

6 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill,—Dr Brian Iddon accordingly presented a Bill to confer further powers on local authorities for the regulation of street trading by pedlars; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd March and to be printed [Bill 64].

7 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.

Reconfiguration of Acute Hospital Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the need to develop and improve acute hospital services; is concerned that current reconfiguration proposals are being dictated by financial and staffing pressures; believes that the Government cannot call for change whilst failing to put in place the commissioning and tariff structures necessary to support, for example, maternity services, acute stroke care, cardiac care and vascular surgery; regrets the Government’s lack of support for models of service configuration which would secure high standards whilst maintaining access; calls on Ministers to bring forward proposals to mitigate the effects of the European Working Time Directive on hospital services; insists that reconfigurations should be based on safety, quality of care,
accessibility and choice; is deeply concerned that NHS staff, public and patient voices are not given appropriate weight in the decision making process; and calls for a stronger local democratic voice that will contribute to public confidence in the planning of acute NHS services—(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 NHS must respond to developments in medical technologies and changes in patients’ needs if it is to continue delivering high quality care; acknowledges that the Government established a clear process for consulting patients, the public and their representatives on changes to the NHS; notes advice received from clinicians that some services need to be concentrated in centres of excellence so that professionals with the right expertise, experience and equipment can treat patients safely and effectively; further notes that, in the case of primary angioplasty services, this could save 500 lives a year and prevent around 1,000 further heart attacks and around 250 strokes; recognises that advances in medical technology mean that other services which were previously delivered in hospitals can now be delivered safely and effectively in the community and people’s homes, such as minor operations and outpatient appointments in GP clinics; understands that with an ageing population and more people living with long term conditions there needs to be a shift in services into the community, as patients and the public said in response to consultation and as set out in the White Paper ‘Our Health, Our Care, Our Say’; welcomes the Government’s commitment to supporting this shift including £750 million being invested in new community hospitals and services; and agrees that the focus of Government policy and NHS services should be on improving health and saving lives, not on preserving buildings and beds’, 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, Michael Fabricant: 220.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, 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.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises that the NHS must respond to developments in medical technologies and changes in patients’ needs if it is to continue delivering high quality care; acknowledges that the Government established a clear process for consulting patients, the public and their representatives on changes to the NHS, notes advice received from clinicians that some services need to be concentrated in centres of excellence so that professionals with the right expertise, experience and equipment can treat patients safely and effectively; further notes that, in the case of primary angioplasty services, this could save 500 lives a year and prevent around 1,000 further heart attacks and around 250 strokes; recognises that advances in medical technology mean that other services which were previously delivered in hospitals can now be delivered safely and effectively in the community and people’s homes, such as minor operations and outpatient appointments in GP clinics; understands that with an ageing population and more people living with long term conditions there needs to be a shift in services into the community, as patients and the public said in response to consultation and as set out in the White Paper ‘Our Health, Our Care, Our Say’; welcomes the Government’s commitment to supporting this shift including £750 million being invested in new community hospitals and services; and agrees that the focus of Government policy and NHS services should be on improving health and saving lives, not on preserving buildings and beds.

8 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 Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then a quarter to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.45 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Exclusion of Children from Track Areas) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2. Immigration,—(1) Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order 2007, and (2) draft Integration Loans for Refugees and Others Regulations 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

3. Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) and the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4. Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


8. Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 12th February 2007, concerning the gifting of non-lethal military equipment to the Government of Nepal [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

9. Health,—Paper, entitled Trust, Assurance and Safety—The Regulation of Health Professionals in the 21st Century [by Command] [Cm. 7013] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10. Northern Ireland,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


12. Shipman Inquiry,—Papers, entitled—

   (1) Learning from tragedy, keeping patients safe: Overview of the Government’s action programme in response to the recommendations of the Shipman Inquiry, and (2) Safeguarding Patients: The Government’s response to the recommendations of the Shipman Inquiry’s fifth report and to the recommendations of the Ayling, Neale and Kerr/Haslam Inquiries [by Command] [Cm. 7014 and 7015] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

13. Sustainable and Secure Buildings,—Paper, entitled Monitoring the Sustainability of Buildings, being the first biennial report under section 6 of the Sustainable and Secure Buildings Act 2004 regarding progress made on sustainability and a report under section 14 of the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 regarding compliance with Part L of the Building Regulations [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

   Papers withdrawn:

15 Northern Ireland,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [laid 5th February].

16 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 19th February].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Sustainable Communities Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Sustainable Communities Bill Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Lyn Brown, Mr Douglas Carswell, Jeremy Corbyn, Jim Cousins, Frank Dobson, Mr David Drew, Clive Efford, Julia Goldsworthy, Nia Griffith, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Oliver Letwin, Mr Dan Rogerson and Mr Phil Woolas.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the First Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Jim Cousins, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mark Field, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mark Hunter, Chris McCafferty, Mr Tony McNulty, Patrick Mercer, Ian Stewart, Joan Walley and David Wright.

3 Draft Smoke-free (Exemptions and Vehicles) Regulations 2007, draft Smoke-free (Penalties and Discounted Amounts) Regulations 2007 and draft Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc.) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nicholas Brown, Caroline Flint, Sandra Gidley, David Hayes, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Daniel Kawczynski, Ms Sally Keeble, Shona McIsaac, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Chris Mullin, Dr Andrew Murray, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Rosindell, Claire Ward and Mr Anthony Wright.

4 Draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Lorely Burt, Mr David Chaytor, Ann Coffey, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Jim Fitzpatrick, Charles Hendry, Robert Key, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Greg Knight, Susan Kramer, Ian Lucas, Steve McCabe, Margaret Moran, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Andrew Smith and Helen Southworth.

5 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007 and draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Mr Ian Cawsey, Clive Efford, Mr John Hayes, Kaise Hoey, Lynne Jones, Judy Mallaber, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Julie Morgan, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mike Penning, Bill Rammell, Mr John Redwood, Sarah Teather, Angela Watkinson and Stephen Williams.

6 Draft Private Security Industry (Licence Fees) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Frank Dobson, Patrick Mercer, Sandra Osborne, Mr Jamie Reed, Joan Ruddock, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Marsha Singh, Bob Spink, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Rob Wilson.
7 Draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Adam Afriyie, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Dr Ian Gibson, Paul Goggins, Mr John Grogan, Lady Hermon, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Lembit Öpik, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Laurence Robertson, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Ian Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner, Lynda Wallis, Sammy Wilson and Mr Tim Yeo.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Kevin Brennan, Mr Stephen Byers, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Jim Dowd, Mr David Drew, Natascha Engel, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, John Hemming, Andrew Mackinlay, Albert Owen, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Martin Salter and Mr Robert Walter.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Documents No. 17066/06, No. 17067/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 17068/06, relating to Taxation,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Vincent Cable, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Evennett, Mark Fisher, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr James Gray, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Nick Hurd, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Geraldine Smith, Mrs Theresa Villiers and Mrs Betty Williams.

10 European Union Document No. 5422/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to limiting global climate change, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 European Union Documents No. 5282/07 and No. 5354/07, relating to an energy policy for Europe, 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. 235-xii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) Citizenship Education: Second Report from the Education and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 11th December [No. 147]; and
   (2) Post-16 Skills:
      (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 333-ii]; and
      (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—The Role of the FCO: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Trade, Development and the Environment of the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 289-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 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. 41-x]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Jim Dobbin].

5 Human Rights,—The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 60-xv] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Tourism in Northern Ireland and its Economic Impact and Benefits: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 119-iv] [Sir Patrick Cormack].
7 Science and Technology,—(1) Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence Based Policy Making: Government Response to the Science and Technology Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2005–06: First Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 307];
(2) Space Policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 66-v]; and
(3) Government’s proposals for the regulation of hybrid and chimera embryos: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-ix] [David Maclean].

9 Transport,—(1) Local Transport Planning and Funding: Government Response to the Twelfth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: Fourth Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 334]; and
(2) The New National Boatmasters’ Licence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 320-v] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—(1) Preparations for the 2011 Census: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 326-i]; and
(2) National Savings and Investments: Annual Report and Accounts 2005–06: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 327-i] [John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—Personal Accounts: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 220-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 46; WH, No. 26]

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—(Liz Blackman);
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 22nd February 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope reported certain Memoranda from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee.
   Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2007.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 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 2007, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty);
   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 Ian Cawsey, Claire Ward: 322.
   Tellers for the Noes, Jenny Willott, Mr Jeremy Browne: 61.
   So the Question was agreed to.

4 Adjournment (Public health in England),—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.

5 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);
   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, til to-morrow.
   [Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax,—Draft Corporation Tax (Taxation of Films) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Competition,—Competition Commission (Water Industry) Penalties Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 461), dated 19th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


7 Mental Capacity.—Draft Code of Practice on the Mental Capacity Act 2005 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

8 Development of Tourism.—Report of the England Marketing Advisory Board for 2005-06 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Northern Ireland.—Reports and Accounts of the National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland for—

(1) 2002-03;
(2) 2003-04; and
(3) 2004-05,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 282, 283 and 284] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers withdrawn:

10 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 19th February].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara as an additional Chairman of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee.

2 The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Sustainable Communities Bill Committee.


4 Draft Smoke-free (Exemptions and Vehicles) Regulations 2007, draft Smoke-free (Penalties and Discounted Amounts) Regulations 2007 and draft Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc.) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Second Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations and the draft Order.

5 Draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007 and draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed John Cummings Chairman of the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Orders.

7 Draft Private Security Industry (Licence Fees) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

8 Draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

9 Value Added Tax (Health and Welfare) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 206).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the Order.

Grand Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 27th February.
European Standing Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Hugh Bayley Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of an Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 28th November 2006, European Union Documents No. 11399/06, No. 11660/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, an Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 10th October 2006 and European Union Documents No. 14431/06 and Addendum 1, and No. 14630/06 and Addendum 1 on Financial Management.

12 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 13568/05 on Marketing of Pyrotechnic Articles.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

13 Foreign Affairs,—Visit to Guantánamo Bay: Second Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07: Letter laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Mike Gapes].

14 Health,—Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 278-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

15 Public Administration,—(1) Governing the Future: Second Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with Appendices and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 123-I and -II]; and

(2) Public services: putting people first: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

Thursday 22nd February 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at seventeen minutes to Three o’clock.

Adjournment (Strategic Export Controls—First Joint Report from the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees, Session 2005–06, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 27th February.

[Adjourned at 5.27 p.m.

Friday 23rd February 2007.

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.

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2 The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

3 Motion to sit in private,—Mr Desmond Swayne moved, That this 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 Desmond Swayne, Mr Brooks Newmark: 3.

Tellers for the Noes, Annette Brooke, Alison Seabeck: 35.

So the Question was negatived.
4 Disabled Children (Family Support) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disabled Children (Family Support) 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 29th June.

5 Polling Stations (Regulation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Polling Stations (Regulation) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

6 Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

7 Provision of Palliative Care Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provision of Palliative Care Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th June.

8 Access to Inland Waterways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Inland Waterways Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)
   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit until one minute past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 26th February.
   [Adjourned at 3.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Immigration,—Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 475), dated 20th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

3 Insolvency,—Insolvency Proceedings (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 521), dated 20th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Merchant Shipping,—Reports by the Department for Transport for exemptions granted under section 294 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 during:
   (1) 2005; and
   (2) 2006
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].
PRAYERS.


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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Smoke-free (Exemptions and Vehicles) Regulations 2007, draft Smoke-free (Penalties and Discounted Amounts) Regulations 2007 and draft Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc) Order 2007.

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:


Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 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.

State of the Royal Navy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the assessment of the Government’s 1998 Strategic Defence Review that two Future Aircraft Carriers are needed in the post-Cold War world to provide a seaborne base from which British military power can be projected and that a destroyer and frigate fleet of more than 30 ships would be needed to maintain two concurrent medium-scale deployments, views with concern the view expressed by Admiral Sir Alan West, when First Sea Lord in 2004, that the reduction of the destroyer and frigate total from 35 to 25, instead of the 32 promised in the Strategic Defence Review, meant that the country was taking risk on risk; notes with dismay persistent suggestions that six more will be mothballed, leaving an effective destroyer and frigate force of only 19; demands urgent clarification from the Government about its proposal to close Portsmouth or Devonport naval bases and calls upon the Government to provide an assessment of the implications for the long-term strategic vulnerability of the remnants of the surface fleet; sympathises with Admiral Sir Jonathon Band, the current First Sea Lord, that a failure to proceed with the Future Aircraft Carriers, which have still not been ordered though scheduled in 1998 for deployment by 2012 and 2015, would make his position untenable; and calls on the Government to clarify its intention on naval procurement in the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review—(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 ‘notes with approval the Government’s very considerable investment in new warship building, including the new Type 45 destroyers, of which two have already been launched, the new Astute class nuclear submarines, the first of which will be launched later this year, and the two Future Aircraft Carriers, which will be the largest ships ever to serve with the Royal Navy; notes that 28 new ships have entered service with the Royal Navy since 1997, views with concern ill-informed and inaccurate suggestions that warships will be ‘mothballed’; and congratulates the Government for its responsible stewardship of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines during a period of extremely high operational tempo’, instead thereof.—(Mr Adam Ingram.)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 209.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes with approval the Government’s very considerable investment in new warship building, including the new Type 45 destroyers, of which two have already been launched, the new Astute class nuclear submarines, the first of which will be launched later this year, and the two Future Aircraft Carriers, which will be the largest ships ever to serve with the Royal Navy; notes that 28 new ships have entered service with the Royal Navy since 1997; views with concern ill-informed and inaccurate suggestions that warships will be ‘mothballed’; and congratulates the Government for its responsible stewardship of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines during a period of extremely high operational tempo.

Integrity of the Electoral System,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that all electors are entitled to a free, fair and secure vote; notes that in its Eleventh Report the Committee on Standards in Public Life found evidence of a continuing threat of fraud in the electoral system and called for the implementation of secure individual voter registration and other measures to protect integrity; regrets the unwillingness of the Government to adopt such a system in Great Britain despite calls from the Committee, the Electoral Commission and many others; welcomes the investigation by the Council of Europe into electoral fraud in the United Kingdom and the visit to London today of two rapporteurs; expresses concern at Government attempts to introduce electronic voting until such time as adequate security measures are available; and believes that urgent steps are needed to restore public confidence and integrity in the electoral system, starting with individual voter registration—(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 Government has introduced a range of sensible and proportionate measures to ensure that elections are safe and secure; recognises that public confidence in the electoral process is paramount; believes that the Government is taking an appropriate and sensible approach in testing and trialling e-voting before making any decision to introduce it or not; supports the action being taken by the Government to ensure that electoral registers are comprehensive and accurate; and notes that these issues were debated during the passage of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 through Parliament’; instead thereof.—(Bridget Prentice.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 219.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Claire Ward: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Mr Michael Foster: 277.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 210.

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

Resolved, That this House believes that the Government has introduced a range of sensible and proportionate measures to ensure that elections are safe and secure; recognises that public confidence in the electoral process is paramount; believes that the Government is taking an appropriate and sensible approach in testing and trialling e-voting before making any decision to introduce it or not; supports the action being taken by the Government to ensure that electoral registers are comprehensive and accurate; and notes that these issues were debated during the passage of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 through Parliament.
5 Sustainable Communities Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Sustainable Communities Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Sustainable Communities Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by a Minister of the Crown or government department, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

6 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2006, which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

7 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 22nd January, be approved—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

8 European Enforcement Order and the Transfer of Sentenced Prisoners.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes notes of European Union Document No. 13080/06, Draft Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union; and supports the Government’s intention to secure adoption of this agreement—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

9 Public Administration.—Ordered, That Grant Shapps be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr Charles Walker be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Karen Slough and other employees of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, Kettering, against closure of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs Office in Kettering 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 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 Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Representation of the People.—Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

3 Social Security.—Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Commons.—Commons (Registration of Town or Village Greens) (Interim Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 457), dated 17th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Food.—(1) Dairy Produce (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 477), dated 18th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].
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(2) Meat (Official Controls Charges) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 492), dated 19th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and

(3) Milk (Cessation of Production) (Revocation) Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 476), dated 18th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 Health and Safety,—(1) Adventure Activities (Licensing) (Designation) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 447); and

(2) Adventure Activities Licensing (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 446),
dated 16th February 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Powers of Attorney,—(1) Enduring Powers of Attorney (Prescribed Form) (Amendment) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 548); and

(2) Enduring Powers of Attorney (Welsh Language Prescribed Form) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 549),
dated 23rd February 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Other Papers:

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Shareholder Executive and Public Sector Businesses [by Act]; to be printed [No. 255] [Clerk of the House].

9 Parliamentary Constituencies,—Boundary Commission for England: Fifth Periodical Report [by Command] [Cm. 7032] [Bridget Prentice].

10 Poland (No. 1, 2007),—Agreement, done at Warsaw on 18th August 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Poland concerning the Mutual Protection of Classified Information, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7044] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 Railways and Transport Safety,—Statement of Accounts of the British Transport Police for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 146] [Clerk of the House].

12 Treaty Series (No. 1, 2007),—Agreement, done at Cardiff on 12th July 2005, between the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic regarding Collaboration in Centrifuge Technology [by Command] [Cm. 7046] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Part 7 of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (Extension to Animal Pathogens) Order 2007 and draft Schedule 5 to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (Modification) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Chris McCafferty, Patrick Mercer and Ian Stewart from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Linda Gilroy, Nick Herbert, Kelvin Hopkins and Ian Lucas.

2 Draft Private Security Industry (Licence Fees) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Patrick Mercer from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Nick Herbert.

European Standing Committees

3 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 28th November 2006, European Union Documents No. 11599/06, No. 11660/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, an Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 10th October 2006, European Union Documents No. 14431/06 and Addendum 1, and No. 14630/06 and Addendum 1, relating to Financial Management,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sarah McCarthy-Fry from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memoranda and Documents) and nominated in substitution Lyn Brown.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Coastal Towns: Second Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with Memoranda and Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 351];

(2) Is there a future for Regional Government? Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 352-II]; and

(3) The World Urban Forum III: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Education and Skills,—Higher Education:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 285-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—British Waterways: Minutes of Evidence taken before the British Waterways Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 345-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Human Rights,—Legislative Scrutiny: Sexual Orientation Regulations: Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 350] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Excess Votes 2005–06: Twelfth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 346];

(2) National Audit Office Supply Estimate 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 347-i];

(3) Northern Ireland Audit Office Supply Estimate 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 348-i]; and

(4) The efficiency programme: a second review of progress: Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 349-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 50.]

Tuesday 27th February 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 6th March.

2 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope reported certain Memoranda from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 UK Borders Bill,—Mr Eric Illesley reported from the UK Borders Bill Committee:

(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) certain Memoranda.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme Order 2007.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
5 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Cummings reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007.

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

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee the draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, referred to it on 30th January.

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

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. 13568/05, draft Directive on the marketing of pyrotechnic articles; notes the Government’s current negotiating line; and supports the Government’s actions in this field.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

8 Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill [Lords].—The Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 68].

9 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Vehicle Registration Marks Bill be printed [Bill 26–EN].

10 Speed Limits (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the reduction of the default speed limit in lit urban areas from 30 m.p.h. to 20 m.p.h.; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Leech, Mark Hunter, Bob Russell, Tim Farron, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Drew, Mr Andy Reed, Tom Brake, Paul Rowen and Dr John Pugh do prepare and bring it in.

11 Speed Limits (Amendment) Bill,—Mr John Leech accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the reduction of the default speed limit in lit urban areas from 30 m.p.h. to 20 m.p.h.; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 66].

12 Greater London Authority Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Greater London Authority Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC14) (The general power of the Authority: duty to have regard)—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC15) (Transitional provision relating to consultation)—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (London Waste Authority)—(Ms Karen Buck)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC8) (Approval of Mayor’s final draft budget by Assembly)—(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, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Dan Rogerson: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Huw Irranca-Davies: 286.

Another Clause (NC9) (Planning: access to information etc.)—(Mrs Jacqui Lait)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [12th December], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Simon Burns: 186.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 8 to 17) 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 Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 194.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

13 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,— A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Part 7 of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (Extension to Animal Pathogens) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

14 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,— A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Schedule 5 to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (Modification) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

15 Public Health,— A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Smoke-free (Exemptions and Vehicles) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

16 Public Health,— A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Smoke-free (Penalties and Discounted Amounts) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

17 Children and Young Persons,— A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

18 Financial 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 an Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 28th November 2006, European Court of Auditors’ 2005 Annual Report, European Union Documents No. 11399/06, Commission Communication: Report on the progress at 31st March 2006 on modernising the Commission’s accounting system, No. 11660/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Protection of the Communities’ financial interests: Fight against fraud: Annual report 2005, Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 10th October, European Anti-Fraud Office: sixth activity report for the period 1st July 2004 to 31st December 2005, No. 14431/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Report to the European Parliament on the follow-up to 2004 Discharge Decisions (Summary)—European Parliament Resolutions, No. 14630/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Report to the Council on the follow-up to 2004 Discharge Decisions (Summary)—Council recommendations; and supports the Government’s promotion of measures to improve the level of assurance given on the Community budget—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

19 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 29th March 2007, do adjourn till Monday 16th April 2007—(Huw Irranca-Davies)—It was agreed to.

20 Business of the House,— Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 7th March, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Jack Straw relating to House of Lords reform not later than half-past Five o’clock; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; the Questions on later Motions may be put notwithstanding any decision of the House on earlier Motions; the Questions may be put after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

21 Industrial Development,—Ordered, That the Assisted Areas Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 107), dated 22nd January 2007, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)
22 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) the users of post offices in the constituency of Mid Dorset and North Poole against any closure of local post offices;

(2) the Southampton and District Alzheimer’s Society for the continued prescription of Alzheimer’s drug treatments to patients who can benefit from them; and

(3) 100 residents of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and nearby areas for the introduction of a requirement for companies registered in the UK to calculate and declare their carbon emissions to be included in any Climate Change Bill presented to Parliament were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

23 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Huw Irranca-Davies);

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax.—Draft Corporation Tax (Taxation of Films) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Disabled Persons.—Public Service Vehicles Accessibility (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 500), dated 21st February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

5 Horse Racing and Betting.—Horse Racing (Charges on Bookmakers) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 83), dated 8th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


7 Rates.—Rates (Payment by Owners by Agreement) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 2), dated 8th January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

(4) Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 506); and

(5) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2007
(S.I., 2007, No. 498),

dated 21st February 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Other Papers:

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Legal Services
Commission: Legal aid and mediation for people involved in family breakdown [by Act];
to be printed [No. 256] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local
Government on—

(1) the Petitions [19th December and 20th December 2005, in the last Session of
Parliament] from residents affected by the plan to build an additional twelve flats in
May Avenue, Castle Point, Essex, against the planning application;

(2) the Petition [20th December 2005, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents
of Castle Point and others against undemocratic planning processes in Castle Point
Borough Council;

(3) the Petition [2nd February 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from people
living around the St. Mary’s Church Conservation Area, Benfleet, Essex, against a
planning application for new shops and flats in Benfleet;

(4) the Petition [8th March 2006, in the last session of Parliament] from residents of
Wroughton Road and Croft Road, Swindon and others for an alternative route for Croft
Road to Hay Lane Link;

(5) the Petition [26th April 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from citizens of
Milton Keynes for a local referendum on expansion planning and delivery;

(6) the Petition [26th April 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of
Thundersley and Benfleet against the storage of hazardous waste on the Manor
Trading Estate;

(7) the Petition [10th May 2006, in the last session of Parliament] from residents of
Finmere and Mixbury, Oxfordshire, and the surrounding area for effective planning
controls; and

(8) the Petition [7th June 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of
Canvey Island and others against the proposed development of ten flats and fourteen
parking spaces on Eastern Esplanade, Canvey Island
[by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Paper withdrawn:

11 Corporation Tax,—Draft Corporation Tax (Taxation of Films) (Transitional Provisions)
Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 22nd February].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has
discharged Claire Curtis-Thomas, Ian Lucas, Margaret Moran and Helen Southworth
from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft
Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Laxton, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Sandra
Osborne and Dr Desmond Turner.

2 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007 and draft
Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order
2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Kate Hoey and Julie Morgan from
the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders)
and nominated in substitution David Heyes and Shona McIsaac.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Document No. 13568/05 relating to the Marketing of Pyrotechnic
Articles,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Denis MacShane and
Mr Neil Turner from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the
Document) and nominated in substitution Dr Nick Palmer and Mr Ken Purchase.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 27th February; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Department for Communities and Local Government Annual Report 2006: Third Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with Memoranda and Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 106]; and
   (2) DCLG Spring Supplementary Estimates, 2006-07: Explanatory Memorandum: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-xii] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Public Service Media Content: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 316-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence,—(1) The Future of the UK's Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the White Paper: (i) Ninth Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 16th and 30th January [No. 225-I and -II]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee;
   (2) The work of the Committee in 2005 and 2006: Government Response to the Fifth Report of the Committee, Session 2006–07: Sixth Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 344]; and
   (3) Spring Supplementary Estimates 2006–07: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Environmental Audit,—(1) RIAs and Policy Appraisal: Third Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 353]; and
   (2) The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 331-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Home Affairs,—Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 181-iv] [Mr John Denham].

8 International Development,—Fair trade and development: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 356-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

9 Public Accounts,—(1) Smarter food procurement in the public sector: Thirteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 357];
   (2) Ministry of Defence: Delivering digital tactical communications through the Bowman CIP Programme: Fourteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 358];
   (3) Department of Trade and Industry: The termination of the PFI contract for the National Physical Laboratory: Fifteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 359];
   (4) The provision of out-of-hours care in England: Sixteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 360];
   (5) Financial management in the NHS: Seventeenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 361]; and
   (6) Introduction of ePassports: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 362-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Stamp of Approval? Restructuring the Post Office network: Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 276]; and
(2) The future of UK manufacturing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 161-v] [Mr Peter Luff].

11 Treasury,—Climate change and the Stern review: implications for HM Treasury policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 248-v] [John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-v]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Huw Francis].
8 Offender Management Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of
11th December 2006 (Offender Management 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 7.00 p.m.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

9 Offender Management Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the
Offender Management Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC8) (Application of polygraph condition to certain licences)—(Mr Gerry
Sutcliffe)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC9) (Effect of polygraph condition)—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—
brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC10) (Use in criminal proceedings of evidence from polygraph
sessions)—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added
to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 15) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Requirement for probation trusts to prepare plans)—
(Mr Edward Garnier)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the
Offender Management Bill (Programme) (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant
to Order [this day], put the Question.—It was negatived.

Another Clause (NC11) (Restriction on certain arrangements under section 3(2))—
(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added
to the Bill.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 2, to leave out from the
word ‘trust’ to end of line 8 and insert the words—

‘(2) In this section “restricted probation provision” means probation provision which—

(a) is made for one of the probation purposes set out in section 1(1)(a), (c) and (f);
(b) is for the provision of assistance to the Parole Board;
(c) is for the management of approved premises within the meaning of section 9.’,
instead thereof.—(Mr Neil Gerrard.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Ian Gibson, Kelvin Hopkins: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Frank Roy: 267.

It being more than three and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on
the Offender Management Bill (Programme) (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker, put
the Questions on New Clauses and Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to
be disposed of at that hour.

Clause added to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC12) (Power to repeal section (Restriction on certain arrangements under section 3(2)))—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 24) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC4) (Qualification etc of probation staff)—(Kerry McCarthy)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (No. 12 to 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 29, to leave out Clause No. 14.—(John McDonnell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 16 and 17) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 268.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

10 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from members of the West Berkshire Alzheimer’s Society against restrictions on the prescription of Alzheimer’s drugs treatments was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 529), dated 19th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


3 Commons,—Commons Registration (Objections and Maps) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 540), dated 18th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


6 Rates,—Rates (Social Sector Value) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 86), dated 14th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Tameside) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 547), dated 26th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].
8 Social Security,—Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 541), dated 22nd February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

9 Education,—Report prepared pursuant to section 38 (2) of the Education Act 2002 for the academic year 2005-06 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

10 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong: July–December 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7037] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 Northern Ireland,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Serbia (No. 1, 2007),—Agreement, done at Belgrade on 6th November 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, with Exchange of Notes and an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7048] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Northern Ireland,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [laid 19th February].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Gregory Barker, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Richard Burden, Ben Chapman, Rosie Cooper, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr John Grogan, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Kate Hoey, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Grant Shapps, Mr Paul Truswell and Mr Dave Watts.

2 Draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2007:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Gregory Barker, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr David Burrowes, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr William Cash, Mr Charles Clarke, Paul Farrelly, Mr Robert Goodwill, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Helen Jones, Helen Southworth, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Dave Watts, Mike Wood and Derek Wyatt.

3 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007, the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and the draft Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders and draft Regulations to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Mr Russell Brown, David Cairns, Mr Tom Clarke, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Stewart Jackson, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Jim McGovern, Ann McKechin, Mr Angus MacNeil, Anne Main, Anne Moffat, Julie Morgan, Mr George Mudie, Mr Frank Roy, Ian Stewart and Jo Swinson.

4 Draft Private Security Industry (Licence Fees) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Campbell and Sandra Osborne from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Cawsey and Mark Tami.
5 Draft Housing (Tenancy Deposit Schemes) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Wayne David, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), James Duddridge, Michael Fabricant, Barbara Follett, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, David Lepper, Chris McCafferty, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Meg Mann, Mr Dan Rogerson, Jonathan Shaw, Mr John Spellar, Andrew Stunell and Mr Robert Syms.

6 Draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ken Purchase from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello.

7 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Tim Boswell, Kevin Brennan, Colin Challen, Mr James Clappison, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr David Laws, Mr Alan Milburn, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Alan Simpson and John Smith.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—The Constitutional Role of the Attorney General: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 306-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Education and Skills,—Post–16 Skills:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 333-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Eleventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-xi];
   (2) Mobile phone “roaming” charges: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 366-i]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 363-i] [Mike Gapes].

5 Human Rights,—(1) Deaths in Custody: Further Developments: Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Appendices, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 364]; and
   (2) Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (continuance in force of sections 1 to 9) Order 2007: Eighth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 365] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Strengthening the role of the backbencher and making better use of non-legislative time: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 337-ii] [Mr Jack Straw].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Tourism in Northern Ireland and its Economic Impact and Benefits: Third Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 119] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Procedure,—Written Parliamentary Questions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee; to be printed [No. 336-i] [Mr Greg Knight].
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9 Public Accounts,—Dr Foster Intelligence: A joint venture between the Information Centre and Dr Foster LLP: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 368-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Science and Technology,—(1) Chief Executive of the Arts and Humanities Research Council: Introductory Hearing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 310-i]; and
   (2) Government Proposals for the Regulation of Hybrid and Chimera Embryos: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 272-iii] [Mr Phil Willis].

11 Statutory Instruments,—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-x] [David Maclean].

12 Transport,—Novice Drivers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 355-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 51; WH, No. 29]

Wednesday 28th February 2007.

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—(Claire Ward);
   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.]

Thursday 1st March 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 UK Borders Bill,—Mr Eric Illsley reported certain Memoranda from the UK Borders Bill Committee.
   Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

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

3 Adjournment (Welsh Affairs),—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.

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)
   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
   [Adjourned at 6.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Casino Premises Licences) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Housing,—Home Information Pack (Redress Scheme) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 560), dated 24th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Rates,—Rates (Recreational Hereditaments) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 72), dated 12th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

6 Armed Forces’ Pay,—Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7016] [Secretary Des Browne].

7 Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Thirty-sixth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 7025] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Nursing and Other Health Professions,—Twenty-second Report of the Review Body on Nursing and Other Health Professions [by Command] [Cm. 7029] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Prison Service Pay,—(1) Fifth Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body on Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 7042] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and
   (2) Sixth Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body on England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 7041] [Secretary John Reid].

10 Senior Salaries,—Twenty-ninth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 7030] [The Prime Minister].

Paper withdrawn:

11 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 22nd February].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of the First Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

2 Draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

3 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007, draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and draft Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Herran Chairman of the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Orders and Regulations.

4 Draft Housing (Tenancy Deposit Schemes) Order 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

6 Value Added Tax (Health and Welfare) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 206),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Mackinlay and Albert Owen from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Anderson and Joan Ruddock.

European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 17066/06, No. 17067/06 and Addendum I and No. 17068/06 on Taxation.
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. 235-xiii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—Strategic Exports Controls:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees; to be printed [No. 117-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committees; to be published
   [Mr Roger Berry].

3 Health,—Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 278-iv] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Public Administration,—Public services: putting people first: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, to be printed [No. 251-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 52; WH, No. 30]
Thursday 1st March 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Sport and young people),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—
(Mr Michael Foster.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 6th March.
[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.

[No. 53.]
Friday 2nd March 2007.
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 Liaison,—Mr Alan Williams reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the second allotted day in the present Session of Parliament):
That a day not later than 18th March be allotted for the consideration of the following Supplementary Estimates for the financial year 2006-07:
Department of Health, in so far as it relates to National Health Service deficits.
Department for Transport, in so far as it relates to local transport planning and funding.
Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Motion to sit in private,—Mr Robert Flello moved, That this 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 Robert Flello, Shona McIsaac: 0
Tellers for the Noes, Graham Stringer, Anne Snelgrove: 92.
So the Question was negatived.
5 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill;

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

    Graham Stringer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

    And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

    The House divided.

    Tellers for the Ayes, Clive Efford, Ian Stewart: 116.

    Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Flello, Lyn Brown: 19.

    So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

6 Temporary and Agency Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Temporary and Agency Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Bill;

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

    Mr Andrew Dismore rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

    Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

    And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 19th October.

7 Trade Union Rights and Freedoms Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union Rights and Freedoms Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

8 Housing Association (Rights and Representation of Residents) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Association (Rights and Representation of Residents) Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

9 Bilingual Juries (Wales) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bilingual Juries (Wales) Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

10 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th March.

11 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.

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 after half-past Two o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday 5th March.

[Adjourned at 3.02 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Electricity.—Electricity (Class Exemptions from the Requirement for a Licence) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 629), dated 27th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Health Care and Associated Professions.—(1) Approved European Pharmacy Qualifications Order of Council 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 564);

(2) Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Fitness to Pratise and Disqualification etc. Rules) Order of Council 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 442);

(3) Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Fitness to Pratise and Registration Appeals Committees and their Advisers Rules) Order of Council 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 561); and


3 National Health Service.—(1) Lewisham Primary Care Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 557), dated 26th February 2007;

(2) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 543), dated 23rd February 2007;

(3) National Health Service (Dental Charges, General Dental Services Contracts and Personal Dental Services Agreements) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 544), dated 22nd February 2007;

(4) National Health Service (Functions of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and Administration Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 559), dated 26th February 2007;

(5) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 542), dated 22nd February 2007; and

(6) NHS Direct Special Health Authority Abolition Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 504), dated 20th February 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Road Tra—Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 605), dated 28th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

5 Social Care.—Commission for Social Care Inspection (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 556), dated 26th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Paper:

6 Environmental Pollution.—Twenty-sixth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on The Urban Environment [by Command] [Cm. 7009] [Ms Harriet Harman].
Monday 5th March 2007

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

PRAYERS

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007.

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

2 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords].—The Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

3 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement 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 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords]:

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee
2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 27th March 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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 any message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

4 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement 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 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown under or by virtue of the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

5 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Value Added Tax (Health and Welfare) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 206), dated 30th January 2007, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.23 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture,—Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 619), dated 1st March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

4 Food,—Curd Cheese (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (England) (Revocation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 673), dated 5th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (Fees) Rules Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 565), dated 27th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


8 Social Security,—Pneumoconiosis, etc., (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 109), dated 23rd February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 5th March 2007, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2006 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Improving the PFI tendering process [by Act]; to be printed [No. 149] [Clerk of the House].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [6th February] from the people of Ceredigion and Save our Seas campaigners against the selling of licences for oil and gas drilling in Cardigan Bay Special Area of Conservation [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Supply Estimates, 2005–06,—Statement of Excesses for 2005–06 [by Command], to be printed [No. 243] [Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Grogan from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Kitty Ussher.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Is there a future for Regional Government?: Fourth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 352-1]; and

(2) Leasehold and Major Works: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 380] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 13th March.

2 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

   That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007, which was laid before the House on 11th December, should be laid before the House.

   That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc. between Ombudsmen) Order 2007, which was laid before the House on 18th December, should be laid before the House.

3 UK Borders Bill,—Mr Eric Illesley reported certain Memoranda from the UK Borders Bill Committee.

   Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 European Standing Committee,—Mr David Marshall reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

   That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 17066/06, Commission Communication on Coordinating Member States' direct tax systems in the internal market, No. 17067/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication on Tax treatment of losses in cross-border situations, and No. 17068/06, Commission Communication on Exit taxation and the need for coordination of Member States' tax policies; and supports the Government’s intention of combining a robust defence of the right of Member States to determine their own direct taxation policies in compliance with Community law, with a recognition that national tax authorities, within the EU and elsewhere, will continue to work together both bilaterally and multilaterally to ensure that their direct tax systems work together properly.

   Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

5 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill,—Andrew Stunell, supported by Chris Huhne, Martin Horwood, David Howarth, Norman Baker, Tom Brake and Mr Dan Rogerson presented a Bill to require that certain retailers shall provide free of charge a collection point for any packaging materials sold or supplied by them; and to require them to recycle or safely dispose of such materials: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 71].

6 Private Parking (Regulation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision about penalties relating to parking on private land; to make provision about compliance with notices concerning parking for disabled people on private land; and for connected purposes: And that David Wright, John Mann, Mr Iain Wright, Mr Dai Havard, Chris Mole, Mike Penning, Philip Davies, Mr Robert Flello, Martin Salter, Helen Jones and Ann Coffey do prepare and bring it in.
7 Private Parking (Regulation) Bill.—David Wright accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision about penalties relating to parking on private land; to make provision about compliance with notices concerning parking for disabled people on private land; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 72].

8 House of Lords Reform (Retention of a Bicameral Parliament).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the principle of a bicameral parliament—(Mr Jack Straw); And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

9 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 [2nd March] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

10 Sittings in Westminster Hall.—Ordered, That, on Thursday 29th March, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

11 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 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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security.—Draft Social Security Contributions (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Electricity,—Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 104), dated 21st February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

European Standing Committees

European Union Documents No. 17066/06, No. 17067/06 and Addendum 1 and No. 17068/06, relating to Taxation,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Fisher and Geraldine Smith from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins and Ian Stewart.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Self-regulation of the Press: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 375-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Defence,—(1) Costs of military operations: Spring Supplementary Estimate 2006–07: Tenth Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 379];

(2) Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2005–06: Government Response to the Second Report of the Committee, Session 2006–07: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 376]; and

(3) UK Defence: commitments and resources: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 381-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Outflanked: The World Trade Organisation, International Trade and Sustainable Development: Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: Fourth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 354]; and

(2) The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 331-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 International Development,—EU Development and Trade Policies: An update: Fifth Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 271] [Malcolm Bruce].

5 Public Administration,—(1) The Work of the Cabinet Office: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 305-ii]; and

(2) Public services: putting people first: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].
6 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007: First Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 384].
(2) Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc. between Ombudsmen) Order 2007: Second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 383]; and
(3) Special Report: Revised Standing Orders: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 385]
[Andrew Miller].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-v] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

8 Trade and Industry,—The future of UK manufacturing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 161-vi] [Mr Peter Luff].

9 Treasury,—The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: ten years on: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 299-xi] [John McFall].

[No. 55; WH, No. 31]
Tuesday 6th March 2007.
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—(Steve McCabe),
And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 56.]
Wednesday 7th March 2007.
PRAYERS.

1 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007, the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and the draft Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Housing (Tenancy Deposit Schemes) Order 2007. 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:

Mental Health Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Mental Health Act 1983 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005 in relation to mentally disordered persons; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the Learning and Skills Council for England; to make provision about institutions within the further education sector; to make provision with respect to industrial training levies; to make provision about the formation of, and investment in, companies and charitable incorporated organisations by higher education corporations; to enable the making of Assembly Measures in relation to the field of education and training; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
5 Mental Health Bill [Lords].—The Mental Health Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 76].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Mental Health Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 76-EN].

6 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—The Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 75].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 75-EN].

7 Pensions (Unclaimed Assets) Bill,—Mr Frank Field, supported by Dr Tony Wright, Derek Wyatt, Kate Hoey, Sandra Osborne and David Taylor, presented a Bill to establish an Unclaimed Assets Agency, to confer powers on the Agency to obtain information from banks and building societies relating to unclaimed assets; to make provision for the transfer of a proportion of unclaimed assets to the Agency for distribution among certain members of occupational pension schemes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 74].

8 Rural Tranquility,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of an indicator for rural tranquility; to provide for the protection of rural tranquility in the planning process; and for connected purposes: And that John Penrose, David Taylor, Mr John Gummer, Mr Nick Hard, Norman Baker, Derek Wyatt, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Frank Field, Kelvin Hopkins and Jeremy Wright do prepare and bring it in.

9 Rural Tranquility Bill,—John Penrose accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of an indicator for rural tranquility; to provide for the protection of rural tranquility in the planning process; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th May and to be printed [Bill 73].

10 House of Lords Reform (Retention of a Bicameral Parliament).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th March, That this House supports the principle of a bicameral Parliament; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And it being half-past Five o’clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [27th February].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jonathan Shaw: 416.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Steve McCabe: 163.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 House of Lords Reform (Options for Reform of Composition: No. 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House is of the opinion that a reformed House of Lords should be fully appointed—(Mr Jack Straw).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Mr Dave Watts: 375.

So the Question was negatived.

12 House of Lords Reform (Options for Reform of Composition: No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House is of the opinion that a reformed House of Lords should be composed of 20 per cent. elected members and 80 per cent. appointed members—(Mr Jack Straw).—It was negatived.

13 House of Lords Reform (Options for Reform of Composition: No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House is of the opinion that a reformed House of Lords should be composed of 40 per cent. elected members and 60 per cent. appointed members—(Mr Jack Straw).—It was negatived.

14 House of Lords Reform (Options for Reform of Composition: No. 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House is of the opinion that a reformed House of Lords should be composed of 50 per cent. elected members and 50 per cent. appointed members—(Mr Jack Straw).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Huw Irranca-Davies: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mr Frank Roy: 418.

So the Question was negatived.
House of Lords Reform (Options for Reform of Composition: No. 5).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House is of the opinion that a reformed House of Lords should be composed of 60 per cent. elected members and 40 per cent. appointed members—(Mr Jack Straw);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Foster, Kevin Brennan: 178.
Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Tony Cunningham: 392.
So the Question was negatived.

House of Lords Reform (Options for Reform of Composition: No. 6).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House is of the opinion that a reformed House of Lords should be composed of 80 per cent. elected members and 20 per cent. appointed members—(Mr Jack Straw);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Huw Irranca-Davies: 305.
Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Tony Cunningham: 267.
So the Question was agreed to.

House of Lords Reform (Options for Reform of Composition: No. 7).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House is of the opinion that a reformed House of Lords should be fully elected—(Mr Jack Straw);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Ian Cawsey: 337.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Steve McCabe: 224.
So the Question was agreed to.

House of Lords Reform (Hereditary Places).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is of the opinion that the remaining retained places for peers whose membership is based on the hereditary principle should be removed—(Mr Jack Straw);
An Amendment ((c)) was proposed to the Question, in line 3, at the end to add the words 'once elected members have taken their places in a reformed House of Lords.'—(Mrs Theresa May);
And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to Order;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Robathan, Jenny Willott: 241.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Frank Roy: 329.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Huw Irranca-Davies: 391.
Tellers for the Noes, Ann Winterton, Philip Davies: 111.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the remaining retained places for peers whose membership is based on the hereditary principle should be removed.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

Employment and Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

Employment and Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.
22 Fees and Charges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Private Security Industry (Licence Fees) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

23 Postal Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

24 Environmental Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

25 Marketing of Pyrotechnic Articles,—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. 13568/05, draft Directive on the marketing of pyrotechnic articles; notes the Government’s current negotiating line; and supports the Government’s actions in this field—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

26 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from parish councils in the constituency of Somerton and Frome against the closure of Post Offices in the constituency of Somerton and Frome was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (National Assembly for Wales) (Access to Election Documents) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

3 Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—Draft Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Education and Inspections Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 603); and


5 Defence,—(1) Air Force Act 1955 (Part 1) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 651); and

(2) Royal Air Force Terms of Service Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 650), dated 27th February 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

6 Disabled Persons,—Disability Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 618), dated 28th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Fees and Charges,—Medicines for Human Use and Medical Devices (Fees Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 610), dated 1st March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


10 Health Care and Associated Professions,—General Medical Council (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 616), dated 6th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


13 Pensions,—Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 646), dated 27th February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

14 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 636), dated 1st March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


Other Papers:

16 Low Pay Commission,—Paper, entitled National Minimum Wage: Low Pay Commission Report for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7056] [Mr Secretary Darling].


18 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Fourth and Sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006-07 [by Command] [Cm. 7019] [John Healey].

19 Treaty Series (No. 33, 2006),—Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7045] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

20 Northern Ireland,—Draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [laid 5th February].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Bercow and Mrs Joan Humble Chairmen of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Richard Benyon, James Brokenshire, Mr David Drew, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Robert Fiole, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Simon Hughes, Mr David Kidney, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Judy Mallaber, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Brooks Newmark, Anne Snellgrove, Emily Thornberry and Jenny Willott.

2 Draft Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Tony Baldry, Mr Peter Bone, Mr David Clelland, Angela Eagle, Maria Eagle, Mr Mark Field, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Bruce George, Mr Roger Godsiff, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Mark MacManus, Andrew Mackinlay, Margaret Moran, Dan Norris, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Graham Stringer and Sammy Wilson.
3 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr James Clappison, Mr David Crausby, Mr David Carr, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Damian Green, Jane Kennedy, Alan Michael, Mr Jamie Reed, Paul Rowen, Mr Siôn Simon and Jon Trickett.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Chris Bryant, Ms Dawn Butler, Rosie Cooper, Jon Cruddas, Mr Philip Dunne, Helen Goodman, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Adam Holloway, Martin Horwood, Mr Dennis MacShane, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Dave Watts, Bill Wiggin, Mr Roger Williams and Mr Michael Wills.

5 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007, the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and the draft Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne Mavat from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Jim Sheridan.

6 Draft Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee: John Battle, Mr Michael Clapham, Ann Clwyd, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Paul Goggins, Dr Brian Iddon, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Lidington, Dr William McCrea, Mr Eddie McGrady, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Malcolm Moss, Dan Norris, Albert Owen, Mr Nick Raynsford and Mr Alan Reid.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and draft Regulations to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Peter Bottomley, Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Jeff Ennis, Mr David Evenett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr James Gray, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Sadiq Khan, Rob Marrs, Mr Denis Murphy, Robert Neill, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Andy Reed and Mr Don Touhig.

8 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins, Kevin Brennan and Mr Alan Milburn from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mark Fisher, Helen Goodman and Steve McCabe.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Lorely Burt, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Jim Dobbin, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Linda Gilroy, Margaret Hodge, Mr Fraser Kemp, Steve McCabe, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Mark Prisk, Mark Pritchard, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Mr Lee Scott, Kitty Ussher, Mr Tom Watson and Mr David Winnick.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Harry Cohen, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Paul Goggins, Nia Griffith, Lady Hermon, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Lidington, John McDonnell, Mr Eddie McGrady, Mr Elliot Morley, Lembit Opik, John Penrose, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Richard Shepherd, Bob Spink, Dr Gavin Strang, Lynda Wallis, Sammy Wilson and Mr Anthony Wright.

11 Draft Northern Ireland Policing Board (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nicholas Brown, Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Chaytor, Rosie Cooper, Mrs Ann Cryer, Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Paul Goggins, Lady Hermon, Mr George Howarth, Glenda Jackson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Lidington, Ian Lucas, Mr Eddie McGrady, Lembit Opik, Mr Gary Streeter, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Ian Taylor and Sammy Wilson.

12 Decommissioning of Fishing Vessels Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 312):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Scheme to the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Colin Burgon, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Frank Field, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Doug Henderson, Chris Huhne, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Desmond Swayne, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Ben Wallace, Joan Walley, Mr Dave Watts, Bill Wiggin, Mr Roger Williams and Mr Rob Wilson.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Russell Brown, David Cairns, Mr Christopher Chope, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr David Hamilton, David Heyes, Mr Bob Laxton, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Sandra Osborne, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Andrew Smith, Jo Swinson, Dr Desmond Turner, Pete Wishart, Jeremy Wright and Mr Tim Yeo.

14 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2007 and the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Orders to the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Miss Ann Begg Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Stephen Crabb, Paul Flynn, Mr Neil Gerrard, Patrick Hall, Mr John Heppell, Eric Joyce, Alan Keen, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, James Purnell, Dr Howard Stoate, Mark Tami, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Nigel Waterson.

European Standing Committees

15 European Union Document No. 11510/06, relating to Maritime Policy.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Tony Cunningham, Mr Quentin Davies, Frank Dobson, Mr Christopher Fraser, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Andrew Rosindell and Mr Andrew Slaughter.

16 European Union Document No. 6238/07 and Addendum 1 and Corrigendum 1, relating to Competition: retail banking, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Higher Education:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be
       printed [No. 285-iv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda”: Minutes of
   Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be
   printed [No. 88-viii] [Mr Michael Jack].

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. 41-xii];
   (2) Special Framework of Assistance for traditional suppliers of bananas: Minutes of
       Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 387-i]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be
       published
       [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs
   Committee; to be printed [No. 363-ii] [Mike Gapes].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) The National Programme for IT in the NHS: Minutes of Evidence taken
   before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 390-i]; and
   (2) Assets Recovery Agency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be
       printed [No. 391-i]
       [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—The Cooksey Review: Third Report from the Science and
   Technology Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of
   Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 204] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory
   Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xi] [David Maclean].

8 Transport,—(1) The Work of the Civil Aviation Authority: Government Response to the
   Thirteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2005–06: Fifth Special Report from the
   Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 371];
   (2) The New National Boatmasters’ Licence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the
       Committee; to be printed [No. 320-ii]; and
   (3) Transformational Government: Closure of DfT Websites: Memorandum laid
       before the Committee; to be published
       [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

   Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
   Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published
   on 31st January [No. 219-I and -II] [Mr Terry Rooney].
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[No. 57.]

Thursday 8th March 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill Committee:

(1) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and
(2) a Memorandum.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 77].

Certain Memoranda (reported on 30th January, 1st, 6th, 8th, 20th, 22nd and 27th February and this day) to be printed.

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

2 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2007.

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

3 Adjournment (Women, justice and gender equality in the UK),—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.

4 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire and others for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the proposed closure of the last bank in the area was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 76(3)) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

2 Road Traffic,—Draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

3 Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—Draft Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Companies,—Companies (EEA State) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 732), dated 7th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


7 Defence,—(1) Courts-Martial (Review of Sentencing) (Categories of Offences) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 711); and

8 Electronic Communications,—Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 718), dated 6th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


10 Local Government,—Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 647), dated 1st March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


15 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Court Funds (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 729), dated 7th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

17 Culture, Media and Sport,—Paper, entitled Heritage Protection for the 21st Century [by Command] [Cm. 7057] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

18 Northern Ireland,—Account of the Northern Ireland Social Security Agency Social Fund for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [No. 369] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers withdrawn:

19 Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—Draft Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 7th March].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Vera Baird, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Michael Foster, Simon Hughes, and Anne Snelgrove members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Smith from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Gordon Banks.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Scrutiny,—The Work of the Committee in 2006: Thirteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-xiii] [Mr Michael Connarty].

2 Health,—Audiology Services:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 392-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Public Administration,—Public services: putting people first: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 251-iii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 57; WH, No. 33]

Thursday 8th March 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Reform of the Coroners’ System and Death Certification—Eighth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2005–06, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 13th March.

[Adjourned at 5.04 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), 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,—Mark Lazarowicz moved, That this 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, Ms Angela C. Smith, Mark Lazarowicz: 0.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Russell Brown: 32.

   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 House of Commons (Participation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons (Participation) 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 19th October.

5 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;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.

6 Streetscape and Highways Design Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streetscape and Highways Design Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.

7 Age-Related Macular Degeneration Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age-Related Macular Degeneration Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

8 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 12th March.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 British Nationality,—British Citizenship (Designated Service) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 744), dated 8th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

3 Children and Young Persons,—Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children’s Homes etc.) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 694), dated 5th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Constitutional Law,—(1) Government of Wales Act 2006 (Transitional Provisions) (Finance) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 726), dated 8th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and
(2) Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Business Improvement Districts Levy) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 772), dated 8th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


7 Education,—(1) Blackburn with Darwen (Maintained Nursery School Governance) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 676), dated 4th March 2007; and

8 Environmental Protection,—Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 713), dated 6th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


11 Food,—(1) Colours in Food (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 453), dated 14th February 2007; and
(2) Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 505), dated 20th February 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Family Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 742), dated 8th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

13 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Remuneration for Persons providing Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 674), dated 5th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


15 Pensions,—Pension Protection Fund (Waiver of Pension Protection Levy and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 771), dated 9th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

17 Scientific Research,—Research Councils (Transfer of Property etc) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 770), dated 8th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

18 Social Security,—(1) Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 731); and 
   (2) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 719),
   dated 7th March 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

19 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 768), dated 8th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

21 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petition [16th January] from residents of Werrington, Peterborough and others for a more visible police presence in the Werrington Centre, Peterborough [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

22 Stamp Duty,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Extension of Exceptions relating to Recognised Exchanges) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 458) [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

23 Treaty Series (No. 4, 2007),—Convention, done at Brussels on 26th March 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union on the Fight against Corruption Involving Officials of the European Communities or Officials of Member States of the European Union [by Command] [Cm. 7053] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

24 Road Tra[215]c,—Draft Community Drivers' Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 8th March].

25 Stamp Duty,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Extension of Exceptions relating to Recognised Exchanges) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 458) [laid 20th February].
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:

National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill.

Bill committed.

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Ann Winterton reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

3 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order 2007.

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

4 Estimates Day [2nd Allotted Day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [6th March], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary 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 £94,395,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 293;

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,000, 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.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

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, 2006–07 (Department for Transport).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department for Transport—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £849,010,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 293;

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £533,764,000, 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.—(Claire Ward);

And it being Ten o’clock, the 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), put the deferred Questions on Supplementary 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 £94,395,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 293;

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,000, 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.

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007, for expenditure by the Department for Transport—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £849,010,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 293;

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £533,764,000, 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.
5 Estimates.—The Speaker then put the Questions required to be put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on Voting of Estimates, &c.).

**Estimates, 2007–08 (Navy) Vote A**

Resolved, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2008, a number not exceeding 42,240 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. 280 of this Session.

**Estimates, 2007–08 (Army) Vote A**

Resolved, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2008, a number not exceeding 125,785 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. 280 of this Session.

**Estimates, 2007–08 (Air) Vote A**

Resolved, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2008, a number not exceeding 48,360 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. 280 of this Session.

**Estimates, Excesses, 2005–06**

Resolved, That, for the year that ended with 31st March 2006—

(1) resources, not exceeding £795,801,000, 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. 243;

(2) a sum, not exceeding £4,956,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to make good excesses of certain grants for defence and civil services as so set out; and

(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.

**Supplementary Estimates, 2006–07**

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2007—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £6,125,169,000, be authorised for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 293,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £7,122,263,000, 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.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Supplementary Estimates 2006–07 and Excesses 2005–06 and the Resolutions of 7th December relating to Supplementary and new Estimates 2006–07: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Stephen Timms, John Healey, Dawn Primarolo and Ed Balls do prepare and bring it in.

6 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) 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 to appropriate the supply authorised in this Session of Parliament for 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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 78].

7 Tax Credits.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Steve McCabe).—It was agreed to.

8 Environmental Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Environmental Offences (Use of Fixed Penalty Receipts) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Steve McCabe).—It was agreed to.

9 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Steve McCabe).—It was agreed to.
10 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

11 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

12 Housing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Housing (Tenancy Deposit Schemes) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

13 Taxation,—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. 17066/06, Commission Communication on Coordinating Member States’ direct tax systems in the internal market, No. 17067/06 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication on Tax treatment of losses in cross-border situations, and No. 17068/06, Commission Communication on VAT taxation and the need for coordination of Member States’ tax policies; and supports the Government’s intention of combining a robust defence of the right of Member States to determine their own direct taxation policies in compliance with Community law, with a recognition that national tax authorities, within the EU and elsewhere, will continue to work together both bilaterally and multilaterally to ensure that their direct tax systems work together properly—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

14 Modernisation of the House,—Ordered, That Mr Edward Vaizey be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Philip Davies be added.—(Steve McCabe.)

15 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Mr Richard Bacon be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr Greg Hands be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from supporters of the Knives or Lives? Campaign for increased sentences for knife associated crime was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr 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 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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—Draft Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Supreme Court,—Civil Courts (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 786), dated 9th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for International Development: Tackling rural poverty in developing countries [by Act]; to be printed [No. 322] [Clerk of the House].

8 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc).—Fourteenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 370] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Police (Northern Ireland).—Police Service of Northern Ireland (Unsatisfactory Performance and Attendance) Regulations 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 130), dated 22nd January 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [30th January] from members of the Women’s Institute for a full scale investigation into the practices of the dairy sector and the effects those practices have on dairy farmers [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Treaty Series (No. 2, 2007),—Protocol, done at Luxembourg on 16th October 2001, established by the Council, in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, to the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union [by Command] [Cm. 7051] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12 Treaty Series (No. 5, 2007),—Convention, done at Farnborough on 9th September 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Government of the French Republic, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Italian Republic on the Establishment of the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (Organisation Conjointe de Cooperation en Matiere d’Armement) OCCAR [by Command] [Cm. 7060] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—Draft Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007 [laid 8th March].

APPENDIX II

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Draft Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Gerald Kaufman and Margaret Moran from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper and Ms Sally Keeble.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—British Waterways: Minutes of Evidence taken before the British Waterways Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 345-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 Human Rights,—Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 394-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Department for International Development: Working with non-governmental and other civil society organisations to promote development: Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 64];

(2) A foot on the ladder: low cost home ownership assistance: Nineteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 134]; and

(3) Legal Aid and mediation for people involved in family breakdown: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 396-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 13th March 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Broads Authority Bill,
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 20th March.

2 Regulatory Reform.—Dr Doug Naysmith reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:
   That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2007, which was laid before the House on 18th December, should be laid before the House.

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

4 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Frank Cook reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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6 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the Assisted Areas Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 107).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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8 Message from the Lords.—A Message from the Lords was brought as follows:
   Government Spending (Website) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for a website in order to enable public access to information about government expenditure; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Employment Retention.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a statutory right to rehabilitation leave for newly disabled people and people whose existing impairments change; and for connected purposes: And that John Robertson, Jim Sheridan, Miss Anne Begg, Mr David Blunkett, Mr Jimmy Hood, John Bercow, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Julie Morgan, Danny Alexander, Mr Mike Weir and Ann McKechin do prepare and bring it in.

10 Employment Retention Bill.—John Robertson accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a statutory right to rehabilitation leave for newly disabled people and people whose existing impairments change; and for connected purposes. The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th May and to be printed [Bill 79].

11 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.

12 Statistics and Registration Service Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 8th January 2007 (Statistics and Registration Service 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 following order: new Clauses Nos. 1 to 4; amendments relating to Clause No. 36; remaining new Clauses; amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 35; amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 37 to 73; new Schedules; amendments to Schedules; remaining proceedings on consideration.
3. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 9 p.m. at this day's sitting.
4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 10 p.m. at this day's sitting.—(John Healey.)

13 Statistics and Registration Service Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Statistics and Registration Service Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Access to the Prime Minister)—(Mrs Theresa Villiers)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC4) (Legal obligation to obey the code of practice)—(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 Evenett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Jonathan Shaw: 289.

Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—
'(1A) Personal information under subsection (1) shall not be used except in relation to the exercise of any of the functions of the Board and the National Statistician.'—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 60 and 27) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Pre-release access to official statistics)—(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 David Evenett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 185.


Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, to leave out the word 'Treasury' and insert the words 'Cabinet Office', instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)

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

It being Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 25, 48, 26, 28 to 32, 61 and 33) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
And it being Ten o'clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]—
It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

14 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.
Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 14th March, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Trident not later than Seven o’clock or six hours after their commencement, whichever is the later, 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 Frank Roy.)

Public Petition.—A Public Petition from constituents from the Isle of Arran opposed to replacement of Trident nuclear weapons against the current Trident nuclear missile system and any plans to update or replace that system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Fire and Rescue Services.—Fire and Rescue Services (Emergencies) (England) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 735), dated 6th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3 Housing.—Houses in Multiple Occupation (Specified Educational Establishments) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 708), dated 6th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


(2) Employee Share Schemes (Electronic Communication of Returns and Information) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 792), dated 12th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo]; and

(3) Registered Pension Schemes (Splitting of Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 793), dated 12th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].


6 National Assistance Services.—National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements and Assessment of Resources) Amendment (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 725), dated 7th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


10 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Ticket Touting (Designation of Football Matches) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 790), dated 12th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Other Papers:

11 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Internal Fraud in Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 187] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Draft Climate Change Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7040] [Secretary David Miliband].

13 House of Commons Members Estimate,—First Report from the House of Commons Members Estimate Committee on the Communications Allowance, to be printed [No. 319] [The Speaker].

14 International Labour Conference,—Paper, entitled International Labour Conference: Presentation of the Convention adopted at the 94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference (2006) and the proposed action by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Convention [by Command] [Cm. 7049] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

15 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Department for Transport: Estimating and monitoring the costs of building roads in England; and
(2) Heritage Lottery Fund [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 321 and 323] [Clerk of the House].

16 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2006-07: Retrospective continuing care funding and redress [by Act]; to be printed [No. 386] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

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1 Draft Docking of Working Dogs’ Tails (England) Regulations 2007, the draft Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007 and the draft Welfare of Animals (Miscellaneous Revocations) (England) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Bryant and Rosie Cooper from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Neil Gerrard and Mr David Kidney.

2 Draft Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd, Paul Goggins and Dr Brian Iddon from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution David Cairns, Mr Robert Flello and Mr Elliot Morley.

3 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2007, the draft Social Security Contributions (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2007, the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 and the draft Social Security, Occupational Pension Schemes and Statutory Payments (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dawn Primarolo and Mr Andy Reed from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Sarah McCarthy-Fry and Mr Stephen Timms.

4 Assisted Areas Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 107),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Mullin and Kitty Ussher from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Foster and Dr Nick Palmer.

5 Draft Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (Renewal of Temporary Provisions) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Sally Keeble and Mr Elliot Morley from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Chaytor and Sir Gerald Kaufman.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 13th March; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-xiv] [Sir Peter Soulsby].
3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Public service media content: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 316-iii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence,—(1) UK Defence: commitments and resources: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 381-ii]; and
   (2) The Future of the UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent: the White Paper: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environmental Audit,—(1) Pre-Budget 2006 and the Stern Review: Fourth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 227]; and
   (2) The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 331-iv] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs,—Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 181-v] [Mr John Denham].

7 International Development,—Fair Trade and development: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 356-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2007: Third Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 397] [Dr Doug Naysmith].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-vi] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Success and failure in the UK car manufacturing industry: Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 399]; and
   (2) Stamp of Approval? Restructuring the Post Office network: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 276] [Mr Peter Luff].

11 Transport,—Open Skies—The Draft EU–US Air Transport Agreement: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 395-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-v]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Northern Ireland Policing Board (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

2 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Dr William McCrea reported from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee the Decommissioning of Fishing Vessels Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 312).

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


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

4 Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2007 and the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2007.

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

5 Streetscape and Highways Design Bill,—The Order for reading the Streetscape and Highways Design Bill a second time on Friday 23rd March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

6 Contraception and Abortion (Parental Information).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require practitioners providing contraception or abortion services to a child under the age of 16 to inform his or her parent or guardian; and for connected purposes—(Angela Watkinson);

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 Noes, Chris McCaity, Jenny Willott: 159.

So the Question was negatived.

7 Trident,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the Government's decisions, as set out in the White Paper The Future of the United Kingdom's Nuclear Deterrent (Cm. 6994), to take the steps necessary to maintain the UK’s minimum strategic nuclear deterrent beyond the life of the existing system and to take further steps towards meeting the UK's disarmament responsibilities under Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty—(Secretary Margaret Beckett);

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words, 'notes the Government's decision, as set out in the White Paper The Future of the United Kingdom's Nuclear Deterrent (Cm. 6994), to take the steps necessary to maintain the UK minimum strategic nuclear deterrent beyond the life of the existing system and to take further steps towards meeting the United Kingdom's disarmament responsibilities under Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, but believes that the case is not yet proven and remains unconvinced of the need for an early decision', instead thereof—(Jon Trickett);

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [13th March], put the Question.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dan Rogerson, David Taylor: 167.
Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Claire Ward: 413.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Jonathan Shaw, Claire Ward: 409.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dan Rogerson, David Taylor: 161.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House supports the Government’s decisions, as set out in the White Paper The Future of the United Kingdom’s Nuclear Deterrent (Cm. 6994), to take the steps necessary to maintain the UK’s minimum strategic nuclear deterrent beyond the life of the existing system and to take further steps towards meeting the UK’s disarmament responsibilities under Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from young PCS members working in the civil service against age-based differentials in the national minimum wage 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 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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Draft Community Legal Service (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Vera Baird].

2 Immigration (Northern Ireland),—Draft Legal Aid (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Vera Baird].

3 Road Traffic,—Draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Consumer Credit,—Consumer Credit (Advertisements) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 827), dated 12th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Employment and Training,—Employment Equality (Age) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 832), dated 13th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


7 Gender Recognition,—Gender Recognition (Application Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 839), dated 13th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].


(2) Registered Pension Schemes (Bridging Pensions) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 826), dated 13th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls]; and


11 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid (Scope) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 166), dated 10th March 2007 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].


15 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 824), dated 13th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

Other Papers:

16 Fraud Review,—Fighting Fraud Together: Government Response to the Fraud Review [by Command] [The Solicitor General].

17 Northern Ireland,—Weights and Measures Report for 1st April 2002–31st March 2005 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 341] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) and the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, and the draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Derek Conway Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Peter Bottomley, Colin Burgon, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Robert Fiellio, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Roger Godsiff, Simon Hughes, Julie Morgan, John Penrose, Bridget Prentice, Mr Paul Truswell, Keith Vaz, Jenny Willott and Mr Rob Wilson.

2 Draft Child Benefit Up-rating Order 2007, the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2007 and the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Ann Clwyd, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr David Evennett, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr John Grogan, Mr John Gunner, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Michael Wills and Derek Wyatt.

3 Draft Integration Loans for Refugees and Others Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Jim Cousins, Jim Dobbin, Damian Green, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mark Hunter, Rob Marris, Joan Ryan, Geraldine Smith, John Smith, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Ben Wallace and Dr Alan Whitehead.
4 Draft Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 2, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Clive Elford, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mark Fisher, Linda Gilroy, Justine Greening, Margaret Hodge, David Howarth, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Susan Kramer, Steve McCabe, Anne Mollat, Mr Gordon Prentice, Sir Peter Tapsell and Kitty Ussher.

5 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Richard Benyon, Mark Hanson, Lynne Jones, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Richard Benyon, Dan Norris, Lembit Öpik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Martin Salter, Jonathan Shaw, Mr John Spellar, Mr Mark Todd, Dr Desmond Turner, Peter Viggers and Mike Wood.

6 Draft Corporation Tax (Taxation of Films) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, John Austin, Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Richard Burden, Mr Stephen Byers, Dr Vincent Cable, James Duddridge, Natascha Engel, Mr David Evennett, Mr David Gauke, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Austin Mitchell, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Joan Ruddock and Mrs Theresa Villiers.

7 Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006 (Amendment) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Lorely Burt, Ben Chapman, Mr Charles Clarke, Jim Dowd, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Paul Farrelly, Dr Evan Harris, Charles Hendry, Kate Hoey, Mr Stewart Jackson, Daniel Kawczynski, Steve McCabe, Anne Main, Dr Nick Palmer, Malcolm Wicks and Mrs Betty Williams.

8 Draft Northern Ireland Policing Board (Northern Ireland) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor and Rosie Cooper from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Dan Norris and Lynda Waltho.

9 Decommissioning of Fishing Vessels Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 312),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Burgon and Mr Michael Meacher from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Scheme) and nominated in substitution Chris Bryant and Kitty Ussher.

10 Draft Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007 and the draft Tourist Boards (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Desmond Turner from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Dr Ashok Kumar.

11 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2007 and the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Neil Gerrard from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Chris Mullin.

12 Draft Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Liz Blackman, Mr Tim Boswell, Chris Bryant, Mr David Burrowes, Lorely Burt, Jeremy Corbyn, Angela Eagle, Michael Fabricant, Barbara Follett, Dr Evan Harris, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Meg Munn, Dan Norris, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Dennis Skinner and Jeremy Wright.
13 Draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mary Creagh, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Paul Goggins, Lady Hermon, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Lidington, Ian Lucas, Shona McIsaac, Lembit Opik, Mr Jamie Reed, Alison Seabeck, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Lynda Waltho, Sammy Wilson and Ann Winterton.

European Standing Committees

14 European Union Document No. 5154/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to the Emissions Trading Scheme: Inclusion of Aviation,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Richard Burden, Mr Alastair Carmichael, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Gillian Merron, Mr George Mudie, Robert Neill, Paul Rowen and Angela Watkinson.

15 The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 11510/06 and Addenda 1 to 13 on Maritime 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. 235-xv] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 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. 41-xiv]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 363-iii] [Mike Gapes].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Strengthening the role of the backbencher and making better use of non-legislative time: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 337-ii] [Mr Jack Straw].

5 Public Accounts,—The Academies Programme: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 402-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Research Council Institutes: Fourth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 68] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xii] [David Maclean].

8 Trade and Industry,—Implementation of the Report of the Women and Work Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on the Recommendations of the Women and Work Commission’s Report of the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 400-i] [Mr Peter Luff].

9 Transport,—(1) Novice Drivers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 355-ii]; and
   (2) The New National Boatmasters’ Licence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 320-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—The administration of tax credits: follow-up: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 382-iii] [John McFall].
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 p.m.]

PRAYERS.

1 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords],—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] Committee:

(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) certain Memoranda.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007.

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

3 Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

4 Government Spending (Website) Bill [Lords],—The Government Spending (Website) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 81].

5 Adjournment (Widening participation in higher education),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Bill Rammell);

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

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Rushden, Northamptonshire and surrounding areas against the poor quality of the television signal in their area;

(2) residents and citizens of the town of Cheadle in Staffordshire for the re-establishment of two on-call fire appliances in Cheadle;

(3) residents and citizens of the villages of Gnosall and Haughton against local post office closures;

(4) residents and citizens of the village of Whiston in Staffordshire against the planning application for an extension to Moneystone quarry; and

(5) residents of Port Solent, Portsmouth for the construction of acoustic barriers alongside the M27 in the local area 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 Frank Roy);

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-three minutes to Seven o’clock, till Monday 19th March.

[Adjourned at 6.37 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration and Nationality,—Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 723);
   (2) Childcare (Supply and Disclosure of Information) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 722); and
   (3) Childcare (Voluntary Registration) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 730), dated 6th March 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


6 Housing,—Housing (Tenancy Deposits) (Prescribed Information) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 797), dated 13th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

7 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Qualifying Child Care) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 849); and
   (2) Registered Pension Schemes (Block Transfers) (Permitted Membership Period) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 838), dated 14th March 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

8 Insolvency,—(1) Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 115), dated 23rd February 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain]; and
   (2) Insurers (Reorganisation and Winding Up) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 851), dated 14th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].

9 Pensions,—(1) Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 814), dated 12th March 2007; and
   (2) Pension Protection Fund (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 782), dated 9th March 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

10 Sea Fisheries,—(1) Undersized Bass Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 809), dated 10th March 2007; and

11 Social Security,—(1) Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 775);  
   (2) Social Security Pensions (Low Earnings Threshold) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 776); and


Other Papers:

14 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Paper, entitled A Sea Change: A Marine Bill White Paper, with a Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment [by Command] [Cm. 7047] [Secretary David Miliband].

15 Prevention of Terrorism,—Paper, entitled The Definition of Terrorism: A Report by the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation [by Command] [Cm. 7052] [Secretary John Reid].

16 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Paymaster General on the Petition [26th February] from Karen Slough and other employees of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, Kettering, against closure of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs Office in Kettering. [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

17 Review of the Funding of Political Parties,—Paper, entitled Strengthening Democracy: Fair and Sustainable Funding of Political Parties [by Command] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Corporation Tax (Taxation of Films) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the Regulations in place of Dr William McCrea.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—Strategic Exports Controls:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees; to be printed [No. 117-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committees; to be published [Mr Roger Berry].

2 Health,—Workforce Planning: Fourth Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 171-I and -II] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Liaison,—Annual Report 2005–06: First Report from the Liaison Committee, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 406] [Mr Alan Williams].

4 Public Administration,—(1) Politics and Administration: Ministers and Civil Servants: Third Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 122-I and -II];

(2) Public services: putting people first: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 251-iv]; and

(3) Propriety and Honours: Letter laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 62; WH, No. 36]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Administration of tax credits—Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee, Session 2005–06, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 20th March.

[Adjourned at 5.28 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Derek Conway reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, and the draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Child Benefit Up-rating Order 2007, the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2007 and the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Integration Loans for Refugees and Others Regulations 2007.

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:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 11510/06 and Addenda 1 to 13, Commission Communication: Green Paper—Towards a future maritime policy for the Union: A European Vision for the oceans and seas; 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 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 Income Tax Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Bill, without Amendment.

6 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords].—The Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 Consumers, Estate Agents and 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 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords]—

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 26th April 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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 any message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

8 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Consumers, Estate Agents and 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 Consumers, Estate Agents and 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—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

9 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress 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 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the inclusion in—

(a) licences under the Gas Act 1986, the Electricity Act 1989, the Postal Services Act 2000 or the Water Industry Act 1991, and

(b) appointments made under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Water Industry Act 1991, of conditions requiring the payment of increased amounts payable into the Consolidated Fund, and

(2) the imposition of charges to corporation tax by provisions relating to transfer schemes—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

10 UK Borders Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the UK Borders Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees.—(Mr Liam Byrne.)

11 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (Renewal of Temporary Provisions) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved—(Kevin Brennan).—It was agreed to.

12 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Northern Ireland Policing Board (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Kevin Brennan).—It was agreed to.

13 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Kevin Brennan).—It was agreed to.

14 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Kevin Brennan).—It was agreed to.

15 Sexual Orientation Discrimination.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Kevin Brennan).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Peter Luff: 100.

So the Question was agreed to.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.37 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 Friday 16th March 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1. European Communities (No. 2, 2007).—Stabilisation and Association Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 12th June 2006, between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Albania, of the other, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7055] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2. Treaty Series (No. 3, 2007).—Convention, done at Brussels on 29th May 2000, established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union [Cm. 7054] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 16th March 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3. Building Societies.—(1) Building Societies (Accounts and Related Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 859), and


7. Fees and Charges.—Medicines for Human Use and Medical Devices (Fees Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 803), dated 12th March 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8. Hallmark.—(1) Marking Act 1973 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 872); and


11. Pensions.—(1) Pension Protection Fund (Closed Schemes) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 865), dated 14th March 2007; and


19th March 2007

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 19th March 2007:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

16 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

17 Education,—(1) Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 779); and
   (2) Student Fees (Qualifying Courses and Persons) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 778),
   dated 8th March 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

18 Immigration,—(1) Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 863),
   dated 15th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command];
   (2) Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 882),
   dated 13th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; and
   (3) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]: to be printed [No. 398]
   [Secretary John Reid].

   dated 15th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

20 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 173);
   (2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 174); and
   (3) Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 175),
   dated 18th March 2007 [by Statutory Instrument], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

21 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 906),
   dated 15th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Vera Baird].

22 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 855),
   dated 14th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

23 Social Security,—Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 804),
   dated 12th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

24 Transport,—Road Transport (Working Time) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 853),
   dated 14th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

25 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 11th January 2007, made by the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, amending Statute K of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Papers withdrawn:

26 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 1st March].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) and the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and the draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham, Julie Morgan, Mr Paul Truswell and Keith Vaz from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins, Roger Berry, Mrs Ann Cryer and Kerry McCarthy.
Draft Child Benefit Up-rating Order 2007, the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2007 and the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2007. The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Chwyd from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Joan Ruddock.

Draft Integration Loans for Refugees and Others Regulations 2007. The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Cousins and Mr Andrew Turner from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Geoffrey Cox and Andrew Gwynne.

Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2007. The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Benyon from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Wilson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government, *The Supply of Rented Housing*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 47-v] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Human Rights, *The Meaning of Public Authority under the Human Rights Act*: Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 410] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts, *The Performance of the Government as Shareholder*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 409-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Science and Technology, *Space Policy*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 66-vi] [Mr Phil Willis].

PRAYERS

1 Broads Authority Bill. The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 27th March.

2 Regulatory Reform. Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007, which was laid before the House on 18th December, should be amended before an Order is laid before the House.

3 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords]. Mrs Joan Humble reported certain Memoranda from the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 UK Borders Bill. Mr Eric Illsley reported from the UK Borders Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 82].

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


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2007.

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

7 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Ann Winterton reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Corporation Tax (Taxation of Films) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2007.

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

8 Climate Change (Effects) Bill,—The Order for reading the Climate Change (Effects) Bill a second time on Friday 23rd March was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

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

Appropriation Act 2007
Planning-gain Supplement (Preparations) Act 2007

10 Wild Birds (Protection),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the protection of wild birds' nests: And that Mark Pritchard, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr John Randall, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Elliot Morley, Lyn Brown, David Taylor, Mr David Drew, Mr Tom Watson and Tim Farron do prepare and bring it in.

11 Wild Birds (Protection) Bill,—Mark Pritchard accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the protection of wild birds' nests: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 83].

12 Adjournment (Bicentenary of the abolition of the slave trade),—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.

13 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 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:


Other Papers:

3 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on The Upgrade of the Belfast to Bangor Railway Line [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 343] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4 Civil List,—List of new and supplementary pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 2006-07 [by Act] [John Healey].

5 Health,—Treasury Minute, dated 20th March 2007, concerning the dissolution and reconfiguration of certain NHS Trusts: Remission of outstanding public dividend capital [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Managing the Defence Estate: Quality and Sustainability [by Act]; to be printed [No. 154][Clerk of the House].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on—

(1) the Petition [13th March 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Thundersley, Castle Point, Essex, and others against any loss of green belt land to development in Castle Point;

(2) the Petition [17th July 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from the Ashmere Avenue, Oakway and Scotts Lane Action Group in support of the Protection of Private Gardens (Housing Development) Bill; and

(3) the Petition [8th January] from residents of Ushaw Moor and surrounding villages for protection against development of the Oversteads House Sheltered Flats Complex [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
General Committees

1 Draft Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 2, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Clive Efford and Kitty Ussher from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey and Paul Farrelly.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Meacher and Dr Desmond Turner from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Nia Griffith and Meg Hillier.

3 Draft Corporation Tax (Taxation of Films) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Ruddock from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Meg Hillier.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Freedom of Information Follow-up: (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 415-i]; and (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;

(2) The Judicial Appointments Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 416-i]; and

(3) The Constitutional Role of the Attorney General: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Alan Beith].

2 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-xvi][Mr Alan Meale].

3 Defence,—UK operations in Afghanistan: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 408-d][Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 331-v][Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007: Fourth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 411][Andrew Miller].

6 Scottish Affairs,—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-vii][Mr Mohammad Sarwar].
Treasury.—The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: ten years on: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 299-ii] [John McFall].

Welsh Affairs.—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-vi]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 64; WH, No. 37]

Tuesday 20th March 2007.

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 65.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 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 2007, as laid before this House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

2 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 is given to the following motions:
(a) Rates of duty on alcoholic liquor (Motion No. 6);
(b) Rates of tobacco products duty (Motion No. 7);
(c) Amusement machine licence duty (Motion No. 10);
(d) Rates of vehicle excise duty (Motion No. 12);
(e) Landfill tax (bodies concerned with the environment) (Motion No. 20); and
(f) Insurance premium tax (meaning of 'premium') (Motion No. 56)—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)—It was agreed to.  

3 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);

And it being Seven o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

4 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Higham Ferrers, Rushden and surrounding areas for measures to alleviate traffic congestion at the Chowns Mill interchange;
(2) Mrs Ann Oakes-Odger and others for legislation to treat knife crimes on the same terms as gun crimes;
(3) the Zacchaeus Trust 2000 against bailiffs’ powers to force entry; and
(4) residents of Waverley and the save our rural Post Offices campaign against the closure of rural Post Offices
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.35 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax,—(1) Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Change of Accounting Practice) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 950); and
(2) Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Disregard and Bringing into Account of Profits and Losses) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 948), dated 21st March 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Environmental Protection,—Offshore Combustion Installations (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 938), dated 19th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Income Tax,—(1) Business Premises Renovation Allowances Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 945), dated 21st March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey]; and


5 Rates,—Rating of Quarries (Plant and Machinery) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 180), dated 16th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 189), dated 20th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].


Other Papers:

8 Bank of England,—Remit for the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

9 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report,—Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2007, entitled Building Britain’s long-term future: Prosperity and fairness for families [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 342] [John Healey].

10 Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for Budget 2007 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 393] [Clerk of the House].

11 North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of Waterways Ireland for 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 338] [Mr Secretary Hain].
12 Northern Ireland.—(1) Accounts of the Education and Library Boards—
   (i) for 2001–02; and
   (ii) for 2002–03; and

   (2) Report and Accounts of the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools for
       2005–06,
       with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon
       [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 373, 374 and 372] [Mr Secretary Hain].

13 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned
Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before
Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument
came into operation:

Medicines for Human Use and Medical Devices (Fees Amendments) (No. 2)
Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007, No. 303)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (England and Wales)
   Regulations 2007 and draft Gambling Act 2005 (Exclusion of Children from Track
   Areas) Order 2007:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Michael
       Fallon, Mr Don Foster, Nigel Griffiths, Paul Holmes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Alan Keen,
       Mr Mark Lancaster, John Mann, Anne Milton, Julie Morgan, Stephen Pound, Mr Paul
       Truswell, Mr Iain Wright and Derek Wyatt.

2 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2007:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Clapham,
       Jim Cousins, Clive Elford, Mr John Greenway, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr John Heppell,
       Robert Key, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mr James
       Plaskitt, Andrew Selous, Keith Vaz and Dr Rudi Vis.

3 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2007:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Alan Campbell,
       Colin Challen, Damian Green, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Kevan Jones, Jane Kennedy,
       Chris McCafferty, Ann McKechin, Mike Penning, Mr John Redwood, Mr Jamie Reed,
       Paul Rowen, Jim Sheridan and Hon Nicholas Soames.

4 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 2007:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David S. Borrow, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr William
       Cash, Mr David Crausby, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael
       Foster (Worcester), Mr David Heath, Simon Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Martin Linton,
       Bridget Prentice, Mr Siôn Simon, Graham Stringer, Mr Charles Walker and
       Mr Robert Walter.

5 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007 and
   draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2007:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Jeremy Browne, Ann Clwyd, Mr Wayne David, Mr Jonathan Djanogly,
       James Duddridge, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher
       Fraser, David Lepper, Martin Linton, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Denis MacShane,
       John Penrose, Bridget Prentice, Paul Rowen, Dr Howard Stoate and Mike Wood.
European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 8656/06, relating to Aviation agreements, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

7 European Union Documents No. 16932/06 and No. 16933/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to the Protection of critical infrastructure, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Higher Education:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 285-v]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—The Rural Payments Agency and the Implementation of the Single Payment Scheme: Third Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 107] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Fifteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-xv]; and

(2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Jim Dobbin].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Strengthening the role of the backbencher and making better use of non-legislative time: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 337-iii] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Assets Recovery Agency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 417-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Science and Technology,—OSI Scrutiny 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Science and Technology; to be printed [No. 311-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xiii] [David Maclean].

8 Transport,—(1) The Government’s Motorcycling Strategy: Fifth Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 264]; and

(2) Novice Drivers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 355-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Work and Pensions,—Personal Accounts: Fifth Report from the Work and Pensions Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 31st January [No. 220-I and -II] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 65; WH, No. 38]


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.]
Thursday 22nd March 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords].—Mrs Joan Humble reported a Memorandum from the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] Committee. Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006 (Amendment) Order 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill be printed [Bill 70–EN].

4 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, 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 26th March.

5 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) and the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

6 Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 19th March, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

7 Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

8 Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

9 Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committee), That the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 19th February, 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 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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons,—Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) (Further Education) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Environmental Protection,—Landfill (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 179), dated 20th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Nursing and Midwifery Council (Fitness to Practise) (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 893), dated 15th March 2007 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Immigration,—(1) Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 928); and
   (2) Immigration and Nationality (Cost Recovery Fees) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 936),
   dated 19th March 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].


10 Rates,—Rates (Maximum Capital Value) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 184), dated 20th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11 Sex Discrimination,—Draft Code of Practice on Gender Equality Duty Scotland [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

12 Tax Credits,—Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 968), dated 22nd March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

14 Chemical Weapons,—Report for 2006 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 367] [Mr Secretary Darling].

15 Constitutional Affairs,—Paper, entitled Confidence and confidentiality: Improving transparency and privacy in family courts [by Command] [Cm. 7036] [Ms Harriet Harman].

16 Education and Training,—Paper, entitled Raising Expectations: staying in education and training post-16 [by Command] [Cm. 7065] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
17 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [25th January] from residents of Northampton and people who work in the town and use its facilities against proposals to close Lings Forum Leisure Centre and the Forum Cinema and to cut the number of neighbourhood wardens [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton and Mr Mike Weir Chairmen of the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 and draft Gambling Act 2005 (Exclusion of Children from Track Areas) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the First Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations and Order.

3 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Second Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007 and draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Rules.

7 Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006 (Amendment) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins and Kate Hoey from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen and Clive Efford.

European Standing Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 5154/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 on Emissions Trading Scheme: Inclusion of Aviation.

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. 235-xvii] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 Health.—(1) Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS: Third Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 278-I and -II]; and

(2) Electronic Patient Record and its Use: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 422-II] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Human Rights.—The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 60-I and -II] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Administration.—Public Services: putting people first: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 251-v] [Dr Tony Wright].
Thursday 22nd March 2007.

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

Adjournment (Conflict and Development: Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Reconstruction—Sixth Report from the International Development Committee, Session 2005–06, and the Government response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 27th March.

[Adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

Friday 23rd March 2007.

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 Adrian Bailey moved, That this 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, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Adrian Bailey: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Richard Ottaway, Philip Davies: 25.

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 Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill,—The Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee.

5 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill,—The Vehicle Registration Marks Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee.

6 Cystic Fibrosis (Exemption from Prescription Charges) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cystic Fibrosis (Exemption from Prescription Charges) 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 19th October.

7 Termination of Pregnancy Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Termination of Pregnancy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

8 Access to Inland Waterways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Inland Waterways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

9 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.
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;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th April.

Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th April.

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 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 26th March.

[Adjourned at 3.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Sites under Section 128) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 930), dated 20th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].


3 Public Health,—Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 923), dated 19th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Restriction on Days at Sea) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 927), dated 19th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Social Security,—Employment Zones (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 924), dated 19th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

6 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Outpatients: Missed Appointments and Cancelled Clinics [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 404] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on Visit to Guantánamo Bay [by Command] [Cm. 7063] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of Safefood: The Food Safety Promotion Board for 2005, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 407] [Mr Secretary Hain].

9 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 340] [Mr Secretary Hain].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 and draft Gambling Act 2005 (Exclusion of Children from Track Areas) Order 2007.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2007.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Derek Conway reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2007.

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

4 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Wednesday 21st 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.

5 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 28th March—

(1) the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Jack Straw relating to:

(a) Communications Allowance;

(b) Notices of Questions etc. during September;

(c) Select Committees (Reports); and

(d) Parliamentary contributory pension fund

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) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Procedures under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Secretary Tessa Jowell relating to Betting, Gaming and Lotteries 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 John Heppell)

6 Health and Safety,—Ordered, That the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 320), dated 7th February 2007, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr John Heppell)

7 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Emily Thornberry be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Shahid Malik be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
8 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Sarah McCarthy-Fry be discharged from the Committee on Public Accounts and Derek Wyatt be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Finance and Services.—Ordered, That Mr Eric Martlew be discharged from the Finance and Services Committee and Mary Creagh be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) Roger William Boote and residents of the town of Honiton, Devon, and neighbouring parishes for the reinstatement of the night time small injuries unit at Honiton Hospital; and
(2) Janet R Rendle and residents of the town of Tiverton, Devon, and neighbouring parishes for the reinstatement of the night time small injuries unit at Tiverton Hospital were 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-nine minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals.—Avian Influenza (Fees for the Licensed Vaccination of Birds) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No.954), dated 20th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

3 Electricity.—(1) Electricity Act 1989 (Exemption from the Requirement for a Generation Licence) (Burbo Bank) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No.993); and

4 Representation of the People.—(1) Local Elections (Communities) (Welsh Forms) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No.1013);
(2) Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Welsh Forms) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No.1015); and

Other Papers:

5 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Government Response to the Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2006–07, on London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games: funding and legacy; and
(2) Government Response to the Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2006–07, on Call TV Quiz Shows [by Command] [Cm. 7071 and 7072] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Miscellaneous (No.4, 2007).—Treaty, done at Luxembourg on 29th June 2000, concerning a European Vehicle and Driving Licence Information System (EUCARIS) [by Command] [Cm. 7064] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Northern Ireland Policing Board: Best Value Performance Plan for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 388] [Clerk of the House].
8 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2006–07: The Parliamentary Ombudsman: withstanding the test of time [by Act]; to be printed [No. 421] [Clerk of the House].

9 Superannuation,—(1) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2007; and (2) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2007 [by Act] [Hilary Armstrong].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 and draft Gambling Act 2005 (Exclusion of Children from Track Areas) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Michael Fallon and Derek Wyatt from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Adam Holloway and Mr Ben Wallace.

2 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gordon Banks, Jim Cousins and Mr Andrew Love from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David Crausby, Mr Lindsay Hoyle and Barbara Keeley.

3 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Challen and Jane Kennedy from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Siobhain McDonagh and Mr Chris Mullin.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Post–16 Skills:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 333-iii]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Fourth Progress Report: Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceeding of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 424]; and (2) The human rights of older persons in healthcare: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 378-ii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) The National Programme for IT in the NHS: Twentieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 390]; and (2) Estimating and monitoring the costs of building roads in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No 426-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Treasury,—(1) The 2006 Pre-Budget Report: Government Response to the Second Report from the Treasury Committee, Session 2005–06: Third Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 423]; and (2) The 2007 Budget: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 389-i] [John McFall].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 25th April at Four o'clock.

2 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords].—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the
Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords] Committee:

(1) A Memorandum; and

(2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

Certain Memoranda (reported on 15th, 20th and 22nd March and this day) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

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

3 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 2007.

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

4 European Standing Committee.—David Taylor reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5154/07, Draft Directive amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to include aviation activities in the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community; welcomes the work of the European Commission in developing proposals to address the climate change impacts of aviation; and supports the Government's approach of pressing for the early inclusion of aviation into the Emissions Trading Scheme.

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:

European Union (Information, etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for information to be made available in various public places relating to the activities and organisation of the European Union; to make provision for the flying of the flag of the European Union on various public buildings; to provide information to further the establishment of twinning arrangements between towns in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the European Union in accordance with the European Union’s town twinning support scheme; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Welfare Reform Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have come to the following Resolution to which the Lords 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 the draft Climate Change Bill presented to both Houses on 13th March (Cm. 7040), and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 13th July.

6 Welfare Reform Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Welfare Reform Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 89].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Welfare Reform Bill be printed [Bill 89–EN].

7 Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary John Reid, Secretary Des Browne, Mr David Hanson, Paul Goggins, Maria Eagle and David Cairns presented a Bill to modify the effect of the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time and to be printed [Bill 84].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill be printed [Bill 84–EN].
8 Flexible Working.—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the right to
request to work flexibly to parents of children up to the age of 18; to make provision for
the encouragement of employers to offer flexible working arrangements; and for
connected purposes: And that Lorely Burt, Susan Kramer, Jo Swinson, Annette Brooke,
David Howarth, Stephen Williams, Lynne Featherstone, Danny Alexander, Jenny
Willott, Sandra Gidley and Dr Evan Harris do prepare and bring it in.

9 Flexible Working Bill,—Lorely Burt accordingly presented a Bill to extend the right to
request to work flexibly to parents of children up to the age of 18; to make provision for
the encouragement of employers to offer flexible working arrangements; and for
connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a
second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 85].

10 Business of the House: Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered.
That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Northern Ireland
(St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill—

Timetable

1. (1) Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third
Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting.

(2) Those proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded,
three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

2. (1) As soon as the proceedings on the Motion for this Order have been concluded,
the Order for the Second Reading of the Bill shall be read.

(2) When the Bill has been read a second time—

(a) it shall, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject
to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House
without any Question being put;

(b) the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has
been given.

3. On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee the Chairman shall report the Bill
to the House without putting any Question and, if the Bill is reported with amendments,
the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

4. For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with
paragraph 1 the Speaker or Chairman shall forthwith put the following Questions (but
no others)—

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the
Crown;

(d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

5. On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Speaker
shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

6. (1) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any
Question being put (and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended
accordingly).

(2) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be brought to a
conclusion, if not previously concluded, one hour after their commencement; and any
proceedings suspended under paragraph 6(1) of this Order shall thereupon be resumed.

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 of the Lords Amendment moved
by a Minister of the Crown, and

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

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

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

(7) As soon as the House has agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to, the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown 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 (and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly).

   (2) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under paragraph 8(1) of this Order shall thereupon be resumed.

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 concluded, 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, but
   (b) proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before then.

(2) Proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of those proceedings.

17. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies, no notice shall be required of a Motion made at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

18. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

19. The Speaker shall not adjourn the House until—
   (a) any Message from the Lords on the Bill has been received;
   (b) he has reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.—

Mr Secretary Hain.

11 Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill;

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

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Business of the House: Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]:—It was agreed to.

The House, pursuant to Order [this day], resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee)

It being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Business of the House: Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill, the Chairman put forthwith the Questions necessary to bring proceedings in Committee to a conclusion.

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House, pursuant to Order [this day].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Alan Campbell reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no Amendment thereunto.

A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

12 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Wednesday 21st 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;
13 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

14 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law.—And the Question being again proposed:—

The House continued the adjourned Debate;

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 Act, agreed upon by both Houses:

Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2007.

16 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law.—And the Question being again proposed:—

The House continued the adjourned Debate;

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

17 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Ways and Means Amendment of the Law may continue until midnight.——(Mr Ian Cawsey.)

18 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law.—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. Income tax (charge and rates for 2007–08)

Resolved, That income tax is charged for the tax year 2007–08; and for that tax year—

(a) the starting rate is 10%,
(b) the basic rate is 22%, and
(c) the higher rate is 40%.

And it is 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. Corporation tax (charge and main rates for financial year 2008)

Resolved, That corporation tax is charged for the financial year 2008; and for that year the rate of corporation tax is—

(a) 28% on profits of companies other than ring fence profits, and
(b) 30% on ring fence profits of companies.

4. Corporation tax (small companies’ rates and fractions for financial year 2007)

The Question being put, That for the financial year 2007—

(a) the small companies’ rate is 20% on profits of companies other than ring fence profits and 19% on ring fence profits of companies, and

(b) the fraction mentioned in section 13(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 is 1/40th in relation to profits of companies other than ring fence profits and 11/400ths in relation to ring fence profits of companies;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Jonathan Shaw: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 232.

So the Question was agreed to.

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5. Inheritance tax (rates and bands for 2010–11)

Resolved, That provision may be made for substituting the Table in Schedule 1 to the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 in relation to chargeable transfers made on or after 6th April 2010.
6. Rates of duty on alcoholic liquor

Resolved, That—

(1) The Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 36(1AA)(a) (standard rate of duty on beer), for “£13.26” substitute “£13.71”.

(3) In section 62(1A) (rates of duty on cider)—

(a) in paragraph (a) (rate of duty per hectolitre in the case of sparkling cider of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent), for “£166.70” substitute “£172.33”,

(b) in paragraph (b) (rate of duty per hectolitre in the case of cider of a strength exceeding 7.5 per cent which is not sparkling cider), for “£38.43” substitute “£39.73”, and

(c) in paragraph (c) (rate of duty per hectolitre in any other case), for “£25.61” substitute “£26.48”.

(4) For Part 1 of the Table in Schedule 1 substitute—

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<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 15 per cent but not exceeding 22 per cent</td>
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(5) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force on 26th March 2007.

And it is 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.

7. Rates of tobacco products duty

Resolved, That—

(1) For the Table in Schedule 1 to the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 there is substituted—

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<td>Cigars</td>
<td>£158.24 per kilogram.</td>
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<td>Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco</td>
<td>£69.57 per kilogram.</td>
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(2) The amendment made by this Resolution comes into force at 6 p.m. on 21st March 2007.

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

Resolved, That provision may be made for and in connection with replacing the Table in section 11(2) of the Finance Act 1997.

9. Remote gaming duty

Resolved, That provision may be made for a duty on remote gaming.

10. Amusement machine licence duty

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 23(3) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981, in the definition of “Category C”, in paragraph (ii)(b), for “£25” there is substituted “£35”.

(2) The amendment made by this Resolution comes into force on 22nd March 2007.

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

11. Fuel duty rates and rebates

Resolved, That provision may be made amending rates of duty and rebate in the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

12. Rates of vehicle excise duty

Resolved, That—

(1) Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (annual rates of duty) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1 (general)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (2) (vehicle not covered elsewhere in Schedule otherwise than with engine cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,549cc), for “£175” substitute “£180”, and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2A) (vehicle not covered elsewhere in Schedule with engine cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,549cc), for “£110” substitute “£115”.

(3) Paragraph 1B (graduated rates for light passenger vehicles) is amended as follows.

(4) For the words from “Table A” to “date,” substitute “the following table”.

(5) For “, or is liable to the standard rate or the premium” substitute “or is liable to the standard”.

(6) For Tables A and B substitute—

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The table has effect in relation to vehicles first registered before 23rd March 2006 as if—

(a) in column (3), in the last row, “190” were substituted for “285”, and

(b) in column (4), in the last row, “205” were substituted for “300”.

(7) For paragraphs 1D and 1E substitute—

“The standard rate

1D A vehicle is liable to the standard rate of duty if it does not qualify for the reduced rate of duty.”

(8) In paragraph 1J (light goods vehicles)

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) (vehicle which is not lower-emission van), for “£170” substitute “£175”, and

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) (lower-emission van), for “£110” substitute “£115”.

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(9) In paragraph 2(1) (motorcycles)—
(a) in paragraph (b) (motorbicycle and engine's cylinder capacity more than 150cc but not more than 400cc), for “£31” substitute “£32”,
(b) in paragraph (c) (motorbicycle and engine's cylinder capacity more than 400cc but not more than 600cc), for “£46” substitute “£47”, and
(c) in paragraph (d) (any other case), for “£62” substitute “£64”.

(10) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to licences taken out on or after 22nd March 2007.

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

13. Rates of air passenger duty

The Question being put, That—

(1) Section 30 of the Finance Act 1994 (rates of air passenger duty) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (3A) (destinations in EEA States and qualifying territories etc)—
(a) in paragraph (a) (standard class travel), for “£5” substitute “£10”, and
(b) in paragraph (b) (any other case), for “£10” substitute “£20”.

(3) In subsection (4) (other destinations)—
(a) in paragraph (a) (standard class travel), for “£20” substitute “£40”, and
(b) in paragraph (b) (any other case), for “£40” substitute “£80”.

(4) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to any carriage of a passenger on an aircraft which begins on or after 1st February 2007.

(5) But if the amount of duty due from any operator in the accounting period ending before 21st March 2007 increased as a result of those amendments, the operator is to pay the amount of that increase as if it became due in the first accounting period ending after that day.

(6) Expressions which are used in paragraph (5) and in the Air Passenger Duty Regulations 1994 have the same meaning in that paragraph as in those regulations.

And it is 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, Claire Ward, Jonathan Shaw: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dan Rogerson, Mr Jeremy Browne: 84.

So the Question was agreed to.

14. Rates of climate change levy

Resolved, That provision may be made about the rates of climate change levy.

15. Rate of aggregates levy

Resolved, That provision may be made about the rate of aggregates levy.

16. Rate of landfill tax (2007)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 42 of the Finance Act 1996 (amount of landfill tax), in—
(a) subsection (1)(a) (the standard rate), and
(b) subsection (2) (reference to the standard rate taken to be £2 in cases of disposals of qualifying material),
for “£21” there is substituted “£24”.

(2) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to disposals made (or treated as made) on or after 1st April 2007.

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

17. Rates of landfill tax (after 2007)

Resolved, That provision may be made about the rates of landfill tax.
18. Emissions trading

Resolved, That provision may be made for the imposition of charges by the allocation of Community tradeable emissions allowances in return for payment.

19. Climate change levy (reduced-rate supplies etc)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2000 in relation to reduced-rate supplies and exemptions.

20. Landfill tax (bodies concerned with the environment)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 53(4) of the Finance Act 1996 (credit: bodies concerned with the environment), after paragraph (c) there is inserted—

“(ca) provision for an environmental body to be and remain approved only if it complies with conditions imposed from time to time by the regulatory body or for the regulatory body to be and remain approved only if it complies with conditions imposed from time to time by the Commissioners (including provision for the variation or revocation of such conditions);”.

(2) The amendment made by this Resolution comes into force on 22nd March 2007.

And it is 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.

21. Managed service companies (earnings from employment)

The Question being put, That—

(1) The Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 7(5) (meaning of “employment income” etc), for paragraph (a) substitute—

“(a) Chapters 7 to 9 of this Part (agency workers, workers under arrangements made by intermediaries, and workers providing services through managed service companies),”.

(3) In section 48(2) (workers under arrangements made by intermediaries: scope of Chapter) for the “or” at the end of paragraph (a) substitute—

“(aa) applies to services provided by a managed service company (within the meaning of Chapter 9 of this Part), or”.

(4) After section 61 insert—

“Chapter 9

MANAGED SERVICE COMPANIES

Application of this Chapter

61A Scope of this Chapter

(1) This Chapter has effect with respect to the provision of services by a managed service company.

(2) Nothing in this Chapter—

(a) affects the operation of Chapter 7 of this Part (agency workers), or

(b) applies to payments or transfers to which section 966(3) or (4) of ITA 2007 applies (visiting performers: duty to deduct and account for sums representing income tax).

61B Meaning of “managed service company”

(1) A company is a “managed service company” if—

(a) its business consists wholly or mainly of providing (directly or indirectly) the services of an individual to other persons,

(b) payments are made (directly or indirectly) to the individual (or associates of the individual) of an amount equal to the greater part or all of the consideration for the provision of the services,

(c) the way in which those payments are made would result in the individual (or associates) receiving payments of an amount (net of tax and national insurance) exceeding that which would be received (net of tax and national insurance) if every payment in respect of the services were employment income of the individual, and...
(d) a person who carries on a business of promoting or facilitating the use of companies to provide the services of individuals (“an MSC provider”) is involved with the company.

(2) An MSC provider is “involved with the company” if the MSC provider or an associate of the MSC provider—

(a) benefits financially on an ongoing basis from the provision of the services of the individual,

(b) influences or controls the provision of those services,

(c) influences or controls the way in which payments to the individual (or associates of the individual) are made,

(d) influences or controls the company's finances or any of its activities, or

(e) gives or promotes an undertaking to make good any tax loss.

(3) A person does not fall within subsection (1)(d) merely by virtue of providing legal or accountancy services in a professional capacity.

(4) A person does not fall within subsection (1)(d) merely by virtue of carrying on a business consisting only of placing individuals with persons who wish to obtain their services (including by contracting with companies which provide their services); but this subsection does not apply if the person, or an associate of the person, does anything within any of paragraphs (c) to (e) of subsection (2).

61C Section 61B: supplementary

(1) The Treasury may by order provide that persons of a prescribed description do not fall within section 61B(1)(d).

(2) An order under subsection (1) may be made so as to have effect in relation to the whole of the tax year in which it is made.

(3) In section 61B and this section, “company” means a body corporate or partnership.

(4) References in section 61B to an associate of a person (“P”) include a person who, for the purpose of securing that the individual’s services are provided by a company, acts in concert with P (or with P and other persons).

(5) In section 61B(2)(e), “undertaking to make good any tax loss” means an undertaking (in any terms) to make good (in whole or in part, and by any means) any cost to the individual or an associate of the individual resulting from a relevant provision, or a particular kind of relevant provision, applying in relation to payments made to the individual or associate.

(6) In subsection (5) “relevant provision” means—

(a) a provision of the Tax Acts,

(b) an enactment relating to national insurance, or

(c) a provision of subordinate legislation made under any such provision or enactment.

The deemed employment payment

61D Worker treated as receiving earnings from employment

(1) This section applies if—

(a) the services of an individual (“the worker”) are provided (directly or indirectly) by a managed service company (“the MSC”),

(b) the worker, or an associate of the worker, receives (from any person) a payment or benefit which can reasonably be taken to be in respect of the services, and

(c) the payment or benefit is not earnings (within Chapter 1 of Part 3) received by the worker directly from the MSC.

(2) The MSC is treated as making to the worker, and the worker is treated as receiving, a payment which is to be treated as earnings from an employment (“the deemed employment payment”).

(3) The deemed employment payment is treated as made at the time the payment or benefit mentioned in subsection (1)(b) is received.

(4) In this Chapter—

“the worker” has the meaning given by subsection (1),

“the relevant services” means the services mentioned in that subsection, and

“the client” means the person to whom the relevant services are provided.

(5) Section 61F supplements this section.
61E Calculation of deemed employment payment

(1) The amount of the deemed employment payment is the amount resulting from the following steps—

Step 1
Find (applying section 61F) the amount of the payment or benefit mentioned in section 61D(1)(b).

Step 2
Deduct (applying Chapters 1 to 5 of Part 5) the amount of any expenses met by the worker that would have been deductible from the taxable earnings from the employment if—

(a) the worker had been employed by the client to provide the relevant services, and

(b) the expenses had been met by the worker out of those earnings.
If the result at this point is nil or a negative amount, there is no deemed employment payment.

Step 3
Assume that the result of step 2 represents an amount together with employer’s national insurance contributions on it, and deduct what (on that assumption) would be the amount of those contributions.

The result is the deemed employment payment.

(2) In step 2 of subsection (1), the reference to expenses met by the worker includes, where the MSC is a partnership and the worker is a member of the partnership, expenses met by the worker for and on behalf of the partnership.

(3) In step 2 of subsection (1), the expenses deductible include the amount of any mileage allowance relief which the worker would have been entitled to in respect of the use of a vehicle falling within subsection (4) if—

(a) the worker had been employed by the client to provide the relevant services, and

(b) the vehicle had not been a company vehicle (within the meaning of Chapter 2 of Part 4).

(4) A vehicle falls within this subsection if—

(a) it is provided by the MSC for the worker, or

(b) where the MSC is a partnership and the worker is a member of the partnership, it is provided by the worker for the purposes of the business of the partnership.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (1) any necessary apportionment of payments or benefits that are referable partly to the provision of the relevant services and partly to other matters is to be made on a just and reasonable basis.

61F Sections 61D and 61E: application of rules relating to earnings from employment

(1) The following provisions apply for the purposes of sections 61D and 61E.

(2) A “payment or benefit” means anything that, if received by an employee for performing the duties of an employment, would be general earnings from the employment.

(3) The amount of a payment or benefit is taken to be—

(a) in the case of a payment or cash benefit, the amount received, and

(b) in the case of a non-cash benefit, the cash equivalent of the benefit.

(4) The cash equivalent of a non-cash benefit is taken to be—

(a) the amount that would be general earnings if the benefit were general earnings from an employment, or

(b) in the case of living accommodation, whichever is the greater of that amount and the cash equivalent determined in accordance with section 398(2).

(5) A payment or benefit is treated as received—

(a) in the case of a payment or cash benefit, when payment is made of or on account of the payment or benefit;

(b) in the case of a non-cash benefit, when it would have been treated as received for the purposes of Chapter 4 or 5 of this Part (see section 19 or 32) if—

(i) the worker had been an employee, and

(ii) the benefit had been provided by reason of the employment.
61G Application of Income Tax Acts in relation to deemed employment

(1) The Income Tax Acts (in particular, the PAYE provisions) apply in relation to the deemed employment payment as follows.

(2) They apply as if—
   (a) the worker were employed by the MSC to provide the relevant services, and
   (b) the deemed employment payment were a payment by the MSC of earnings from that employment; but this is subject to subsection (3).

(3) No deduction under Part 5 (deductions allowed from employment income) or section 232 (mileage allowance relief) may be made from the deemed employment payment.

(4) The worker is not chargeable to tax in respect of the deemed employment payment if, or to the extent that, by reason of any combination of the factors mentioned in subsection (5), the worker would not be chargeable to tax if—
   (a) the worker were employed by the client to perform the relevant services, and
   (b) the deemed employment payment were a payment by the client of earnings from that employment.

(5) The factors are—
   (a) the worker being resident, ordinarily resident or domiciled outside the United Kingdom,
   (b) the client being resident or ordinarily resident outside the United Kingdom, and
   (c) the relevant services being provided outside the United Kingdom.

(6) Where the MSC is a partnership and the worker is a member of the partnership, the deemed employment payment is treated as received by the worker in the worker’s personal capacity and not as income of the partnership.

(7) Where—
   (a) the worker is resident in the United Kingdom, and
   (b) the relevant services are provided in the United Kingdom,
the MSC is treated as having a place of business in the United Kingdom, whether or not it in fact does so.

Supplementary provisions

61H Relief in case of distributions by managed service company

(1) A claim for relief may be made under this section where the MSC—
   (a) is a body corporate,
   (b) is treated as making a deemed employment payment in any tax year, and
   (c) either in that tax year (whether before or after that payment is treated as made), or in a subsequent tax year, makes a distribution (a “relevant distribution”).

(2) A claim for relief under this section must be made—
   (a) by the MSC by notice to an officer of Revenue and Customs, and
   (b) within 5 years after 31st January following the tax year in which the distribution is made.

(3) If on a claim being made an officer of Revenue and Customs is satisfied that relief should be given in order to avoid a double charge to tax, the officer must direct the giving of such relief by way of amending any assessment, by discharge or repayment of tax, or otherwise, as appears to the officer appropriate.

(4) Relief under this section is given by setting the amount of the deemed employment payment against the relevant distribution so as to reduce the distribution.

(5) In the case of more than one relevant distribution, an officer of Revenue and Customs must exercise the power conferred by this section so as to secure that so far as practicable relief is given by setting the amount of a deemed employment payment—
   (a) against relevant distributions of the same tax year before those of other years,
   (b) against relevant distributions received by the worker before those received by another person, and
   (c) against relevant distributions of earlier years before those of later years.

(6) Where the amount of a relevant distribution is reduced under this section, the amount of any associated tax credit is reduced accordingly.
61I Meaning of “associate”
(1) Subsections (2) to (4) apply for the purposes of this Chapter.
(2) “Associate”, in relation to an individual, means—
(a) a member of the individual’s family or household,
(b) a relative of the individual,
(c) a partner of the individual, or
(d) the trustee of any settlement in relation to which the individual, or a relative of the individual’s family (living or dead), is or was a settlor.
(3) “Associate”, in relation to a company, means a person connected with the company.
(4) “Associate”, in relation to a partnership, means any associate of a member of the partnership.
(5) If—
(a) a managed service company (“the MSC”) is a partnership, and
(b) a person is an associate of another person by virtue only of being a member of the partnership, the person is to be treated, for the purposes of this Chapter as it applies in relation to the MSC, as if he were not an associate of that other person.
(6) In subsection (2), “relative” means ancestor, lineal descendant, brother or sister.
(7) For the purposes of subsection (2)—
(a) a man and woman living together as husband and wife are treated as if they were married to each other, and
(b) two persons of the same sex living together as if they were civil partners of each other.

61J Interpretation of Chapter
(1) In this Chapter—
“associate” has the meaning given by section 61I,
“business” means any trade, profession or vocation,
“the client” has the meaning given by section 61D(4),
“employer’s national insurance contributions” means secondary Class 1 or Class 1A national insurance contributions,
“managed service company” has the meaning given by section 61B,
“national insurance contributions” means contributions under Part 1 of SSCBA 1992 or Part 1 of SSCB (NI) A 1992,
“PAYE provisions” means the provisions of Part 11 or PAYE regulations,
“the relevant services” has the meaning given by section 61D(4), and
“the worker” has the meaning given by section 61D(4).
(2) Nothing in section 995 of ITA 2007 (meaning of control) applies for the purposes of this Chapter.”

(5) In section 218(1) (exclusion of lower-paid employments from parts of benefits code: calculation of earnings rate), in Step 1, at the end of paragraph (d) insert “and
(e) in the case of an employment within section 61G(2) (deemed employment payment by managed service company), the total amount of deemed employment payments for the year.”

(6) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force on 6th April 2007.
And it is 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, Claire Ward, Jonathan Shaw: 293.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 234.
So the Question was agreed to.

22. Managed service companies (other provision)
Resolved, That further provision may be made in connection with managed service companies.
23. Restrictions on trade loss relief for partners

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be
made restricting reliefs for losses made by individuals carrying on trades in partnership.

24. Chargeable gains

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

25. Life policies etc (effect of rebated or reinvested commission)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending—
(a) Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, and

26. Avoidance involving financial arrangements

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be
made in relation to—
(a) section 347A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (annual payments),
(b) section 660C of that Act (income of settlor),
(c) sections 774A to 774G of that Act (structured finance arrangements),
(d) Schedule 23A to that Act (manufactured payments),
(e) Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 1996 (loan relationships),
(f) section 228F of the Capital Allowances Act 2001 (lease and finance leaseback),
and
(g) Schedule 26 to the Finance Act 2002 (derivative contracts).

27. Companies carrying on business of leasing plant or machinery

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be
made in relation to—
(a) section 343 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, and
(b) Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 2006.

28. Lloyd’s corporate members

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to corporate members of Lloyd’s.

29. Employee benefit contributions

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to employee benefit contributions.

30. Schemes etc designed to increase double taxation relief

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be
made amending and extending the effect of sections 804ZA to 804ZC of, and Schedule
28AB to, the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

31. Industrial and agricultural buildings allowances

Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of the Capital Allowances Act
2001 in relation to industrial buildings allowances and agricultural buildings allowances.

32. Insurance companies

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be
made about insurance companies, including companies which have ceased to be
insurance companies after a transfer of business.

33. Technical provisions made by general insurers

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to technical provisions made by
general insurers.

34. Friendly societies

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 464 of the Income and

35. Sale and repurchase of securities

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to arrangements for the sale and
repurchase of securities.

36. Controlled foreign companies

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be
made in relation to controlled foreign companies.
37. Expenditure on research and development

Resolved, That provision may be made about tax relief for expenditure on research and development.

38. Venture capital schemes

Resolved, That provision may be made about the corporate venturing scheme, the enterprise investment scheme and venture capital trusts.

39. Loss relief on disposal of shares

Resolved, That provision may be made about loss relief on disposal of shares.

40. Real Estate Investment Trusts

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending Part 4 of the Finance Act 2006.

41. Alternative finance

Resolved, That amendments may be made of and in relation to Chapter 5 of Part 2 of the Finance Act 2005.

42. Trust gains on contracts for life insurance

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 498 of the Income Tax Act 2007.

43. Offshore funds

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to offshore funds and investors in them.

44. Securitisation companies

Resolved, That provision may be made amending sections 83 and 84 of the Finance Act 2005.

45. Enterprise management incentives

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 5 to the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.

46. Unpaid remuneration and employee benefit contributions

Resolved, That provision may be made amending sections 31 and 274 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005.

47. Abolition of contributions relief for life assurance premium contributions

The Question being put, That—

(1) Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 (pension schemes etc) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 188(3) (relief for members' contributions: contributions which are not relievale pension contributions), after paragraph (a) insert—

"(aa) any contributions which are life assurance premium contributions (see section 195A),"

(3) After section 195 insert—

"195A Life assurance premium contributions

(1) Contributions paid by or on behalf of an individual under a registered pension scheme are life assurance premium contributions for the purposes of section 188(3)(aa) if—

(a) rights under a non-group life policy (see subsection (2)) are (or later become) held for the purposes of the pension scheme, and

(b) the contributions are treated by this section as paid in respect of premiums under the non-group life policy (see subsections (3) to (5)).

(2) For the purposes of this section a “non-group life policy” is a policy of insurance under which the only benefits which may become payable are benefits payable in consequence, or in anticipation, of—

(a) the death of the individual or one of a group of individuals which includes the individual, or
(b) the deaths of more than one of a group of individuals—
   (i) which includes the individual, and
   (ii) the other members of which are connected with the individual.

(3) Contributions paid by or on behalf of the individual under the pension scheme are treated as paid in respect of premiums under the non-group life policy if—
   (a) the payment of the contributions constitutes the payment of premiums under the policy, or
   (b) the person by whom the contributions are paid intends the contributions (or an amount equivalent to them) to be applied towards paying premiums under the policy.

(4) Where the amount of the premiums under the policy in a tax year exceeds the amount of any contributions treated as paid in respect of the premiums by subsection (3), other contributions paid by or on behalf of the individual under the pension scheme in the tax year are treated as paid in respect of premiums under the policy to the extent that their amount does not exceed the difference between the amount of the premiums and the amount of any contributions treated as paid in respect of the premiums by subsection (3).

(5) But where—
   (a) the benefits under the policy relate to the death of one or more of a group of individuals, and
   (b) contributions are also paid under the pension scheme in the tax year by or on behalf of another member or other members of the group,

the amount of the contributions paid by or on behalf of the individual which are treated as paid in respect of premiums under the policy by subsection (4) does not exceed what is just and reasonable having regard to the operation of section 188(3)(aa) in relation to the contributions paid by or on behalf of another member or other members of the group.

(6) For the purposes of this section an individual (“A”) is connected with another individual (“B”) if—
   (a) A is B’s spouse or civil partner,
   (b) A is a relative of B,
   (c) A is the spouse or civil partner of a relative of B,
   (d) A is a relative of B’s spouse or civil partner, or
   (e) A is the spouse or civil partner of a relative of B’s spouse or civil partner;

and for the purposes of this subsection “relative” means brother, sister, ancestor or lineal descendant.

(4) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to contributions under any pension scheme that is not an occupational pension scheme which are paid on or after 6th April 2007.

(5) But they do not have effect in relation to contributions paid at any time if the contributions are treated as paid in respect of premiums under a policy of insurance which at that time is a protected policy (see paragraphs (6) to (10)).

(6) A policy of insurance within paragraph (7) or (8) is a protected policy but only until a relevant event occurs (see paragraphs (9) and (10)).

(7) A policy of insurance is within this paragraph if—
   (a) it is issued in respect of insurances made before 6th December 2006,
   (b) the pension scheme became a registered pension scheme before that date, and
   (c) rights under the policy became held for the purposes of the pension scheme before that date.

(8) A policy of insurance is within this paragraph if—
   (a) it is issued in respect of insurances made before 6th April 2007,
   (b) the pension scheme became a registered pension scheme before that date,
   (c) rights under the policy became held for the purposes of the pension scheme before that date,
(d) the policy was issued in pursuance of a proposal made in writing (by whatever means) and received by or on behalf of the insurer on or before 13th December 2006,

(e) the amount of the benefits payable under the policy (at the latest of the time when the insurances were made, the pension scheme was registered or rights under the policy became held for the purposes of the pension scheme) is no more than the amount applied for in the proposal,

(f) the period for which benefits are so payable (at the latest of those times) is no longer than the period specified in the proposal, and

(g) the policy is not a protected policy by virtue of paragraph (7).

(9) For the purposes of paragraph (6) a “relevant event” occurs if, after the relevant time, the terms of the policy are varied so as to—

(a) increase the benefits payable under the policy, or

(b) extend the period during which benefits are so payable.

(10) “The relevant time”—

(a) in the case of a policy of insurance within paragraph (7) which is issued in respect of insurances made before 6th April 2006, is 20th March 2007,

(b) in the case of any other policy of insurance within paragraph (7), is 5th December 2006, and

(c) in the case of a policy of insurance within paragraph (8), is the time when it became a protected policy.

And it is 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, Kevin Brennan, Mr Alan Campbell: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 232.

So the Question was agreed to.

48. Persons by whom registered pension schemes may be established

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 154 of the Finance Act 2004 (persons by whom registered pension scheme may be established) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) An application to register a pension scheme may be made only if the pension scheme is an occupational pension scheme or has been established by a person with permission under FISMA 2000 to establish in the United Kingdom a personal pension scheme or a stakeholder pension scheme.”

(3) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Subsection (1) is to be construed in accordance with section 22 of FISMA 2000, any relevant order under that section and Schedule 2 to that Act.”

(4) Omit subsection (3).

(5) In subsection (4), omit “and section 155”.

(6) Omit section 155 of that Act (persons by whom scheme may be established: supplementary).

(7) In section 273 of that Act (members liable as scheme administrator)—

(a) in subsection (5)(a), omit “was established by a person or body specified in section 154(1)(a) to (g) (insurance companies etc) and”, and

(b) in subsection (7), omit “was established by a person or body specified in section 154(1)(a) to (g) and”.

(8) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force on 6th April 2007.

And it is 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.

49. Pension schemes etc

Resolved, That further provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to pension schemes and employer-financed retirement benefits schemes.
50. Stamp duty land tax, stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax

Resolved, That provision may be made about stamp duty land tax, stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax.

51. Stamp duty land tax (exempt interests)

Resolved, That—

(1) The Finance Act 2003 is amended as follows.

(2) After section 73A insert—

"73B Exempt interests

(1) An interest held by a financial institution as a result of the first transaction within the meaning of section 71A(1)(a), 72(1)(a) or 72A(1)(a) is an exempt interest for the purposes of stamp duty land tax.

(2) That interest ceases to be an exempt interest if—

(a) the lease or agreement mentioned in section 71A(1)(c), 72(1)(b) or 72A(1)(b) ceases to have effect, or

(b) the right under section 71A(1)(d), 72(1)(c) or 72A(1)(c) ceases to have effect or becomes subject to a restriction.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the first transaction is exempt from charge by virtue of Schedule 7.

(4) Subsection (1) does not make an interest exempt in respect of—

(a) the first transaction itself, or a further transaction or third transaction within the meaning of section 71A(4), 72(4) or 72A(4)."

(3) After section 48(3) insert—

"(3A) Section 73B makes additional provision about exempt interests in relation to alternative finance arrangements."

(4) For the text of sections 71A(8), 72(7), 72A(8) and 73(5)(a) substitute “In this section “financial institution” has the meaning given by section 46 of the Finance Act 2005 (alternative finance arrangements).”

(5) This Resolution—

(a) has effect in relation to anything that would, but for the exemption provided by new section 73B inserted by paragraph (2), be a land transaction with an effective date on or after 22nd March 2007, and

(b) applies, in accordance with sub-paragraph (a), to interests irrespective of the date of their creation.

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

52. Value added tax (joint and several liability)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 77A of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

53. Value added tax (deemed supplies in case of certain surrenders)

Resolved, That—

(1) In paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994 (matters to be treated as supply of goods or services: application of paragraphs 5 to 8 where land forms part of assets of business etc), there is inserted at the end—

"(4) In this paragraph “grant” includes surrender."

(2) The amendment made by this Resolution has effect in relation to surrenders on or after 21st March 2007.

And it is 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.

54. Value added tax (valuation of deemed supplies)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending paragraph 7 of Schedule 6 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
55. Value added tax (transfers of going concerns)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the Value Added Tax Act 1994 in relation to transfers of businesses, or parts of businesses, as going concerns.

56. Insurance premium tax (meaning of “premium”)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 72 of the Finance Act 1994 (interpretation: “premium”), after subsection (1A) there is inserted—

“(1B) Where—

(a) an amount is charged (to the insured or any other person) in respect of the acquisition of a right (whether of the insured or any other person) to require the insurer to provide, or offer to provide, any of the cover included in a taxable insurance contract, and

(b) any payment in respect of that amount is not regarded as a payment received under that contract by the insurer by virtue of subsection (1A) above, the payment is to be regarded as a payment received under that contract by the insurer unless it is chargeable to tax at the higher rate by virtue of section 52A above.”

(2) This Resolution has effect in relation to amounts charged on or after 22nd March 2007.

And it is 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.

57. Petroleum revenue tax

Resolved, That provision may be made amending enactments relating to petroleum revenue tax.

58. Amendments connected with the Gambling Act 2005

Resolved, That provision may be made in consequence of, or otherwise in connection with, the Gambling Act 2005.

59. Vehicle excise duty (exempt vehicles)

Resolved, That provision may be made for amending Schedule 2 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994.

60. Limitation period in old actions for mistake of law relating to direct tax

Resolved, That provision may be made disapplying section 32(1)(c) of the Limitation Act 1980 in relation to actions brought before 8th September 2003 for relief from the consequences of a mistake of law relating to a taxation matter under the care and management of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

61. Stock exchanges

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to stock exchanges.

62. Mergers Directive

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for the purposes of complying with Council Directive No. 90/434/EEC (mergers and transfers).

63. Excise duties (small consignment relief)

Resolved, That provision may be made revoking the Excise Duties (Small Non-Commercial Consignments) Relief Regulations 1986.

64. Relief from tax (incidental and consequential charges)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise any incidental or consequential charges to any duty or tax (including charges having retrospective effect) that may arise from provisions designed in general to afford relief from taxation.

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 2008;

(b) 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 2010;

(c) provision about the rates of climate change levy;
(d) provision about the rate of aggregates levy;
(e) provision about the rates of landfill tax;
(f) provision amending section 312 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005.

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, Secretary John Reid, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Alan Johnson, Secretary David Miliband, Mr Stephen Timms, Dawn Primarolo, John Healey and Ed Balls and do prepare and bring it in.

19 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 86].

20 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

21 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Social Security, Occupational Pension Schemes and Statutory Payments (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 19th February, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

22 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Social Security Contributions (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

23 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Social Security Contributions (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 21st February, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

24 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Child Benefit Up-rating Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

25 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

26 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

27 Corporation Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Corporation Tax (Taxation of Films) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 27th February, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

28 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

29 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Tourist Boards (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

30 Electricity,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Renewables Obligation Order 2006 (Amendment) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved.—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.
31 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 2, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

32 Sea Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Decommissioning of Fishing Vessels Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 312), dated 6th February 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

33 Animals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Docking of Working Dogs’ Tails (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

34 Animals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

35 Animals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Welfare of Animals (Miscellaneous Revocations) (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

36 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Exclusion of Children from Track Areas) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

37 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

38 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Integration Loans for Referees and Others Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).

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).

39 Immigration and Nationality,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 15th March, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).

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 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 20th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

41 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Jobseeker Mandatory Activity) Pilot Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

42 Maritime 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. 11510/06 and Addenda 1 to 13, Commission Communication: Green Paper—Towards a future maritime policy for the Union: A European Vision for the oceans and seas; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.
43 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of post offices in Penrith and the Border constituency against post office closures;
(2) constituents of South West Bedfordshire and other users of Britain’s waterways against reductions in the British Waterways grant; and
(3) residents of Dunstable and others for legislation to restrict the use of mini-motorbikes and unregistered off-road bikes in uncontrolled areas

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

44 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of Meopham Parish, Kent against the threatened closure of Meopham Station Post Office was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.29 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 971), dated 21st March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


Other Papers:

4 Access to Justice,—Direction given by the Lord Chancellor under section 5(6) of the Access to Justice Act 1999, imposing requirements on the Legal Services Commission as to the services to be funded from specified amounts paid into the Community Legal Services Fund for 2007-08 [by Act] [Vera Baird].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [20th February] from Harborough Rail Users Group and others for the safeguarding of all off-peak rail services to and from Market Harborough, Leicestershire [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 Work and Pensions,—Paper, entitled Working for Children [by Command] [Cm. 7067] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester) and Graham Stringer from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Huw Irranca-Davies and Mr Don Touhig.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 5154/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 relating to the Emissions Trading Scheme: Inclusion of Aviation,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Richard Burden, Tony Cunningham and Mr George Mudie from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document and Addenda) and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbin, Steve McCabe and Mr Sion Simon.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) Improving Facilities for Educational Visitors to Parliament:
   (i) First Report from the Administration Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 434]; and
   (ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; and
   (2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 27th March; to be published
   [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Call TV quiz shows: Joint response from Ofcom and ICSTIS to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2006–07: Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 428]; and
   (2) Tourism: Memorandum laid before the Committee
   [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—UK operations in Afghanistan: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 408-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Home Affairs,—Knife Crime: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 433-i] [Mr John Denham].

5 International Development,—(1) Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fifth Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 430]; and
   (2) Fair trade and Development:
      (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 356-iii]; and
      (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
      [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Conduct of Mr David Cameron: Second Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 429]; and
   (2) Complaints about alleged misuse of Parliamentary dining facilities: Third Report from the Committee, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 431]
   [Sir George Young].

7 Trade and Industry,—Recent developments with Airbus: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 427-i] [Mr Peter Lilley].

8 Treasury,—Bank of England February 2006 Inflation Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 414-i] [John McFall].
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007 and draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2007.

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 communicate that, in declining to approve the draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Casino Premises Licences) Order 2007, they have come to the following Resolution:

That, taking account of the 13th Report from the Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee, the Lords consider it desirable that Lords be appointed to join with a Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee to consider the process by which a decision was reached on which licensing authority should issue the regional casino premises licence, and to report by 1st June 2007; and that the Lords call upon Her Majesty's Government to take account of the recommendations of any such Joint Committee and to lay regulations including the licensing authorities as set out in the draft Order whose responsibility it is to issue the eight large and eight small casino premises licenses.

3 Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill.—Andrew Stunell, supported by Tom Brake, Mr Dan Rogerson, Lorely Burt, Annette Brooke, Mr Mark Oaten and Mark Hunter 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 29th June and to be printed [Bill 87].

4 Employment Assistance (Wales),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the National Assembly for Wales to make provision about transport opportunities for long-term incapacity benefit claimants who have gained employment; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Wayne David, Mr Don Touhig, Ann Clwyd, Mr Dai Havard, Nia Griffith, Chris Bryant, Julie Morgan and Chris Ruane do prepare and bring it in.

5 Employment Assistance (Wales) Bill,—Mr Wayne David accordingly presented a Bill to empower the National Assembly for Wales to make provision about transport opportunities for long-term incapacity benefit claimants who have gained employment; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 88].

6 Communications Allowance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,

(1) That this House approves the First Report of the Members Estimate Committee 2006–07 (House of Commons Paper No. 319) on a Communications Allowance, and is of the opinion that provision should be made with effect from 1st April 2007 for a Communications Allowance in accordance with paragraphs (2)–(4) below.

(2) The allowance shall be for the purpose of assisting Members with expenditure incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily in communicating with the public on parliamentary business, and the scope of the allowance shall be as set out in the First Report of the Members Estimate Committee.

(3) The allowance shall be at a rate of £10,000 per year for each Member, uprated annually in line with any increase in the Retail Price Index.

(4) The detailed rules and guidance for the Allowance shall be determined and reviewed from time to time by the Members Estimate Committee—(Mr Jack Straw).

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [26th March].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Alan Campbell: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Crispin Blunt: 188.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, (1) That this House approves the First Report of the Members Estimate Committee 2006–07 (House of Commons Paper No. 319) on a Communications Allowance, and is of the opinion that provision should be made with effect from 1st April 2007 for a Communications Allowance in accordance with paragraphs (2)–(4) below.

(2) The allowance shall be for the purpose of assisting Members with expenditure incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily in communicating with the public on parliamentary business, and the scope of the allowance shall be as set out in the First Report of the Members Estimate Committee.

(3) The allowance shall be at a rate of £10,000 per year for each Member, uprated annually in line with any increase in the Retail Price Index.

(4) The detailed rules and guidance for the Allowance shall be determined and reviewed from time to time by the Members Estimate Committee.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions on the Motions relating to Notices of Questions etc. During September, Select Committees (Reports) and Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund.

7 Notices of Questions etc. during September.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [26th March], That the following Standing Order (Notices of Questions etc. during September) be made—

(1) Notices of questions for written answer on a named day by a Minister of the Crown may be given on three appointed tabling days, for answer on three appointed answering days, between 2nd and 21st September.

(2) A motion to appoint tabling days and answering days under paragraph (1) may be made by a Minister of the Crown, and the question on such a motion shall be put forthwith and may be decided, though opposed, after the moment of interruption.

(3) Notices of questions for named day answer on one of the appointed answering days, received by the Table Office on any day after the rising of the House for the summer adjournment, shall be treated as if given on—

(a) that day, if they are received on an appointed tabling day; or

(b) the next appointed tabling day, if they are received on any other day,

and a Member may not give notice of more than five such questions in respect of each appointed tabling day.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (4)(a) of Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments), no notice of a question may be given under this order for a day earlier than five days (excluding Saturday and Sunday) after the day on which the notice is given.

(5) A Minister of the Crown, being a Member of the House, may give notice on an appointed tabling day of his intention to make a ministerial statement in written form on an appointed answering day.

(6) In the event of a recall of the House under Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of the House in certain circumstances), the Speaker may publish a memorandum amending the arrangements made under this order—(Mr Jack Straw)—It was agreed to.

8 Select Committees (Reports).—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [26th March], That the following amendment be made to Standing Order No. 134 (Select Committees (Reports))—

Line 9, to leave out the words ‘forty-eight’ and insert the words ‘seventy-two’, instead thereof—(Mr Jack Straw)—It was agreed to.

9 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [26th March], That Sir Graham Bright be appointed as a Managing Trustee of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund in pursuance of section 1 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1987—(Mr Jack Straw)—It was agreed to.

10 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Casino Premises Licences) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Secretary Tessa Jowell).
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):

Immigration,—That the draft Integration Loans for Refugees and Others Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 21st February, be approved.

Ayes: 366.*
Noes: 52.*

So the Question was agreed to.

Immigration and Nationality,—That the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 15th March, be approved.

Ayes: 366.
Noes: 54.

So the Question was agreed to.

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—The Question being again proposed, That the draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Casino Premises Licences) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Jonathan Shaw: 274.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Mark Lancaster: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Casino Premises Licences) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved.

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Ilford North against the reduction in services and the possible closure of King George’s Hospital;
(2) residents of Otley and Wharfedale, the surrounding area, and others against the reduction in services at Wharfedale Hospital; and
(3) residents of Harthill, and neighbouring villages in Cheshire against the closure of Harthill School
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-seven minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Acquisition of Land,—Draft Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Corresponding Amendments) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; to be printed [No. 418] [Secretary John Reid].

4 Road Traffic,—(1) Alterations in the provisions of the Highway Code proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for Transport, dated 28th March 2007 [by Act]; and
(2) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1018), dated 23rd March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

* The number of Ayes has been altered from 342 to 366, and the number of Noes from 49 to 52, in accordance with the Deputy Speaker’s direction on 29th March.
Other Papers:

5 Animal Health,—Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and incidences of disease in imported animals for the year 2006 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 Enterprise,—Plan of the Office of Fair Trading for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 339] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests as at 26th March 2007 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974, 28th June 1993, 6th November 1995 and 14th May 2002]; to be printed [No. 436] [Clerk of the House].


9 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Seventh, Eighth and Tenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7020] [John Healey].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill Committee: Mr David Anderson, Lyn Brown, Lorely Burt, Mr Tom Clarke, Mrs Ann Cryer, James Duddridge, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr David Gauke, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Susan Kramer, Steve McCabe, Mr Ian McCartney, Stephen Pound, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Ben Wallace and Mr Tom Watson.

2 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Vehicle Registration Marks Bill Committee: Mr Russell Brown, Mary Creagh, Mr Philip Dunne, Linda Gilroy, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Greg Knight, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Jim McGovern, Richard Ottaway, Mr Owen Paterson, John Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Paul Rowen, Jim Sheridan, Mr Andy Slaughter, Sir Robert Smith and Derek Wyatt.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr Peter Bone, Mr David Burrowes, Mr Wayne David, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Roger Godsiff, Nigel Griffiths, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr David Jones, Mr Elwyn Llwyd, Mr Michael Meacher, Jessica Morden, Dr Doug Naysmith, Chris Ruane, Mr Paul Truswell, Angela Watkinson and Mark Williams.

4 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 76(3)) Order 2007:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Geoffrey Cox, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr David Drew, Nick Herbert, Mark Hunter, Alan Keen, Judy Mallaber, Chris Mole, Mr Jamie Reed, Emily Thornberry, Dr Desmond Turner and David Wright.

5 Draft Community Legal Service (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and the draft Legal Aid (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Vera Baird, Mr Henry Bellingham, Jim Cousins, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Michael Jabez Foster, Mr David Gauke, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Doug Henderson, Simon Hughes, Martin Linton, Mr Andrew Love, Margaret Moran, Mr Alan Reid and Helen Southworth.
6 Draft Community Drivers' Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007:
   
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Colin Challen, Mr Philip Hollobone, Helen Jones, Daniel Kawczynski, Jane Kennedy, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Anne Main, Mr George Mudie, Mr Owen Paterson, Andrew Rosindell, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Andy Slaughter, Ian Stewart, Graham Stringer and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

7 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007 and draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd, Mr Wayne David, David Lepper and Paul Rowen from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Rules) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Robert Fflello and Lynda Waltho.

8 European Union Document No. 8656/06 relating to Aviation Agreements.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Bob Blizzard, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr David Clelland, Tony Cunningham, Mr Bruce George, Chris Grayling, Alan Michael, Mr Brooks Newmark, Andrew Rosindell and Paul Rowen.

9 European Union Documents No. 5282/07 and No. 5354/07 relating to Energy Policy for Europe.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Tony Cunningham, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Charles Hendry, David Howarth, Fiona Mactaggart, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mark Prichard, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Alan Simpson, Sir Robert Smith, Jon Trickett and Malcolm Wicks.

10 European Union Document No. 13139/05, relating to Conservation of the European eel, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 European Union Document No. 6192/07, relating to Diplomatic and consular protection of Union citizens in third countries, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

12 Crossrail Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-xviii] [Mr Alan Meale].

13 Education and Skills.—Post–16 Skills:
   
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 333-iv]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

14 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. 41-xvi];
   
   (2) Draft Council Framework Decision on the transfer of prisoners: Parliamentary scrutiny process: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 442-ii]; and

   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Michael Connarty].

15 Modernisation of the House of Commons.— Strengthening the role of the backbencher and making better use of non-legislative time: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 337-iv] [Mr Jack Straw].

16 Procedure.—Written Parliamentary Questions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee; to be printed [No. 336-ii] [Mr Greg Knight].
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17 Science and Technology,—(1) Government proposals for the regulation of hybrid and chimera embryos: Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 21st February [No. 272-I and -II]; and (2) Office of Science and Innovation: Scrutiny Report 2005 and 2006: Sixth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 203] [Mr Phil Willis].

18 Statutory Instruments,—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xiv] [Mr David Kidney].

19 Transport,—(1) Passengers’ Experience of Air Travel: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 435-i]; and (2) Interim Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report, Session 2006–07 on The Ports Industry in England and Wales: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

20 Treasury,—The 2007 Budget: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 389-ii] [John McFall].

21 Work and Pensions,—Autumn Performance Report: Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 432] [Mr Terry Rooney].

Wednesday 28th March 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 Tuesday 17th April, pursuant to Order [6th March];

[Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.]

Thursday 29th March 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 405].

2 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced that in the Deferred Division on Wednesday 28th March relating to the Motion on Immigration the number of Ayes had been erroneously reported as 342 and the number of Noes as 49, instead of 366 and 52 respectively, which were the correct numbers.

Whereupon the Deputy Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly, viz.: Ayes 366, Noes 52.

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—(Mr John Heppell);

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

4 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from David Cain, residents of Essex, Dorset and others for free postage for items sent by friends and families to members of HM Armed Forces stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 16th April, pursuant to Resolution [27th February];

[Adjourned at 5.32 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 (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Commons,—Commons Registration (General) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1032), dated 26th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Criminal Law,—Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Surcharge) (No 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1079), dated 29th March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

6 Housing,—Home Information Pack Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 992), dated 23rd March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


8 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 988), dated 23rd March 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Other Papers:

10 Communities and Local Government,—Government Response to the Report of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism [by Command] [Cm. 7059] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

11 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of CITB—Construction Skills for 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 403] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

12 Merchant Shipping,—Reports and Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for—

(1) 2004–05; and
(2) 2005–06,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 419 and 420] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


14 Transport,—Statement of Guarantee, dated 28th March 2007, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Waterways Board [by Act] [John Healey].

Papers withdrawn:

15 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 418), with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 28th March].
16 Road Traffic.—Draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 14th March].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Lyn Brown, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Susan Kramer, Steve McCabe, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Mark Prisk and Mr Neil Turner members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Sustainable Communities Bill.—The Speaker has appointed John Bercow as an additional Chairman of the Sustainable Communities Bill Committee.

3 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Vehicle Registration Marks Bill Committee.


5 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 76(3)) Order 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the Second Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Community Legal Service (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and draft Legal Aid (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007.—The Speaker has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations.

7 Draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Challen, Mr Philip Hollobone, Helen Jones, Daniel Kawczynski, Jane Kennedy, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Anne Main, Mr George Mudie, Mr Owen Paterson, Andrew Roudnell, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Andy Slaughter, Ian Stewart, Graham Stringer and Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Treasury.—(1) Financial inclusion: Government and other Responses to the Committee’s Twelfth and Thirteenth Reports of Session 2005–06 and the Committee’s First Report of Session 2006–07: Fourth Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 437]; and

(2) The 2007 Budget: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 389-iii]

[John McFall]
Monday 16th April 2007

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mental Health Bill [Lords].—The Mental Health Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

2 Mental Health 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 Mental Health Bill [Lords]—

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee
2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 15th May 2007.
3. The Public Bill 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—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

3 Mental Health Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Mental Health 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 Mental Health Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown in connection with the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other enactment out of money provided by Parliament—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

4 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

5 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007, which were laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

6 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2007, which were laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.
7 Emissions Trading Scheme: Inclusion 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. 5154/07, Draft Directive amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to include aviation activities in the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community; welcomes the work of the European Commission in developing proposals to address the climate change impacts of aviation; and supports the Government’s approach of pressing for the early inclusion of aviation into the Emissions Trading Scheme.—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 19th April, 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 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.—(Claire Ward.)

9 Sittings in Westminster Hall,—Ordered, That, on Thursday 3rd May, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Claire Ward.)

10 International Development,—Ordered, That John Barrett be discharged from the International Development Committee and Sir Robert Smith be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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

Tuesday 3rd April 2007

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Gambling Act 2005 (Commencement and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1157) [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7074] [Secretary John Reid].

3 Treaty Series (No. 6, 2007),—Convention, done at London on 20th July 2006, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains [Cm. 7069] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Treaty Series (No. 7, 2007),—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 [Cm. 7070] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Wednesday 4th April 2007

5 Human Rights,—Government Reply to the Third Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2006–07, on Legislative Scrutiny: Second Progress Report—Offender Management Bill [Cm. 7068] [Secretary John Reid].

6 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7075] [Secretary John Reid].

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 30th March 2007

7 Animals,—Cattle Identification (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1046), dated 27th March 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].


13 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Re-Rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1094), dated 29th March 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Dawn Primarolo]; and


Monday 2nd April 2007

16 Agriculture,—Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1084), dated 27th March 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].


Tuesday 3rd April 2007

18 Education,—(1) Education (Information About Children in Alternative Provision) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1065); and

dated 28th March 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Alan Johnson].


with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary David Miliband].

20 Equality,—Religion or Belief (Questions and Replies) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1038), dated 27th March 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

21 Immigration,—Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Prescribed Forms and Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1122), dated 28th March 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].

Wednesday 4th April 2007

23 Consumer Credit.—(1) Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1168); and
(2) Consumer Credit (Information Requirements and Duration of Licences and Charges) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1167), dated 31st March 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Darling].


30 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1161), dated 2nd April 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Thursday 5th April 2007


33 Legal Services Commission.—Criminal Defence Service (Funding) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1174), dated 3rd April 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Vera Baird].


Tuesday 10th April 2007

36 Education. — (1) Education (Independent Schools Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1087); and
dated 28th March 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Alan Johnson].

37 Police. — Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Constabulary (Specified Organisations) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1173), dated 3rd April 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].


40 Supreme Court of England and Wales. — Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Court Administration (Specified Organisations) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1176), dated 3rd April 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Reid].

Wednesday 11th April 2007

41 Constitutional Law. — (1) National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Staff to Assembly Commission Scheme) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1169); and
(2) National Assembly for Wales Commission (Crown Status) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1118),
dated 4th April 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Hain].

42 Copyright. — Parliamentary Copyright (National Assembly for Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1116), dated 4th April 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

Thursday 12th April 2007


44 Education. — Learning and Skills Council for England (Supplementary Functions) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1178), dated 3rd April 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 16th April 2007:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

46 Lord Chancellor. — Draft Lord Chancellor (Modification of Functions) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Vera Baird].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


48 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. — Scheme, dated 23rd February 2007, made by the Governing Body of Newnham College in the University of Cambridge amending the Scheme of the College [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:


50 Foreign and Commonwealth Office. — Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 16th April 2007, concerning the transfer of the FCO Historical Collection to King’s College London [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
51 Housing.—Account of Grants and Loans to the Housing Action Trusts for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 445] [Clerk of the House].

52 Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Account of Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 444] [Clerk of the House].

53 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Building for the future: Sustainable construction and refurbishment on the government estate; and
(2) Financial Management in the European Union [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 324 and 401] [Clerk of the House].

54 Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up).—Accounts of Northern Ireland Land Purchase for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 446] [Clerk of the House].

55 Police (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Office of the Oversight Commissioner for Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 447] [Clerk of the House].

56 Public Petitions.—Observations by—
(1) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on—
   (i) the petition [10th July 2006, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Willalla House, Canvey Island, Essex, for a full time warden at Willalla House;
   (ii) the petition [20th November] from the residents of Birmingham Road Aldridge for stronger protection for gardens in planning law; and
   (iii) the petition [20th February] from the residents of Oxfordshire against the current Council Tax Bands allocated to Guardian Court in Banbury;
(2) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [27th February] from 100 residents of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and nearby areas for the introduction of a requirement for companies registered in the UK to calculate and declare their carbon emissions to be included in any Climate Change Bill; and
(3) the Secretary of State for Transport on—
   (i) the petition [15th March] from residents of Port Solent, Portsmouth for the construction of acoustic barriers alongside the M27 in the local area;
   (ii) the petition [21st March] from residents of Higham Ferrers, Rushden and surrounding areas for measures to alleviate traffic congestion at the Chowns Mill interchange; and
   (iii) the petition [27th March] from residents of Dunstable and others for legislation to restrict the use of mini-motorbikes and unregistered off-road bikes in uncontrolled areas;

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

57 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, dated 2nd April 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

Papers withdrawn:

58 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Gambling Act 2005 (Commencement and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2007, [laid 2nd April].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Anderson from the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Jim Fitzpatrick.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government.—The Supply of Rented Housing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [47-vi] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
2 Education and Skills.—The Bologna Process: Fourth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 10th and 31st January [No. 205] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—British Waterways: Minutes of Evidence taken before the British Waterways Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 345–iv] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Transport.—The Eddington Transport Study: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 458-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 73.]

Tuesday 17th April 2007.

PRAYERS

1 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords],—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] Committee:
(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
(2) certain Memoranda.
Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.


3 Planning (Consultation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local planning authorities to consult or notify persons living outside their area about specified matters; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Mark Francois, Rob Marris, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Henry Bellingham and Mr David Clelland do prepare and bring it in.

4 Planning (Consultation) Bill,—Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger accordingly presented a Bill to require local planning authorities to consult or notify persons living outside their area about specified matters; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 90].

5 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.

Occupational Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has no confidence in the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s handling of occupational pensions—(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 ‘notes and welcomes the acts of this Chancellor and Government to tackle the legacy of pensions mis-selling, support occupational pensions through a Pension Protection Fund set up for the first time and a new Pensions Regulator, further support 125,000 people through the Financial Assistance Scheme whose occupational pensions were affected by employer insolvency, set out the long-term framework for pensions through the new Pensions Bill, including re-linking the uprating of the basic State Pension to average earnings, introduce a new scheme of low cost personal accounts and stakeholder pensions of which over three million have been created, remove the dividend tax credit, make reductions in corporation tax which have contributed to the 50 per cent. rise in business investment and helped the UK economy to grow in each of the last 39 quarters and introduce the winter fuel allowance, free television licences and the Pension Credit to provide an additional framework of support for today’s pensioners’, instead thereof.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Liz Blackman: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Mr Frank Roy: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 230.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes and welcomes the acts of this Chancellor and Government to tackle the legacy of pensions mis-selling, support occupational pensions through a Pension Protection Fund set up for the first time and a new Pensions Regulator, further support 125,000 people through the Financial Assistance Scheme whose occupational pensions were affected by employer insolvency, set out the long-term framework for pensions through the new Pensions Bill, including re-linking the uprating of the basic State Pension to average earnings, introduce a new scheme of low cost personal accounts and stakeholder pensions of which over three million have been created, remove the dividend tax credit, make reductions in corporation tax which have contributed to the 50 per cent. rise in business investment and helped the UK economy to grow in each of the last 39 quarters and introduce the winter fuel allowance, free television licences and the Pension Credit to provide an additional framework of support for today's pensioners.

6 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Nottingham and others for legislation to restore full pension entitlements to those who have lost their pensions 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 Ian Cawsey.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Paper:

2 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Pay Modernisation: A New Contract for NHS Consultants in England [by Act], to be printed [No. 335] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 and the draft Representation of the People (National Assembly for Wales) (Access to Election Documents) Regulations 2007, —The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Wayne David, Mr Roger Godsiff and Dr Doug Naysmith from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Chris Bryant, Ian Lucas and Mark Tami.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Accommodation for the new Supreme Court: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 465-i]; and (2) The new Ministry of Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 466-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport and Trade and Industry,—Ofcom Annual Plan 2007-08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport and Trade and Industry Committees; to be printed [No. 459-i] [Mr Peter Lilley].

3 Environmental Audit,—Beyond Stern: Forecasting, Cost-Effectiveness and Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 460-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Home Affairs,—Towards Effective Sentencing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 467-i] [Mr John Denham].

5 International Development,—(1) Sanitation and Water: (i) Sixth Report from the International Development Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 21st November and 16th January [No. 126-I and -II]; and (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; and (2) Fair trade and development: (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 356-iv]; and (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

Tuesday 17th April 2007.

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 18th April 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill.—Derek Conway reported from the Vehicle Registration Marks Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. The Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Friday 20th April. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 76(3)) Order 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Community Legal Service (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and the draft Legal Aid (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 Childcare Provision (Wales).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision in relation to childcare facilities in Wales; and for connected purposes: And that Chris Bryant, Jessica Morden, Julie Morgan, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Chris Ruane, Ian Lucas, Albert Owen, Alun Michael and Mr Wayne David do prepare and bring it in.

5 Childcare Provision (Wales) Bill.—Chris Bryant accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision in relation to childcare facilities in Wales; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 91].

6 Pensions Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 16th January 2007 (Pensions 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 7.00 p.m.—(James Purnell)

7 Pensions Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Pensions Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC38) (Financial assistance scheme: increased levels of payments)—(James Purnell)—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 Pensions Bill (Programme) (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Question on a new Clause selected for separate decision to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Clause (NC41) (Pensions Protection Lifeboat Fund)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Mr Dave Watts: 282.

Amendments (Nos. 19 to 21) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC7) (Performance of the Personal Accounts Delivery Authority)—(Mr NigelWaterson)—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 Evenett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Huw Irranca-Davies: 293.

Another Clause (NC28) (Certification scheme for carers)—(Mr David Laws)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

8 Draft Climate Change Bill (Joint Committee).—Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords Message of 27th March, that it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on the draft Climate Change Bill presented to both Houses on 13th March 2007 (Cm. 7040), and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 13th July 2007.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of twelve Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the draft Climate Change Bill.

That the Committee shall have power—

(i) to send for persons, papers and records;
(ii) to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;
(iii) to report from time to time;
(iv) to appoint specialist advisers; and
(v) to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom.

That Ms Celia Barlow, Mr David Chaytor, Helen Goodman, Nia Griffith, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr David Kidney, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Graham Stuart, Dr Desmond Turner, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Tim Yeo be members of the Committee.—(Claire Ward.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

9 Social Security.—Ordered, That the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 775), dated 8th March, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Claire Ward.)

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.25 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Ireland (No. 1, 2007).—Agreement, done at Dublin on 22nd March 2007, 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. 7078] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Northern Ireland.—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland; and
(2) the North Eastern Education and Library Board for 2005-06, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 413 and 412] [Mr Secretary Hain].
Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs on the Petition [21st March] from the Zacchaeus Trust 2000 against bailiffs' powers to force entry [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman of the Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Ed Balls, Mr Colin Breed, Sir John Butterfill, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr David Curry, James Duddridge, Mrs Louise Ellman, Meg Hillier, David Lepper, Mr Andrew Love, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Andy Reed, Mrs Linda Riordan and Sir Nicholas Winterton.

2 Mental Health Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Ann Coffey, Tim Loughton, Kerry McCarthy, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Rosindell, Claire Ward and Ms Rosie Winterton members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee.

3 Mental Health Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Frank Cook and Ann Winterton Chairmen of the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tim Boswell, Angela Browning, Chris Bryant, Ann Coffey, James Duddridge, Dr Ian Gibson, Sandra Gidley, Andrew Gwynne, Meg Hillier, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Kidney, Tim Loughton, Kerry McCarthy, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Dr Doug Naysmith, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Charles Walker, Claire Ward, Hywel Williams and Ms Rosie Winterton.

4 Draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 76(3)) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jamie Reed from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Gwynne.

5 Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) (Further Education) Regulations 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hugh Bayley Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Mr David Anderson, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Curry, Mr Bruce George, Mr John Hayes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Alan Milburn, Greg Mulholland, Bill Rammell, Mr Nick Raynsford, Angela Watkinson, Stephen Williams and Mr David Winnick.

6 Draft Community Legal Service (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and the draft Legal Aid (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Cousins, Dr Doug Henderson, Mr Andrew Love and Margaret Moran from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello, Mr David Kidney, Anne Snelgrove and Lynda Waltho.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 13139/05, relating to Conservation of the European Eel:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman of the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Rosie Cooper, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr James Gray, Mr Doug Henderson, Kate Hoey, Chris Huhne, Mr Andrew Love, Helen Southworth, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Dave Watts, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

8 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 8656/06 on Aviation Agreements.

9 The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 5282/07 and No. 5354/07 on An Energy Policy for Europe.
European Union Document No. 5422/07, relating to Limiting Global Climate Change,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee: Gregory Barker, Ms Celia Barlow, Jeremy Corbyn, Tony Cunningham, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Robert Goodwill, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Stewart Jackson, John McDonnell, Albert Owen and Ian Pearson.

European Union Documents No. 6801/07, No. 6802/07, No. 6803/07, No. 6804/07, No. 6805/07, No. 6806/07, No. 6807/07, No. 6808/07, No. 6809/07, No. 6810/07, No. 6811/07, No. 6812/07, No. 6813/07, No. 6814/07, No. 6815/07, No. 6816/07, No. 6817/07, No. 6818/07, Nos. 6819/07 and Corrigendum 1, No. 6820/07, No. 6821/07 and No. 6823/07, relating to Stability and Convergence Programmes, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid: Third Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 223-I and -II] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Education and Skills,—14-19 Diplomas: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 249-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Correspondence with Defra: Memoranda laid before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-xvii]; and (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Human Rights Annual Report 2006: Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 269]; (2) South Asia: Fourth Report from the Committee, with an Annex and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 55]; and (3) Visit to Turkey and Cyprus: Fifth Report from the Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 473] [Mike Gapes].

6 Human Rights,—Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 394-ii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Strengthening the role of the backbencher and making better use of non-legislative time: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 337-v] [Mr Jack Straw].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Draft Protocol for Community-based Restorative Justice Schemes: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 475]; (2) Political Developments in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 476]; and (3) Tourism in Northern Ireland and its Economic Impact and Benefits: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Sir Patrick Cormack].

9 Public Accounts,—Improving procurement in further education colleges in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 477-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
10 Science and Technology.—Space Policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee, to be printed [No. 66-vii] [Mr Phil Willis].

11 Treasury.—The 2007 Budget: Fifth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 389] [John McFall].

[No. 74; WH, No. 43]

Wednesday 18th April 2007.

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 5.37 p.m.

[No. 75.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Waging War (Parliament’s Role and Responsibility) Bill,—The Order for reading the Waging War (Parliament’s Role and Responsibility) Bill a second time on Friday 20th April was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

2 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Health and Safety (Offences) Bill be printed [Bill 58-EN].

3 Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 35th and the 43rd to the 63rd 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 Memorandum on these Reports (Cm. 6879, 6900, 6908, 6924, 6959, 6981 and 7017); and of the 1st to the 8th and the 10th Reports of the Committee of Session 2006–07, and of the Treasury Minutes and Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on these Reports (Cm. 7018, 7019, 7020 and 7035).—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

4 Adjournment (Marine environment),—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.

5 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Plymouth Alzheimer’s Society for the continued prescription of Alzheimer’s drug treatments to patients who can benefit from them 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 Ian Cawsey.) And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Savings Banks,—National Savings Bank (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1265), dated 18th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ed Balls].
Other Paper:

2 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [13th March] from constituents from the Isle of Arran opposed to replacement of Trident nuclear weapons against the current trident nuclear missile system and any plans to update or replace that system [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—The Supply of Rented Housing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [47-vii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Public Administration,—(1) Ethics and Standards: The Regulation of Conduct in Public Life: Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 121-1 and -II];

(2) Machinery of Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 479-i]; and

(3) Public services: putting people first: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 75; WH, No. 44]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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


And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 24th April.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.

[No. 76.]

Friday 20th April 2007.

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 Andrew Dismore moved, That this 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, Martin Linton, Mr Greg Knight: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Helen Jones, Mr Andrew Dismore: 54.

So the Question was negatived.

4 Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 3, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

‘2 In Part 1 of Schedule 1 (public authorities) after “House of Commons”, insert “but in relation to the House of Commons only in relation to information concerning the expenditure of any member of that House in execution of their public duties”.'
2A In Part 1 of Schedule 1 (public authorities) after “House of Lords”, insert “but in relation to the House of Lords only in relation to the information concerning the expenditure of any member that House in execution of their public duties.”. —(Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Simon Hughes, David Howarth: 6.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Knight, Richard Ottaway: 46.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 3, to leave out subsection (2). —(Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Simon Hughes, David Howarth: 6.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Adrian Bailey: 46.

And it being half-past Two o'clock, consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Friday 27th April.

5 Vehicle Registration Marks Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Vehicle Registration Marks Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

6 Local Planning Authorities (Energy and Energy Efficiency) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th January, That the Local Planning Authorities (Energy and Energy Efficiency) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 18th May.

7 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;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

8 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

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

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd April.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
PRAYERS

1 European Standing Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13139/05, Draft Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European Eel; recognises the long outstanding need to conserve and enhance the European eel stock; and approves the Government’s intention to vote for the adoption of this proposal, provided it makes suitable provision to allow for the restocking of glass eel to European inland waters.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.
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. 8656/06, Draft Decisions on the signature and provisional application and conclusion of the air transport agreement between the European Community and its Members States, on the one hand, and the United States of America, on the other hand; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on this document.

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 communicate that they have appointed a Committee of twelve Lords to join with the Committee appointed by this House to consider and report on the draft Climate Change Bill presented to both Houses on 13th March 2007 (Cm. 7040);

They have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee appointed by this House in the appointment of a Chairman;

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

That the Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;

That the Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;

That the evidence taken by the Committee shall, if the Committee so wishes, be published;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom;

They propose that the Committee meet with the Committee appointed by this House on Wednesday 25th April 2007 at Nine o’clock in the Boothroyd Room in Portcullis House;

And that, notwithstanding the Resolution of the House of 27th March, the date by which the Joint Committee is required to report should be 25th July 2007 rather than 13th July 2007.

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a second reading to the Finance Bill because it fails to equip the UK to compete in the globalised world economy in the face of ever increasing competition from countries such as China and India, penalises small companies with higher tax rates and a more complicated tax system, hits freelance workers with more tax bureaucracy and uncertainty, involves yet further instability and U-turns on pensions policy and does nothing to tackle the UK’s worsening pensions crisis, gives HM Revenue and Customs intrusive and disproportionate new powers of investigation, misses the opportunity to provide effective mechanisms for tackling climate change, fails to reform the UK tax law after years of erosion of its competitiveness, and fails to reverse the massive increase in complexity and instability which the Chancellor has inflicted on the tax system of the UK’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Robert Goodwill: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Jonathan Shaw: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That—

1. Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84, Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23, and new Clauses relating to microgeneration be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

2. the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Public Bill Committee; and

3. when the provisions of the Bill considered by the Committee of the whole House and the Public Bill Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be proceeded with as if it had been reported as a whole to the House from the Public Bill Committee.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

Committee to-morrow.

5 Criminal Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Amendment of Section 76(3)) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved—(Kevin Brennan)—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 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Representation of the People (National Assembly for Wales) (Access to Election Documents) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

7 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 26th March, be approved—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

8 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Community Legal Service (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 14th March, be approved—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

9 Immigration (Northern Ireland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Legal Aid (Asylum and Immigration Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 14th March, be approved—(Kevin Brennan)—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 25th April, the Speaker shall put Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Alexander relating to the Crossrail Bill not later than Four o’clock, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved.—(Kevin Brennan.)

11 Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill,—Ordered, That the Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Kevin Brennan.)

12 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Mr David Hamilton and Mr Jimmy Hood be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Kelvin Hopkins and Mr Bob Laxton be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (2) National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1269), dated 18th April 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

2. Agriculture,—Reports on Smallholdings in England for—
   (1) 2004–05; and
   (2) 2005–06 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].

3. European Communities (No. 3, 2007),—Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 25th June 2005, amending the Partnership Agreement between the Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23rd June 2000, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7080] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4. European Communities (No. 4, 2007),—Internal Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 10th April 2006, between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, amending the Internal Agreement of 18th September 2000 on measures to be taken and procedures to be followed for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7081] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5. European Communities (No. 5, 2007),—Internal Agreement, done at Brussels on 17th July 2006, between Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the financing of Community Aid under the multi-annual financial framework for the period 2008–2013 in accordance with the ACP–EC Partnership Agreement and on the allocation of financial assistance for the overseas countries and territories to which part four of the EC Treaty applies, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7082] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Helping individuals understand and complete their tax forms [by Act]; to be printed [No. 452] [Clerk of the House].

7. Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the South Eastern Education and Library Board for 2004–05, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 443] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on—
   (1) the Petition [13th December] from the residents of the Borough of Copeland and others throughout Cumbria for the retention of maternity services currently provided at the West Cumberland Hospital;
   (2) the Petition [19th December] from the residents of Hitchin and Harpenden against planned changes to NHS facilities in Hertfordshire; and
   (3) the Petition [28th March] from the residents of Otley and Wharfedale, the surrounding area, and others against the reduction in services at Wharfedale Hospital [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9. Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2006–07, on Human Enhancement Technologies [by Command] [Cm. 7088] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) (Further Education) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Adam Afriyie from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Rob Wilson.
European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 8656/06, relating to Aviation Agreements.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Bruce George and Mr Brooks Newmark from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Daniel Kawczynski, Gillian Merron, Mr Graham Stuart and Mr Tom Watson.

3 European Union Document No. 13139/05, relating to Conservation of the European Eel.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Doug Henderson, Kate Hoey, Rosie Cooper and Helen Southworth from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr David S. Borrow, Lyn Brown, Mr David Crausby and Mr Lindsay Hoyle.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Higher Education:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 285-vi]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—British Waterways: Minutes of Evidence taken before the British Waterways Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 345-v] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Fifth Progress Report: Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 490];
   (2) The human rights of older persons in healthcare: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 376-iii]; and
   (3) Mental Health Bill: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee: Memorandum laid before the Committee.
       [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Progressing Combat Identification: Twenty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 486];
   (2) Tax Credits: Twenty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 487];
   (3) The office accommodation of the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and its sponsored bodies: Twenty-third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 488];
   (4) Ofwat: Meeting the demand for Water: Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 286]; and
   (5) Helping newly registered businesses meet their tax obligations: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 489-i]
       [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 24th April 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords].—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords] Committee:

(1) certain Memoranda; and
(2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

Certain Memoranda (reported on 17th April and this day) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 96].

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

2 Mental Health Bill [Lords].—Frank Cook reported from the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee:

(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
(2) certain Memoranda.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 European Standing Committee.—Mr Joe Benton reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 5282/07, Commission Communication “An energy policy for Europe” and No. 5354/07, Commission Staff Working Document “EU energy policy data”; further notes the Government’s position on these documents; and agrees that the Commission’s Strategic Energy Review represents a helpful staging post towards an energy policy that will underpin our ambitions of addressing climate change, improving sustainability, enhancing energy security and increasing EU competitiveness.

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:

Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide for joint departments of the Houses of Parliament; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Palliative Care Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for palliative care for persons who are suffering from a terminal illness; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to impose duties upon certain persons and bodies in respect of disabled persons; to confer certain rights upon disabled persons for independent living; to amend the Mental Health Act 1983; to amend the Care Standards Act 2000; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Piped Music etc. (Hospitals) 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 to require the wearing of headphones by persons listening to music in the public areas of hospitals; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to transfer to Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners all rights, properties, assets and obligations of W3M Charitable Foundation, Whitehaven Development Company Limited and W3M (Trading) Limited; to dissolve those companies; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords].—The Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords] 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 Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 94: EN].
6 Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [Lords].—The Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 97].

7 Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

8 Carers (Identification and Support).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require health bodies to identify patients who are carers or who have a carer; to require identified carers to be referred to sources of help and support and to make further provision in relation to such arrangements; to make provision in relation to the responsibilities of local authorities and schools for the needs of young carers and their families; and for connected purposes: And that Barbara Keeley, John Bercow, Mr Paul Burstow, Annette Brooke, Dr Hywel Francis, Lady Hermon, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ms Sally Keeble, Lynda Waltho, Helen Goodman and Tony Baldry do prepare and bring it in.

9 Carers (Identification and Support) Bill.—Barbara Keeley accordingly presented a Bill to require health bodies to identify patients who are carers or who have a carer; to require identified carers to be referred to sources of help and support and to make further provision in relation to such arrangements; to make provision in relation to the responsibilities of local authorities and schools for the needs of young carers and their families; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 92].

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.

Modernising Medical Careers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House acknowledges the UK's exceptional history of medical training which has produced some of the best medical professionals in the world; supports medical training designed to improve patient care which is well implemented, flexible and applied in a way which ensures the necessary level of clinical experience; believes that these objectives have been undermined by poor planning, inadequate consultation and lamentable implementation; notes with particular concern the flawed electronic application process (MTAS) which has breached legitimate expectations that selection for entry to programmes must be open, fair and effective; regrets the lack of ministerial leadership for MTAS and the failure of the Government's review to deliver strategic solutions; accepts that training posts are competitive but believes that insufficient allowance has been made for the number of trainees coming through the Foundation years in addition to the Senior House Officer (SHO) route; calls on the Government to create additional training posts to allow transition for SHOs into specialty training in 2007, 2008 and 2009; deeply regrets the distress and loss of goodwill among junior doctors in training; and further calls on the Review Group led by Sir John Tooke to listen to the medical profession in reviewing the structure of Modernising Medical Careers to ensure that the original principles, including flexibility, are sustained and command the confidence of the medical profession—(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 international reputation for excellence of medical training in the UK; acknowledges the need to modernise medical careers to ensure all doctors are properly trained to nationally recognised standards, including a fairer and more transparent process for applying for specialist training; notes that Modernising Medical Careers (MMC) will deliver training to a consistently high standard which, combined with the expansion of the number of doctors, will provide high quality safe care by appropriate skilled medical staff; notes the wide consultation that took place on MMC and the strong support for the need to improve doctors' training amongst doctors' representatives including the medical royal colleges and the British Medical Association; welcomes the external review that is already being conducted into how MMC has worked to date and the changes made as a result; and supports the longer term review recently announced to ensure MMC works well in the future', 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 Mark Lancaster, Mr Robert Goodwill: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Frank Roy: 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 Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House recognises the international reputation for excellence of medical training in the UK; acknowledges the need to modernise medical careers to ensure all doctors are properly trained to nationally recognised standards, including a fairer and more transparent process for applying for specialist training; notes that Modernising Medical Careers (MMC) will deliver training to a consistently high standard which, combined with the expansion of the number of doctors, will provide high quality safe care by appropriate skilled medical staff; notes the wide consultation that took place on MMC and the strong support for the need to improve doctors’ training amongst doctors’ representatives including the medical royal colleges and the British Medical Association; welcomes the external review that is already being conducted into how MMC has worked to date and the changes made as a result; and supports the longer term review recently announced to ensure MMC works well in the future.

Future of Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that council tax has soared by 92 per cent. across England since 1997, with even higher increases in Wales due to the Government’s council tax revaluation; notes with concern proposals in the Chancellor’s town hall finances report for regular council tax revaluations, higher council tax bands and new taxes for the collection of household rubbish; observes that frontline services such as weekly rubbish collections, social services and libraries are under increasing pressure; and calls for local people to be given a greater say in the provision of local public services through democratically elected local government rather than unaccountable regional government—(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 the transformation in local government since 1997 and the dramatic improvements in performance across a wide range of front-line services; recognises the achievements of local authorities and their staff with a record number of authorities awarded three or four stars for their performance by the Audit Commission in 2006; contrasts this with the under-investment and poor morale that the Government inherited in 1997; applauds the Government’s radical and devolutionary local government White Paper as the next stage in the reform of local public services, strengthening local leadership and partnership working and empowering local communities; believes that the measures set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill will strongly promote sustainable communities, improving local environmental quality and the quality of life of local residents; congratulates the Government on the way in which it is providing stable funding for local government, increasing overall grants to councils by 39 per cent. in real terms since 1997 with the average council tax increase in England at 4.2 per cent. for 2007–08; and therefore supports the Government in implementing the White Paper and the Bill’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Ruth Kelly)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr Patrick McLoughlin rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Robert Goodwill: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Jonathan Shaw: 329.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Jonathan Shaw: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Robert Goodwill: 200.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House notes the transformation in local government since 1997 and the dramatic improvements in performance across a wide range of front-line services, recognises the achievements of local authorities and their staff with a record number of authorities awarded three or four stars for their performance by the Audit Commission in 2006; contrasts this with the under-investment and poor morale that the Government inherited in 1997; applauds the Government’s radical and devolutionary local government White Paper as the next stage in the reform of local public services, strengthening local leadership and partnership working and empowering local communities; believes that the measures set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill will strongly promote sustainable communities, improving local environmental quality and the quality of life of local residents; congratulates the Government in implementing the White Paper and the Bill.

11 Conservation of the European Eel,—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. 13139/05, Draft Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel; recognises the long outstanding need to conserve and enhance the European eel stock; and approves the Government’s intention to vote for the adoption of this proposal, provided it makes suitable provision to allow for the restocking of glass eel to European inland waters—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

12 Aviation Agreements,—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. 8656/06, Draft Decisions on the signature and provisional application and conclusion of the air transport agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the United States of America, on the other hand; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on this document—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

13 Adjournment (May),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 3rd May 2007, do adjourn till Tuesday 8th May 2007—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

14 Draft Climate Change Bill (Joint Committee),—Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords Message of 23rd April, relating to the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons appointed to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 8656/06, Draft Decisions on the signature and provisional application and conclusion of the air transport agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the United States of America, on the other hand; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on this document—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

15 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 four minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Landlord and Tenant,—(1) Administration Charges (Summary of Rights and Obligations) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1258); and

(2) Service Charges (Summary of Rights and Obligations, and Transitional Provision) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1257),
dated 16th April 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
Other Papers:

2 Aviation and Maritime Security.—Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 during 2006 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

3 Aviation Security.—Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Aviation Security Act 1982, as amended by the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990, during 2006 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

4 Channel Tunnel (Security).—Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 during 2006 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

5 Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise).—Report to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry by the Regulator of Community Interest Companies for 2005–06 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 24th April 2007, concerning the gifting of surplus defence equipment to the Sultan of Oman’s Armed Forces [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

7 Railways.—Report on the number of notices served, instructions given and enforcement notices served under the Railways Act 1993 during 2006 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

APPENDIX II
General Committees

European Standing Committees

European Union Documents No. 5282/07 and No. 5354/07, relating to Energy Policy for Europe:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Documents, in place of Janet Anderson; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Alan Simpson from Committee and nominated in substitution Barbara Keeley and Helen Southworth.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—(1) Information and Communication Technology Services for Members:
(ii) Second Report from the Administration Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 498]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; and

(2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 24th April; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government.—Equality: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 468-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Freedom of Information Follow-up: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 415-ii]; and
(2) The Public Guardianship Office: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 497-i]
[Mr Alan Beith].

4 Culture, Media and Sport.—Public Service Media Content: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 316-iv] [Mr John Whittingdale].

(2) Strategic Lift:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 462-i]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(3) UK Operations in Afghanistan:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 408-iii]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Environmental Audit,—Beyond Stern: Forecasting, Cost-Effectiveness and Climate Change:
   Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed
   [No. 460-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Home Affairs,—Future of the Home Office: Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the
   Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 499-i] [Mr John Denham].

8 International Development,—(1) DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People
   And Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border: Memoranda laid before the International
   Development Committee; to be published; and
   (2) Vietnam: DFID’s Country Programme: Memorandum laid before the Committee;
   to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Better Skills for Manufacturing: Fifth Report from the Trade and
   Industry Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee
   relating to the Report [No. 493];
   (2) Local Energy–Turning Consumers into Producers: Government Response to the
   Committee’s First Report of Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the
   Committee; to be printed [No. 494]; and
   (3) Recent developments in Airbus: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee;
   to be printed [No. 427-ii] [Mr Peter Luff].

10 Treasury,—The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: ten years on: Minutes of
    Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 299-iii] [John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed
   [No. 281-vii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 78; WH, No. 45]

Tuesday 24th April 2007.

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.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill (changed to Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill).—David Taylor reported from the Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make provision in relation to funding limits in respect of building societies; to provide consequential rights to building society members; and to make provision in connection with the transfer of the business of certain mutual societies.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Friday 27th April; and to be printed [Bill 95].

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Hugh Bayley reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) (Further Education) Regulations 2007.

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

3 Drugs (Reclassification and Roadside Testing).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the reclassification of cannabis; to make provision for the roadside testing of illegal drugs; and for connected purposes—(Mr Christopher Chope).

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 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 Christopher Chope, Mr James Clappison, David T. C. Davies, Philip Davies, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mike Penning, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr David Wilshire and Ann Winterton do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 Drugs (Reclassification and Roadside Testing) Bill.—Mr Christopher Chope accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the reclassification of cannabis; to make provision for the roadside testing of illegal drugs; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th May and to be printed [Bill 93].

5 Crossrail Bill [Instruction] (No. 5).—Ordered, 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 provision of a station at Woolwich, in the London Borough of Greenwich;
(b) realignment of the running tunnels at or in the vicinity of the proposed Woolwich Station;
(c) works associated with the realignment mentioned in paragraph (b) above:
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 by paragraph (1) above 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 ends on a day on which the House does not sit, not later than the fifth day on which the House next sits, and
(b) it is one in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents.

(3) that, in their 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 2006] and paragraph 2(a) of Instruction (No. 4) [31st October 2006] shall have effect as if for the words from ‘that period’ to the end there were substituted ‘ends on a day on which the House does not sit, not later than the fifth day on which the House next sits’.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr Tom Harris.)
6 Broads Authority Bill.—The Broads Authority Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Kevin Brennan);

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.—(Kevin Brennan)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Quality and Safety) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Human Tissue,—Draft Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1305), dated 24th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:


5 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc),—Fifteenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 478] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Ninth and Eleventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7076] [John Healey].

7 Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 491] [Clerk of the House].

8 Treaty Series (No. 8, 2007),—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 [by Command] [Cm. 7089] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Finance Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Eric Illesly Chairmen of the Finance Bill Committee.

2 Mental Health Bill [Lords],—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg as an additional Chairman of the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee.

3 Sustainable Communities Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings as an additional Chairman of the Sustainable Communities Bill Committee.

4 Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) (Further Education) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Chaytor and Andrew Mackinlay from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Huw Irranca-Davies, Alan Simpson and Ian Stewart.
European Standing Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 5422/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 on Limiting Global Climate Change.

6 European Union Documents No. 7863/07, No. 7864/07, No. 7865/07, No. 7866/07 and No. 7867/07, relating to Stability and Convergence Programmes, have been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Documents No. 6801/07, No. 6802/07, No. 6803/07, No. 6804/07, No. 6805/07, No. 6806/07, No. 6807/07, No. 6808/07, No. 6809/07, No. 6812/07, No. 6813/07, No. 6814/07, No. 6815/07, No. 6816/07, No. 6817/07, No. 6818/07, No. 6819/07 and Corrigendum 1, No. 6820/07, No. 6821/07 and No. 6823/07, relating to Stability and Convergence Programmes, already referred to the Committee on 18th April 2007.

7 European Union Document No. 7124/07, relating to EU Development Policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—14–19 Diplomas: Fifth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 17th, 22nd and 31st January [No. 249] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 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. 41-xviii];

(2) European enforcement order and the transfer of sentenced persons: Nineteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-xix]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

3 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Global Security: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 495-i]; and

(2) Miscellaneous Matters: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 501] [Mike Gapes].

4 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Dr Desmond Turner reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill, That Lord Puttnam had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

5 Public Accounts,—Heritage Lottery Fund: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 502-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

6 Science and Technology,—Chairman of the Natural Environment Research Council: Introductory Hearing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 471-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xv] [David Maclean].

8 Trade and Industry,—Implementation of the Report of the Women and Work Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 484].

9 Transport,—(1) Transport for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: The Draft Transport Plan: Olympic Delivery Authority Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Sixth Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 484];

(2) Department for Transport Annual Report 2006: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 485]; and

(3) Passengers’ Experience of Air Travel: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 435-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
10 Treasury,—Progress on the efficiency programme in the Chancellor’s departments: Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 483-i] [Mr John McFall].


(2) Social Fund:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 464-i]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 79; WH, No. 46]

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 4.56 p.m.]

[No. 80.]
Thursday 26th April 2007.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mental Health Bill [Lords],—Miss Anne Begg reported certain Memoranda from the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee.
Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:
The Lords have come to the following Resolution to which the Lords 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 Human Tissue and Embryos Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and that the Committee should report on any draft Bill by 25th July.

3 Housing Association (Rights and Representation of Residents) Bill,—The Order for reading the Housing Association (Rights and Representation of Residents) Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15th June.

4 Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for further considering the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to-morrow was read and discharged.
Bill to be further considered on Friday 18th May.

5 Adjournment (Defence in the UK),—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.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Kevin Brennan.)
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. Customs.—Export Control (North Korea) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1334), dated 25th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

4. Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of Enterprise Ulster for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 449] [Mr Secretary Hain].

5. 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, dated 25th April 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1. Constitutional Affairs.—The new Ministry of Justice: Memoranda laid before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be published [Mr Alan Beith].

2. Health.—(1) The Electronic Patient Record: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-4]; and

   (2) National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE): Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 503-II]
   [Mr Kevin Barron].

3. Public Administration.—Public services: putting people first: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, to be printed [No. 251-vi] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 80; WH, No. 47]

Thursday 26th April 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (How fair are the fares? Train fares and ticketing—Sixth Report of the Transport Committee, Session 2005–06, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 1st May.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), 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 Financial Services Authority,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General of a review under section 12 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.—(Kevin Brennan.)

4 Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill (changed from Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill),—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill (changed from Financial Mutuals Arrangements Bill), as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Electric Shock Training Devices Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Shock Training Devices Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question, That the Bill be now read a second time, was put and negatived.

6 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Safety (Offences) 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, Kevin Brennan, Liz Blackman: 20.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Angela Watkinson: 3.

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

7 Streetscape and Highways Design Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Streetscape and Highways Design 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, Angela Watkinson, Mr Robert Goodwill: 10.

Tellers for the Noes.: Liz Blackman, Steve McCabe: 10.

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

8 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

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

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit twenty-three minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 30th April.

[Adjourned at 2.37 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Bovine Semen (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1319), dated 17th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


3 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1280), dated 19th April 2007 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Veterinary Surgeons,—Veterinary Surgery (Artificial Insemination) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1315), dated 24th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Paper:

5 Financial Services and Markets,—Review under section 12 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 500] [Ed Balls].
Monday 30th April 2007

PRAYERS

1 European Standing Committee,—Janet Anderson reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5422/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication: Limiting Global Climate Change to 2 degrees Celsius—the way ahead for 2020 and beyond; endorses the Government’s support for the ambitious reduction targets that the EU has put forward and supports the Government’s objective of ensuring that European policy on climate change continues to demonstrate the leadership that is necessary to galvanise the international community to work towards a global and comprehensive post 2012 agreement.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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:

London Local Authorities Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London; and for related purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

4 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill,—The Order for reading the Health and Safety (Offences) Bill a second time this day was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

5 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill,—Ordered, That the Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

6 Streetscape and Highways Design Bill,—The Order for reading the Streetscape and Highways Design Bill a second time this day was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15th June.

7 Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84, Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23, and new Clauses relating to microgeneration).

(Received 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. 3, 1, 7 and 8; Schedule No. 1; Clauses Nos. 25 and 67; Schedule No. 18; Clauses Nos. 12 and 81 to 83; Schedule No. 22; Clause No. 84; Schedule No. 23; Clauses Nos. 20 and 21; and new Clauses relating to microgeneration. (John Healey.)

Clause No. 3 (Small companies’ rates and fractions for financial year 2007).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 257.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 138.

Clause No. 1 (Charge and rates for 2007–08).

Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 1, line 6, to leave out ‘10%’ and insert ‘0%’.—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

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

The Chairman, being of the opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendment proposed thereto, put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 68 (Debate on clause or schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.—It was agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 7 and 8 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Managed service companies).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 17, line 15, to leave out from the word ‘Schedule’ to the end and insert the words ‘shall come into force on a date which the Treasury shall by Order made by statutory instrument appoint.

(3) No Order shall be made under subsection (2) unless the Treasury has compiled and laid before the House of Commons a report on the likely consequences of bringing into force the provisions contained in Schedule 3.

(4) A report under subsection (3) shall in particular include the Treasury’s assessment of the implications for—

(a) the overall level of tax revenues accruing to the Exchequer;
(b) the cost impact and regulatory burden of the measure;
(c) the United Kingdom labour market;
(d) the competitiveness of the United Kingdom economy and the encouragement of enterprise.’.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mr John Heppell: 265.

Clause agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Liz Blackman.)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Liz Blackman reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that she was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

8 Disabled Persons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) (Further Education) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 22nd March, be approved—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

9 Energy Policy for Europe,—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. 5282/07, Commission Communication “An energy policy for Europe” and No. 5354/07, Commission Staff Working Document “EU energy policy data”; further notes the Government’s position on these documents, and agrees that the Commission’s Strategic Energy Review represents a helpful staging post towards an energy policy that will underpin the Government’s ambitions of addressing climate change, improving sustainability, enhancing energy security and increasing EU competitiveness—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Lisa Gilliham, Benfleet commuters and others for the installation of security measures at Benfleet rail station 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—(Liz Blackman);

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.—(Liz Blackman)

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

[Adjourned at 10.18 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Lands Tribunal,—Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 255), dated 20th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


Other Papers:

7. Broadcasting,—Report and Financial Statements of Channel Four Television Corporation for 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8. Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 30th April 2007, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2008 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9. Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7091] [Mr Stephen Timms].

10. Public Petitions,—Observations by—
    (1) the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Petition [8th March] from residents of Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire and others for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the proposed closure of the last bank in the area; and
    (2) the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petitions—
        (i) [15th March] from residents and citizens of the town of Cheadle in Staffordshire for the re-establishment of two on-call fire appliances in Cheadle; and
        (ii) [15th March] from residents and citizens of the village of Whiston in Staffordshire against the planning application for an extension to Moneystone quarry
    [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11. Reserve Forces,—Amendment 31 to the Territorial Army Regulations [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

    (i) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 438] [Mr Stephen Timms];
    (ii) the Electoral Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 441] [The Speaker];
    (iii) the House of Commons: Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 448] [The Speaker]; and
    (iv) the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 440] [Mr Alan Williams]; and
    (2) Central Government Supply Estimates 2007–08; Supplementary Budgetary Information [by Command] [Cm. 7079] [Mr Stephen Timms].

13. Transport,—Report and Accounts of the Strategic Rail Authority for the period 1st April to 30th November 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 451] [Mr Secretary Alexander].
APPENDIX II

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 5422/07, relating to Limiting Global Climate Change.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Ian Davidson, John McDonnell and Albert Owen from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Dr Brian Iddon, Andrew Miller, Mr Chris Mullin, and Mr Gordon Prentice.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts.—(1) Update on PFI debt refinancing and the PFI equity market: Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 158];

(2) Progress in tackling pensioner poverty: encouraging take-up of entitlements: Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 169]; and

(3) Pay modernisation in the NHS: the impact of the new consultants’ contract: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 506-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 83.]

Tuesday 1st May 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Mental Health Bill [Lords],—Frank Cook reported certain Memoranda from the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee of Session 2005–06 be laid upon the Table.

4 Public Accounts,—Ordered. That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2005–06 be laid upon the Table.

5 Young Offenders (Provision of Speech Therapy),—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the provision of speech and language therapy for young offenders; and for connected purposes: And that John Bercow, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Richard Benyon, Angela Browning, Mr Tom Clarke, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Bob Russell, Mr Ben Wallace, Hywel Williams, Sir George Young and Mr Geoffrey Cox do prepare and bring it in.

6 Young Offenders (Provision of Speech Therapy) Bill,—John Bercow accordingly presented a Bill to require the provision of speech and language therapy for young offenders; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 98].

7 Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84, Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23, and new Clauses relating to microgeneration).
(In the Committee)

Clause No. 67 (Abolition of contributions relief for life assurance premium contributions).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Dave Watts: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Simon Burns: 145.

Schedule No. 18 (Pension schemes: abolition of relief for life assurance premium contributions etc).

Amendments (Nos. 6 to 9) made to the Bill.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Rates of air passenger duty).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 8, line 22, to leave out the words ‘1st February’ and insert the words ‘21st March’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Quentin Davies: 29.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Huw Irranca-Davies: 260.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 8, line 29, at the end to add the words—

‘(7) This section shall come into force on a day which the Treasury may by Order appoint.

(8) No order may be made under subsection (7) unless the Treasury has compiled and laid before the House of Commons a report containing an assessment of the impact of air passenger duty on the objective of reducing carbon emissions, and including an analysis of the comparative effectiveness in meeting that objective of the taxation of air passengers, on the one hand, and of aircraft according to their emissions levels, on the other.’.—(Dr Vincent Cable.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 81 (Criminal investigations: powers of Revenue and Customs).

Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 56, line 7, to leave out the word ‘thinks’ and insert the words ‘has reasonable grounds for believing’.—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 56, line 47, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2B) Any power or function conferred by a provision of this Act shall, so far as it is exercisable by an officer of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, only be exercised by an officer who has been duly authorised for that purpose by the Board of HMRC and who has been properly trained and supervised.

(2C) For the purposes of subsection (2B), what constitutes “properly trained and supervised” shall be decided by the Board of HMRC with the approval of the responsible Minister.

(2D) Subject to subsection (2E), the number of officers authorised under subsection (2B) shall not exceed 500 at any one time.

(2E) The Treasury may by order amend the number of officers mentioned in subsection (2D).

(2F) The annual report of HMRC shall include an analysis of the use made by officers of HMRC of the powers or functions conferred on them by this Act. The report shall
cover the frequency of use of the relevant powers or functions and the circumstances in which they were invoked.

(2G) The report mentioned in subsection (2F) shall also include an analysis of the use made by officers of HMRC of the equivalent powers and functions in Northern Ireland and Scotland.’—(Mr Mark Francois.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 57, line 12, at the end to add the words—

‘(12) Any power of arrest conferred by a provision of this Act as it amends section 114 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 shall, so far as it is exercisable by an officer of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, only be exercised by an officer or officers serving in the Criminal Investigation Directorate of HMRC.’.—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Robert Goodwill: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Jonathan Shaw: 279.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 82 and 83 agreed to.

Schedule No. 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 84 agreed to.

Schedule No. 20 (Income tax exemption for domestic microgeneration).

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 15, line 10, to leave out sub-paragraph (b).—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84 and Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23), as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Kevin Brennan reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84 and Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23), and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84 and Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23), as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Chelsworth Drive and Tuam Drive in the London Borough of Greenwich for legislation to require the clearance of Japanese knotweed;

(2) members of the 5 Parishes Opposition Group and others against the expansion of the Kent Science Park; and

(3) Eddie Stacey, residents of Canvey Island, Benfleet and others for full public consultation on proposals for the reorganisation of health care on Canvey Island were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Respect the Unity Coalition against the privatisation of healthcare and for increased resources for the NHS; and

(2) Sussex Action for Peace for the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Kevin Brennan.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 National Health Service,—Health Service Medicines (Information Relating to Sales of Branded Medicines etc.) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1320), dated 19th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—New media and the creative industries: Fifth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 69-I and -II] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Beyond Stern: Forecasting, Cost-Effectiveness and Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 460-iii]; and

(2) Government Response to the Committee’s First Report on the UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Home Affairs,—A Surveillance Society?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 508-i] [Mr John Denham].

4 Science and Technology,—(1) Investigating the Oceans:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 470-i]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;

(2) Identity Card Technologies: Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence: Follow-up: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) Office of Science and Innovation Scrutiny 2006: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Phil Willis].

5 Treasury,—Financial inclusion follow-up: saving for all and shorter term saving products: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 504-i] [John McFall].
Tuesday 1st May 2007.

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 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 84.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to confer further powers upon Transport for London; and for related purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Lords agree to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 100].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill be printed [Bill 100-EN].

3 Transport for London Bill [Lords],—The Transport for London Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

4 Town and Country Planning Acts (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to broaden the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman to include certain disputes arising from planning permission granted by local government authorities to cover below-ground utilities; and to require development plans submitted to relevant local authorities to include provision for below-ground utilities; And that John Mann, Jessica Morden, Natascha Engel, Helen Southworth, Stephen Pound, Clive Efford, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Kevan Jones, Christine Russell and Bob Spink do prepare and bring it in.

5 Town and Country Planning Acts (Amendment) Bill,—John Mann accordingly presented a Bill to broaden the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman to include certain disputes arising from planning permission granted by local government authorities to cover below-ground utilities; and to require development plans submitted to relevant local authorities to include provision for below-ground utilities; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 99].

6 Protection of Critical Infrastructure,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 16932/06, Commission Communication on a European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection, and No. 16933/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Draft Council Directive on the identification and designation of European Critical Infrastructure and the assessment of the need to improve their protection; and supports the Government’s intention to secure adoption of these documents in Council, subject to a satisfactory resolution of outstanding concerns—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents)—It was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 16932/06, Commission Communication on a European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection, and No. 16933/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Draft Council Directive on the identification and designation of European Critical Infrastructure and the assessment of the need to improve their protection; and supports the Government’s intention to secure adoption of these documents in Council, subject to a satisfactory resolution of outstanding concerns.

7 Welfare Reform Bill (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 Welfare Reform Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 24th July 2006 and 12th October 2006 in the last Session of Parliament and 9th January 2007 (Welfare Reform Bill (Programme), Welfare Reform Bill (Programme) (No. 2) and Welfare Reform 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 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 Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.

8 Welfare Reform Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Welfare Reform Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 55 were agreed to.

9 Adjournment (Sri Lanka).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr Kim Howells);

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

10 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill (Joint Committee).—Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords Message of 26th April, that it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 25th July 2007.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill.

That the Committee shall have power—

(i) to send for persons, papers and records;
(ii) to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;
(iii) to report from time to time;
(iv) to appoint specialist advisers, 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, Ms Katy Clark, Dr Ian Gibson, Robert Key, Chris Mole, Dr Doug Naysmith, Geraldine Smith, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Phil Willis be members of the Committee.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.27 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   (2) Education (Excluded Days of Detention) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1304), dated 19th April 2007; and
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Industrial and Provident Societies,—Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 226), dated 6th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


Other Papers:

5 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Report of an inspection of Northern Ireland Alternatives with a view to accreditation under the Government’s Protocol for Community Based Restorative Justice [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the North/South Language Body—
   (1) for 2002; and
   (2) for 2003,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 461 and 482] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Social Security Administration,—Report of 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, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1331) [by Command] [Cm. 7073] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84, Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23, and new Clauses relating to microgeneration)—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-four Members to serve on the Finance Bill Committee: Adam Afriyie, Ed Balls, Mr Colin Breed, Kevin Brennan, Lyn Brown, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, James Duddridge, Mr Philip Dunne, Natascha Engel, Mr David Evennett, Mr Robert Fidello, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, Helen Goodman, John Healey, John Hemming, Stephen Hesford, Mr Mark Hoban, Stewart Hosie, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ms Sally Keeble, Ian Lucas, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Jim McGovern, Rob Marris, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Stephen Timms, Kitty Ussher, Mrs Theresa Villiers and Mr Iain Wright.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, Mr James Clappison, Ann Clwyd, Mr Stephen Crabb, James Duddridge, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Mike Hall, Mr John Heppell, Kate Hoey, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, John McDonnell, Mr George Mudie, James Purnell, Mr David Ruffley and Jim Sheridan.

3 Draft Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Corresponding Amendments) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hugh Bayley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Tom Brake, Mr Ian Davidson, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Philip Dunne, Michael Fabricant, Mr Christopher Fraser, Michael Gove, Mr Doug Henderson, David Lepper, Mr Elliot Morley, Meg Munn, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Dan Rogerson, Jonathan Shaw, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough) and Mr Paul Truswell.

4 Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 320):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Colin Challen, Jon Cruddas, Jeff Ennis, Mr David Gauke, Mr Greg Hands, Mr John Heppell, Mr Adam Holloway, Eric Joyce, Mr Fraser Kemp, Susan Kramer, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mrs Anne McGuire, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Nick Raynsford, Andrew Selous and Graham Stringer.

European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 7124/07 and Addendum 1, relating to EU Development Policy:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Mr Simon Burns, Harry Cohen, Jim Cousins, Tony Cunningham, Lynne Featherstone, Helen Jones, Mr Greg Knight, Tom Levitt, Anne Main, Albert Owen, Mark Simmonds and Mr Gareth Thomas.

6 European Union Document No. 6192/07, relating to Diplomatic and Consular Protection of Citizens in Third Countries,—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 Simon Burns, Jeremy Corbyn, Tony Cunningham, Paul Flynn, Mr Geoffrey Hoon, Mark Hunter, Mr Michael Moore, John Penrose, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Lee Scott, Alison Seabeck and Mr Marsha Singh.

7 European Union Document No. 6238/07 and Addendum 1 and Corrigendum 1, relating to Competition: Retail Banking,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Ed Balls, Mr Nicholas Brown, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Vincent Cable, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Evennett, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Mark Hoban, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Daniel Kawczynski, Robert Neill, Mr Andy Reed and Mr Dennis Skinner.

8 European Union Document No. 8179/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Fisheries by-catches and discards, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

9 European Union Document No. 7371/07 and Addenda 1 to 4, relating to the Simplification of legislation on transport rates and food hygiene, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

10 European Union Document No. 8322/07 and Addendum 1, relating to the European Research Area, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 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. 41-x]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee: to be published
   [Michael Connarty].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Iran: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 496-i] [Mike Gapes].

3 Health,—Audiology Services: Fifth Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 8th March [No. 392] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Transport,—Roads Policing and Technology: Getting the Right Balance: Correspondence laid before the Transport Committee; to be published [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 Work and Pensions,—(1) Benefits Simplification:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 463-ii]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (2) Autumn Performance Report: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published, and
   (3) Jobcentre Plus: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 84; WH, No. 49]


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 Tuesday 8th May, pursuant to Order [16th April].

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]

PRAYERS.

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

2 Adjournment (Policing in London).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tony McNulty);
   And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Six o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 8th May, pursuant to Resolution [24th April].

[Adjourned at 6 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—(1) Collaboration Arrangements (Maintained Schools and Further Education Bodies) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1321);
   (2) School Governance (Parent Council) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1330); and
   dated 25th April 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


3 Social Security,—Housing Benefit (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1356), dated 26th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Other Papers:

5 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Good Governance—Effective Relationships between Departments and their Arm’s Length Bodies [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 469] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on—
   (1) the Petition [26th March] from Janet R Rendle and residents of the town of Tiverton, Devon, and neighbouring parishes for the reinstatement of the night time small injuries unit at Tiverton Hospital;
   (2) the Petition [26th March] from Roger William Boote and residents of the town of Honiton, Devon, and neighbouring parishes for the reinstatement of the night time small injuries unit at Honiton Hospital; and
   (3) the Petition [28th March] from residents of Ilford North against the reduction in services and the possible closure of King George’s Hospital [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

PRAYERS

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

3 Mental Health Bill [Lords].—Frank Cook reported certain Memoranda from the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (S.I., 2007, No. 775).

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

5 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. 7124/07 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication, EU Code of Conduct on Division of Labour in Development Policy, and welcomes proposals to lower the transaction costs for developing countries and increase the effectiveness of providing aid.

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 communicate that they have appointed a Committee of nine Lords to join with the Committee appointed by this House to consider and report on any draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and to report on the draft Bill by 25th July 2007:

They have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee appointed by this House 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;

That the quorum of the Committee be two; and

That the reports of the Committee from time to time shall be printed, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House.

7 Opposition Day [10th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Action on Climate Change,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls on the Government to set targets for carbon emissions informed by science and not political convenience which will help to hold global warming to within two degrees of pre-industrial levels; recognises that the best current estimate is that this requires stabilisation at between 400 and 450 parts per million of carbon dioxide equivalent in the atmosphere; and urges Ministers to inject a new sense of urgency into efforts at home by setting out an annual action plan to curb the UK’s own carbon emissions, establishing a climate change committee of the Cabinet to ensure joined up government, tackling quickly the most rapidly growing emissions in the transport sector by a more steeply graduated vehicle excise duty and a rebasing of air passenger duty onto the emissions of each flight, offset by other tax cuts, speeding up the effort to curb the waste of energy and the high emissions from buildings not just by raising thermal efficiency requirements in new homes but also by renovating existing homes, changing
the incentives on energy companies so that they make more money by saving and not selling more energy, providing comprehensive insulation packages funded mainly by energy mortgages repayable through utility bills and setting an example by ensuring that all future buildings on the Government’s own estate are built to the highest energy efficiency standards—(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 publication of the draft Climate Change Bill, which will make the UK the first country in the world to establish a long term legal framework for managing the transition to a low carbon economy, setting ambitious binding targets to cut carbon emissions by 26 to 32 per cent. from the 1990 level by 2020 and at least 60 per cent. by 2050, which can be revised in light of significant developments in international policy and climate science, and establishing an independent Committee on Climate Change to advise on setting statutory five year carbon budgets and to report to Parliament annually on progress; further welcomes the Government’s comprehensive approach to reducing emissions from all sectors of the economy and the proposals in the energy review to cut carbon emissions by up to a further 25 million tonnes of carbon per year by 2020; recognises that home energy use for heating, lighting and appliances accounts for more than a quarter of domestic UK carbon emissions; applauds the Government’s proposals to improve building standards so that from 2016 all new housing developments must be zero carbon, recognises the Government’s commitment to improving the energy efficiency of existing homes and tackling fuel poverty through Warm Front and the Energy Efficiency Commitment; welcomes the Budget 2007 report statement that by the end of the next decade all households will have been offered help to introduce energy efficiency measures; and looks forward to further development of policies in this area’, instead thereof.—(Jon Pearson.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question,
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Roger Williams: 59.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Dave Watts: 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 welcomes publication of the draft Climate Change Bill, which will make the UK the first country in the world to establish a long term legal framework for managing the transition to a low carbon economy, setting ambitious binding targets to cut carbon emissions by 26 to 32 per cent. from the 1990 level by 2020 and at least 60 per cent. by 2050, which can be revised in light of significant developments in international policy and climate science, and establishing an independent Committee on Climate Change to advise on setting statutory five year carbon budgets and to report to Parliament annually on progress; further welcomes the Government’s comprehensive approach to reducing emissions from all sectors of the economy and the proposals in the energy review to cut carbon emissions by up to a further 25 million tonnes of carbon per year by 2020; recognises that home energy use for heating, lighting and appliances accounts for more than a quarter of domestic UK carbon emissions; applauds the Government’s proposals to improve building standards so that from 2016 all new housing developments must be zero carbon, recognises the Government’s commitment to improving the energy efficiency of existing homes and tackling fuel poverty through Warm Front and the Energy Efficiency Commitment; welcomes the Budget 2007 report statement that by the end of the next decade all households will have been offered help to introduce energy efficiency measures; and looks forward to further development of policies in this area.

Mental Health Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned that despite mental illness affecting one in six adults in the UK the proportion of NHS spending allocated to mental health has decreased in the last 10 years, despite the growing burden on the disability benefit system and criminal justice system of dealing with mental illness; recognises that historic under-funding of mental health services has been exacerbated by the Government’s top-slicing of budgets in order to bring the NHS out of deficit; notes the damaging impact that this has had on providing access to mental health services, with particular regard to the unacceptably poor state of many acute mental health wards in providing appropriate settings for the treatment of children and young people, addressing the race inequalities in the mental health system and improving patient safety through, for example, the eradication of mixed sex wards; further notes the warning in last year’s Health Select Committee Report on NHS deficits that cuts in mental health services are simply unacceptable; calls on the Government to
deliver on its promise to ensure that trusts whose budgets were top-sliced in the last financial year will get their money back this year and to take active steps to ensure that within each health economy mental health trusts receive their fair allocation of funding; and further urges the Government to accelerate its implementation of Lord Layard’s report, which says that expanding therapy services could be paid for by the savings this would create for expenditure on benefits—(Norman Lamb);

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 extra £1.65 billion spent on mental health services since 2001; supports the record number of staff working in mental health since 1997 including almost 9,400 more psychiatric nurses and over 1,300 more consultant psychiatrists; further welcomes the lowest suicide rates since records began; recognises the work of the 700 new mental health teams in the community; notes the national patient survey, which shows that 77 per cent. of community patients rate their care as good, very good or excellent; recognises that between 2001 and 2005 £1.6 billion capital was spent by mental health trusts on improvements to mental health wards; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to expanding access to psychological therapies; and further welcomes the Government’s Mental Health Bill, which will update the legislation to reflect advances in knowledge and new ways of treating people, particularly in the community’, instead thereof.—(Ms Rosie Winterton.)

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

Mr Jeremy Browne 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 Dan Rogerson: 86.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Huw Irranca-Davies: 290.

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 extra £1.65 billion spent on mental health services since 2001; supports the record number of staff working in mental health since 1997 including almost 9,400 more psychiatric nurses and over 1,300 more consultant psychiatrists; further welcomes the lowest suicide rates since records began; recognises the work of the 700 new mental health teams in the community; notes the national patient survey, which shows that 77 per cent. of community patients rate their care as good, very good or excellent; recognises that between 2001 and 2005 £1.6 billion capital was spent by mental health trusts on improvements to mental health wards; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to expanding access to psychological therapies; and further welcomes the Government’s Mental Health Bill, which will update the legislation to reflect advances in knowledge and new ways of treating people, particularly in the community.

8 Limiting Global Climate Change.—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. 5422/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication Limiting Global Climate Change to 2 degrees Celsius—the way ahead for 2020 and beyond; endorses the Government’s support for the ambitious reduction targets that the EU has put forward; and supports the Government’s objective of ensuring that European policy on climate change continues to demonstrate the leadership that is necessary to galvanise the international community to work towards a global and comprehensive post 2012 agreement—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

9 Animals.—Ordered, That the Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 529), dated 19th February 2007, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Liz Blackman.)

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned date during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Friday 4th May 2007

1. Culture, Media and Sport,—The Digital Switchover Help Scheme: A Scheme Agreement Between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation [Cm. 7118] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Friday 4th May 2007


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 8th May 2007:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4. Trade Marks,—Draft Trade Marks (Relative Grounds) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

5. Education,—Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1336), dated 26th April 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

6. Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Report for 2006–07 for the Department for Constitutional Affairs [by Command] [Cm. 7097] [Ms Harriet Harman].

7. National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords],—Report by the Attorney General on the National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] [by Standing Order] [The Solicitor General].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84, Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23, and new Clauses relating to microgeneration),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Helen Goodman from the Public Bill Committee (nominated in respect of the Bill) and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Goodman.

2. Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (S.I., 2007, No. 775),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey.

European Standing Committees

3. European Union Document No. 7124/07 and Addendum 1, relating to EU Development Policy,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Helen Jones and Albert Owen from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Mike Hall and Mr Neil Turner.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—(1) House of Commons Accommodation: Further Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2005–06: Second Special Report from the Administration Committee; to be printed [No. 516]; and
(2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 8th May; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Spring Supplementary Estimates 2006–07: Memorandum laid before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be published; and
(2) Main Estimates 2007–08: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Constitutional Affairs,—Reform of the coroners’ system and death certification—follow-up: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 515-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Public Service Media Content: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 316-v] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence,—(1) The Army’s requirement for armoured vehicles: the FRES programme: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Ninth Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 511];
(2) The work of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory and the funding of defence research: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Tenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 512]; and
(3) UK operations in Afghanistan: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 408-iv] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—British Waterways: Minutes of Evidence taken before the British Waterways Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 345-vi] [Mr Michael Jack].

7 Environmental Audit,—Beyond Stern: Forecasting, Cost-Effectiveness and Climate Change:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 460-iv]; and
(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 460] [Mr Tim Yeo].

8 Home Affairs,—Towards Effective Sentencing: Memoranda laid before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 467] [Mr John Denham].

9 Procedure,—Public Petitions and Early Day Motions: First Report from the Procedure Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 513] [Mr Greg Knight].

10 Treasury,—The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: ten years on: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 299-iv] [John McFall].

[No. 86; WH, No. 50]

Tuesday 8th May 2007.

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 Harris.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.]
Wednesday 9th May 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Trust (Northern Ireland) 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 National Trust (Northern Ireland) 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 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hugh Bayley reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Corresponding Amendments) Order 2007.

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

3 Copyright Term for Performers and Producers,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the period of time over which royalties are payable to performers and producers of recorded material; and for connected purposes: And that Michael Connarty, Mr Bob Blizzard, Peter Luff, John Robertson, Nigel Griffiths, Derek Conway, Mr Tom Clarke, Bob Russell, Alan Keen, Rosemary McKenna, John Hemming and Pete Wishart do prepare and bring it in.

4 Copyright Term for Performers and Producers Bill,—Michael Connarty accordingly presented a Bill to extend the period of time over which royalties are payable to performers and producers of recorded material; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 101].

5 Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords],—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Huw Irranca-Davies):—It was agreed to.

6 UK Borders Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the UK Borders Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC9) (Search for evidence of nationality: other premises)—(Joan Ryan)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC10) (Police civilians)—(Joan Ryan)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Deportation orders: provision of information)—(Mr David Kidney)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC2) (Immigration service: welfare of children)—(Damian Green)—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 Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 294.

Another Clause (NC5) (Verification of identity)—(Philip Davies)—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 [5th February]:—It was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on an Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendment (No. 16) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 6, to leave out from the word ‘whom’ to the end of the line and insert the words ‘the condition under subsection (2) applies’, instead thereof.—(Paul Rowen.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jenny Willott, Mr Dan Rogerson: 59.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 466.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 17 to 27) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being Seven o'clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [5th February]—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

7 EU 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. 7124/07 and Addendum I, Commission Communication, EU Code of Conduct on Division of Labour in Development Policy; and welcomes proposals to lower the transaction costs for developing countries and increase the effectiveness of providing aid—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the City of Derby against the proposal by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs to close its two offices in Derby was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc. between Ombudsmen) Order 2007, with a Statement by the Cabinet Office [by Act] [Hilary Armstrong].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Education,—(1) Education (School Information) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1365);
(2) School Travel (Piloting of Schemes) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1366); and

4 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1349), dated 2nd May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Northern Ireland,—Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1351), dated 2nd May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Veterinary Surgeons,—Veterinary Surgeons' Qualifications (European Recognition) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1348), dated 2nd May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].
Other Papers:

7 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Report 2006–07 for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office [by Command] [Cm. 7099] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Participating in Crime [by Command] [Cm. 7084] [Ms Harriet Harman].


10 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Corporate Plan of the Electoral Commission for 2007–08 to 2011–12 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 474] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Lord Chancellor (Modification of Functions) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Derek Conway Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Tony Baldry, Mr Henry Bellingham, Liz Blackman, Mr David Chaytor, Frank Dobson, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Mark Field, Patrick Hall, Mr David Heath, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Philip Hollobone, Simon Hughes, Helen Jones, Martin Linton, Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Ms Gisela Stuart.

2 Draft Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Corresponding Amendments) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Elliot Morley and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Karen Buck, Paul Clark and Dr Desmond Turner.

3 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Colin Burgon, Rosie Cooper, Mark Durkan, Maria Eagle, Mr Frank Field, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Roger Goddard, Fabian Hamilton, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Gordon Marsden, Robert Neill, Mr Brooks Newmark, Lembit Opik, Mr Laurence Robertson, Martin Salter, Geraldine Smith, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Charles Walker and Sammy Wilson.

4 Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 320),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Greg Hands from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Daniel Kawczynski.

European Standing Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 6238/07, Addendum 1 and Corrigendum 1 on Competition: retail banking.

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 6192/07 on diplomatic and consular protection of Union citizens in third countries.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Citizenship Education: Government Response to the Second Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2006–07, Second Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 517]; and
   (2) The Work of Ofsted:
      (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 165-ii]; and
      (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Defra’s Departmental Report 2006 and Defra’s
budget: Government Response to the Second Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 522];

(2) Climate change: “the citizen’s agenda”: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 88-ix]; and

(3) Correspondence with Defra: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 41-xxi];

(2) European Commission Annual Policy Strategy 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 519-3]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee: to be published

[Michael Connarty].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Strengthening the role of the backbencher and making better use of non-legislative time: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 337-vi][Mr Jack Straw].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 520-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts,—Big Science: Public investment in large scale scientific facilities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 521-i][Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology,—International policies and activities of the Research Councils:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 472-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Phil Willis].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xvi][David Maclean].

9 Trade and Industry,—Implementation of the Report of the Women and Work Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 400-iii][Mr Peter Lilley].

10 Transport,—Passengers’ Experience of Air Travel: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 435-iii][Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Progress on the efficiency programme in the Chancellor’s departments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 483-ii][Mr John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 175]; and

(2) Globalisation and its impact on Wales:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-viii]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Hywel Francis].
Wednesday 9th May 2007.

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 4.59 p.m.]

[No. 88.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Mental Health Bill [Lords].—Frank Cook reported certain Memoranda from the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 320).

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:

Serious Crime Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about serious crime prevention orders; to create offences in respect of the encouragement or assistance of crime; to enable information to be shared or processed to prevent fraud; to enable data matching to be conducted both in relation to fraud and for other purposes; to transfer functions of the Director of the Assets Recovery Agency to the Serious Organised Crime Agency and other persons and to make further provision in connection with the abolition of the Agency and the office of Director; to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in relation to certain investigations and in relation to accredited financial investigators and search warrants; to make amendments relating to Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs in connection with the regulation of investigatory powers; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Draft Human Tissues and Embryos Bill,—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Committee appointed to join with the Committee appointed by this House to consider and report on any draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill:

That the evidence taken by the Committee shall, if the Committee thinks fit, be published; and

That the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Tuesday 15th May at Two o’clock.

4 Draft Human Tissues and Embryos Bill,—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of this day as relates to the Joint Committee on any draft Human Tissues and Embryos 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.

5 Serious Crime Bill [Lords].—The Serious Crime Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 14th May and to be printed [Bill 103].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Serious Crime Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 103–EN].

6 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) 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 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 13th December 2006 (Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) 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—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

7 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was disagreed to.

Amendment (a) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 3 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 8 were agreed to.

8 Ways and Means,—Rating (Empty Properties).—Resolved, That provision may be made for and in connection with the liability of owners of unoccupied hereditaments to a non-domestic rate.—(Ed Balls.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in on the foregoing Resolution: And that the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Mr Stephen Timms, John Healey, Mr Phil Woolas, Ed Balls and Angela E. Smith do prepare and bring it in.

9 Rating (Empty Properties) Bill.—Mr Phil Woolas accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the liability of owners of unoccupied hereditaments to a non-domestic rate; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 14th May and to be printed [Bill 102].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Rating (Empty Properties) Bill be printed [Bill 102–EN].

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 14th May.

[Adjourned at 4.39 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Defence,—Draft Armed Forces, Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

3 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Administration, Collection and Enforcement) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1421); and

(2) Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1420),

dated 10th May 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [John Healey].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1418), dated 9th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo]; and

(2) Value Added Tax (Section 55A) (Specified Goods and Excepted Supplies) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1417), dated 10th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

6 Armed Forces’ Pay,—Supplement to the Thirty-sixth Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body: Service Medical and Dental Officers [by Command] [Cm. 7066] [Secretary Des Browne].


(1) the Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General for Scotland [by Command] [Cm. 7109] [Mr Secretary Alexander]; and

(2) the Wales Office [by Command] [Cm. 7110] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 505] [John Healey].

9 Identity Cards,—Paper, entitled Identity Cards Scheme Cost Report: May 2007 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Electronic Patient Record: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration,—(1) Pensions Bill: Government Undertakings relating to the Financial Assistance Scheme: Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 523];

(2) Public services: putting people first: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 251-vii]; and

(3) The Work of the Cabinet Office: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 88; WH, No. 52]

Thursday 10th May 2007

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Independent Sector Treatment Centres—Fourth 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—(Mr Alan Campbell);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 15th May.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

- Transport for London Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 European Standing Committee,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6238/07 and Addendum I, Sector inquiry under Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No. 1/2003 on retail banking (Final Report), supports the Government’s view that the use of competition policy, via this sector inquiry, is an integral part of developing the Single Market in financial services; and further supports the Government’s hope that the Commission, Member States and National Competition Authorities will use the information provided by the inquiry to address any issues identified.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Employment Retention Bill,—The Order for reading the Employment Retention Bill a second time on Friday 18th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

4 Streetscape and Highways Design Bill,—The Order for reading the Streetscape and Highways Design Bill a second time on Friday 15th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

5 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords],—The Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Concessionary Bus Travel 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 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords]:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 7th June 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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 Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

7 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Concessionary Bus Travel 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 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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 presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 11th May 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Communities and Local Government,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, Session 2006–07, on the Future of Regional Government [Cm. 7119] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 11th May 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 14th May 2007:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Defence,—(1) Draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) Order 2007; and (2) draft Armed Forces (Service Police Amendments) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

5 Road Traffic,—Draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Children and Young Persons,—Local Authority Targets (Well-Being of Young Children) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1415), dated 9th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Education,—Walkergate Primary School (Change to School Session Times) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1408), dated 6th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

9 British Library,—Statement of Appointment and Remuneration of Dawn Airey, Maggie Semple, Wendy Hall, Sir Kenneth Calman and Kate McLuskie as members of the British Library Board [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Prescribing costs in primary care [by Act], to be printed [No. 454] [Clerk of the House].
11 Public Petitions,—Observations by—
   (1) the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [15th March]
       from residents of Rushden, Northamptonshire and surrounding areas against the poor
       quality of the television signal in their area; and
   (2) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [17th April] from
       residents of Nottingham and others for legislation to restore full pension entitlements to
       those who have lost their pensions
       [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Charities (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, with an Explanatory
       Memorandum [laid 29th January];
   (2) draft Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, with an
       Explanatory Memorandum [laid 11th December]; and
   (3) draft Taxis (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum
       [laid 9th January].

APPENDIX II

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 6238/07 and Addendum 1 and Corrigendum 1, relating to
Competition: Retail Banking.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nicholas
Brown, Sir Gerald Kaufman and Mr Dennis Skinner from the European Standing
Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution
Frank Dobson, Mr Chris Mullin and Mr Iain Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Leasehold and Major Works: Memoranda laid
before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis
Starkey].

2 Education and Skills,—Post–16 Skills Training:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be
       printed [No. 333-v]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Draft Climate Change Bill: Minutes of Evidence
   taken before the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [Mr
   Michael Jack].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Delivering successful IT-enabled business change: Twenty-seventh
   Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of
   Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 113];
   (2) ASPIRE—the re-competition of outsourced IT services: Twenty-eighth Report from the
       Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee
       relating to the Report [No. 179];
   (3) Improving the use of temporary nursing staff in NHS acute and foundation trusts:
       Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of
       Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 142]; and
   (4) Managing the Defence Estate: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee,
       to be printed [No. 537-i]
       [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed[No.
       281-ix]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 15th May 2007.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 Mental Health Bill [Lords].—Frank Cook reported from the Mental Health Bill [Lords] Committee:
   (1) certain Memoranda; and
   (2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
   Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.
   Certain Memoranda (reported on 24th and 26th April, 1st, 8th and 10th May and this day) to be printed.
   Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 107].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Derek Conway reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Lord Chancellor (Modification of Functions) Order 2007.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 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. 6192/07 and the UK response to the European Commission’s Green Paper on Diplomatic and consular protection of Union citizens in third countries submitted to the Commission on 26th March 2007; joins the Government in welcoming the Commission’s contribution to the ongoing debate on how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the consular assistance provided by Member States to one another’s nationals; but notes the legal, political and practical difficulties to many of the proposals; and agrees with the Government’s approach as laid out in its written response to the Commission.
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Scottish Parliament Elections Bill,—Jo Swinson, supported by Mr Alistair Carmichael, Malcolm Bruce, Danny Alexander, John Barrett, Mr Alan Reid and Mr Charles Kennedy, presented a Bill to make provision for elections to the Scottish Parliament to be held under the single transferable vote system: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 106].

7 Copyright (Miscellaneous Provisions).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the protection of copyright; and for connected purposes: And that Mr David Amess, Janet Anderson, Michael Connarty, Derek Conway, James Duddridge, Mr Nigel Evans, Sandra Gidley, Mr John Greenway, Rosemary McKenna, John Robertson, Mr John Whittingdale and Pete Wishart do prepare and bring it in.

8 Copyright (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the protection of copyright; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 104].

9 Opposition Day [11th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Parliamentary Approval for Participation in Armed Conflict.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the principle that parliamentary approval should be required for any substantial deployment of British Armed Forces into situations of war or international armed conflict, and, in the light of

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 precedents set by the Government in 2002 and 2003 in seeking and obtaining the approval of the House for its decisions in respect of military action against Iraq; is of the view that it is inconceivable that any Government would in practice depart from this precedent; taking note of the reports of the Select Committee on Public Administration, House of Commons Paper No. 422 of Session 2003–04, and of the Lords Committee on the Constitution, House of Lords Paper No. 236 of Session 2005–06, believes that the time has come for Parliament’s role to be made more explicit in approving, or otherwise, decisions of the Government relating to the major, or substantial, deployment of British forces overseas into actual, or potential, armed conflict; recognises the imperative to take full account of the paramount need not to compromise the security of British forces nor the operational discretion of those in command, including in respect of emergencies and regrets that insufficient weight has been given to this in some quarters; and calls upon the Government, after consultation, to come forward with more detailed proposals for Parliament to consider’, instead thereof.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr Patrick McLoughlin rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Huw Irranca-Davies: 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 welcomes the precedents set by the Government in 2002 and 2003 in seeking and obtaining the approval of the House for its decisions in respect of military action against Iraq; is of the view that it is inconceivable that any Government would in practice depart from this precedent; taking note of the reports of the Select Committee on Public Administration, House of Commons Paper No. 422 of Session 2003–04, and of the Lords Committee on the Constitution, House of Lords Paper No. 236 of Session 2005–06, believes that the time has come for Parliament’s role to be made more explicit in approving, or otherwise, decisions of the Government relating to the major, or substantial, deployment of British forces overseas into actual, or potential, armed conflict; recognises the imperative to take full account of the paramount need not to compromise the security of British forces nor the operational discretion of those in command, including in respect of emergencies and regrets that insufficient weight has been given to this in some quarters; and calls upon the Government, after consultation, to come forward with more detailed proposals for Parliament to consider.

10 Acquisition of Land.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Corresponding Amendments) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 28th March, be approved—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3. Cabinet Office.—Draft Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill and Explanatory Notes [by Command] [Cm. 7083] [Hilary Armstrong].

4. Constitutional Affairs.—Government Response to the First Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on Party Funding [by Command] [Cm. 7123] [Mr Jack Straw].

5. Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Departmental Report 2006–07 for the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) [by Command] [Cm. 7117] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6. International Development (Reporting and Transparency).—Report of the Department for International Development for 2007 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 514] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7. Public Petitions.—Observations by the Home Secretary on—
   (1) the Petition [12th March] from supporters of the Knives or Lives? Campaign for increased sentences for knife associated crime; and
   (2) the Petition [21st March] from Mrs Ann Oakes-Odger and others for legislation to treat knife crimes on the same terms as gun crimes [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

   (2) Paper, entitled A new system of child maintenance: Summary of responses to the consultation [by Command] [Cm. 7062 and 7061] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Draft Lord Chancellor (Modification of Functions) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson and Mr Doug Henderson from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle and Sir Gerald Kaufman.

2. Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lembit Öpik from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Reid.

European Standing Committees

3. European Union Document No. 6192/07, relating to Diplomatic and Consular Protection of Citizens in Third Countries.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Moore and Mr Marsha Singh from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Nigel Griffiths and Richard Younger-Ross.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Public Service Media Content: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 316-vi]; and

(2) Tourism: Memorandum laid before the Committee
[John Whittingdale]

2 Defence,—The work of Defence Estates:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 535-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr James Arbuthnot]

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Trade, Development and Environment: The Role of the FCO: Fifth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 289]; and

(2) EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons for the Future: Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Tim Yeo]

4 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Sixth Progress Report: Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 538];

(2) Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (Continuance in force of sections 1 to 9) Order 2007: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report, Session 2006–07: Fourteenth Report from the Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 539]; and

(3) The human rights of older persons in healthcare: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 14th May; to be printed [No. 378-iv]
[Mr Andrew Dismore]

5 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Mr Phil Willis reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

6 Public Administration,—(1) Ethics and Standards: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 121-i]; and

(2) Third Sector Commissioning: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Tony Wright]

7 Scottish Affairs,—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-viii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar]

8 Treasury,—(1) Globalisation: its impact on the real economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 90-ii]; and

(2) Unclaimed assets in the financial system: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 533-i]
[John McFall]
Tuesday 15th May 2007.

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

Wednesday 16th May 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Legal Services Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the establishment of the Legal Services Board and in respect of its functions; to make provision for, and in connection with, the regulation of persons who carry on certain legal activities; to make provision for the establishment of the Office for Legal Complaints and for a scheme to consider and determine legal complaints; to make provision about claims management services and about immigration advice and immigration services; to make provision in respect of legal representation provided free of charge; to make provision about the application of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007; to make provision about the Scottish legal services ombudsman; and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Legal Services Bill [Lords].—The Legal Services Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 108].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Legal Services Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 108–EN].

3 Waging War (Parliament’s Role and Responsibility) Bill,—The Order for reading the Waging War (Parliament’s Role and Responsibility) Bill a second time on Friday 18th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

4 Members of Parliament (Employment Disqualification).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the regulation of remunerated employment of Members of Parliament; and for connected purposes: And that Martin Salter, Ms Karen Buck, Mrs Joan Humble, Dr Alan Whitehead, Dr Phyllis Starkey, David Wright, Mr David Drew, Mr Martin Caton, Colin Burgon, Angela Eagle, Mr Kevan Jones and Joan Ruddock do prepare and bring it in.

5 Members of Parliament (Employment Disqualification) Bill,—Martin Salter accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of remunerated employment of Members of Parliament; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 105].

6 Housing (S.I., 2007, No. 992),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Home Information Pack Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 992), dated 23rd March 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th March, be annulled—(Michael Gove);

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, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Crispin Blunt: 234.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham: 306.

So the Question was negatived.
7 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide 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 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 10th October 2006 in the last Session of Parliament (Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide 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, whichever is the later.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order: Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 1, 4, 7 to 9 and 11 to 35.

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 Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.

8 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill. —The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Huw Irranca-Davies: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 228.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3, 5, 6 and 10 were disagreed to.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1, 4, 7 to 9 and 11 to 35 were agreed to.

9 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. 6238/07 and Addendum 1, Sector inquiry under Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No. 1/2003 on retail banking (Final Report); supports the Government’s view that the use of competition policy, via this sector inquiry, is an integral part of developing the Single Market in financial services; and further supports the Government’s hope that the Commission, Member States and National Competition Authorities will use the information provided by the inquiry to address any issues identified—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

10 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 24th May 2007, do adjourn till Monday 4th June 2007—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment (Summer).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), that this House, at its rising on Thursday 26th July 2007, do adjourn till Monday 8th October 2007—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

12 Notices of Questions etc. during September 2007.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 22B (Notices of questions etc. during September), that the days appointed for the tabling and answering of written questions and for written ministerial statements under Standing Order No. 22B (Notices of questions etc. during September) shall be as follows:
16th May 2007

Tabling days

Answering days
Monday 10th, Wednesday 12th and Monday 17th September 2007—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) the residents of Oxfordshire against post office closures; and
(2) the citizens of the Isle of Sheppey against a single Academy site for the provision of secondary education on the Isle of Sheppey

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 Alan Campbell.)

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

[Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Defence,—Draft Armed Forces (Service Police Amendments) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

2 Public Health,—Draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—(1) Departmental Report 2007 for the Department for Work and Pensions [by Command] [Cm. 7105] [Mr Secretary Hutton]; and
(2) Departmental Report 2007 for UK Trade and Investment [by Command] [Cm. 7101] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Housing,—Guidance on Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessments [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers withdrawn:

6 Defence,—Draft Armed Forces (Service Police Amendments) Order 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 14th May].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bob Blizzard, Stephen Hammond, Gillian Merron, Andrew Rosindell, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy and Lynda Waltho members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] Committee.
2 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Hugh Bayley Chairman of the Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr David Clelland, Mr Mark Field, Stephen Hammond, Mr John Leech, Tom Levitt, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Laura Moffatt, Andrew Rosindell, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Lee Scott, Anne Snedgrove, Bob Spink, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Lynda Waltho.

3 Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Quality and Safety) Regulations 2007 and the draft Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Burrowes, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Charles Clarke, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Jim Devine, Natascha Engel, Mr Greg Hands, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Kevan Jones, Norman Lamb, Kerry McCarthy, Dr Andrew Marrison, Andrew Rosindell, Claire Ward, Mr Tom Watson, Dr Alan Whitehead and Ms Rose Winterton.

4 Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 529):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Geo Gyte Cox, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Robert Goodwill, Chris Huhne, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Andrew Mackinlay, Albert Owen, Mr James Paice, Mark Pritchard, Mr Marsha Singh, John Smith, Graham Stringer, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Roger Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Climate Change Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill; to be printed [No. 542-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee; to be published
[Mr Tim Yeo].

2 Education and Skills,—Higher Education:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 285-vii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) The UK Government’s ‘Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy’: Fourth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 546]; and

(2) Draft Climate Change Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 534-ii]
[Mr Michael Jack].

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. 41-xxi];

(2) Conclusion of the European Council and Council of Ministers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 544-i]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Michael Connarty].
5 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Russia:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 495-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Sir John Stanley].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Tourism in Northern Ireland and its Economic Impact and Benefits: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 545]; and
   (2) The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 520-ii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—Filing VAT and Company Tax returns: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 548-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology,—Investigating the Oceans: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 470-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xvii] [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—(1) The new National Boatmasters’ Licence: Sixth Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 320]; and
   (2) Passengers’ Experience of Air Travel: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 435-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Progress on the efficiency programme in the Chancellor’s departments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 483-iii] [John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs,—Welsh prisoners in the prison estate: Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 74] [Dr Hywel Francis].

13 Work and Pensions,—(1) Social Fund: Sixth Report from the Work and Pensions Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 464]; and
   (2) Benefits Simplification: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 463-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 91; WH, No. 54]

Wednesday 16th May 2007.
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 5.24 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS

1 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 22nd January 2007 (Local Government and Public Involvement in Health 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 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.

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5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second day.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

2 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill [1st allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC29) (Reduction of regulatory burdens)—(Andrew Stunell)—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 Tobias Ellwood: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 250.

Amendments (Nos. 20 to 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 253) proposed to the Bill, in page 56, line 13, after the word ‘area’, to insert the words ‘, including targets relating to energy efficiency standards and microgeneration, as defined by section 82 of the Energy Act 2004 (c. 20) in buildings in new developments,’.—(Michael Fabricant.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Mr Ian Cawsey: 247.

Other Amendments (Nos. 92 to 95 and 32 to 54) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 80) proposed to the Bill, in page 126, line 32, to leave out Clause No. 179.—(Mr John Baron.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Mr Ian Cawsey: 240.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 129, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1GA) A relevant English body in proposing a significant change in services delivered in a way likely to affect patients’ physical access or transport to a service must consult with—

(a) the local involvement network,
(b) relevant patient groups, and
(c) the appropriate transport authority,

and report in such manner as the Secretary of State may prescribe prior to implementing those changes on the results of such consultation.

(1GB) For the purposes of subsection (1GA), a change in services is “significant” if implementation of the change would have a substantial impact on—

(a) the manner in which services are delivered to users of those services, or
(b) the range of health services available to those users.’.—(Andrew Stunell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Roger Williams: 30.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Liz Blackman: 243.

It being after Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions on the new Clauses, Amendments and a Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Clauses (NC8) (Joint overview and scrutiny committees: local improvement targets), (NC9) (Overview and scrutiny committees of district councils: local improvement targets), (NC10) (Guidance) and (NC11) (Overview and scrutiny committees: consequential amendments)—(Mr Alan Campbell)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 96 to 106) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Registered social landlords)—(Mr Alan Campbell)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC7) (Registered social landlords in Wales)—(Mr Alan Campbell)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 to 31) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause No. 134 be transferred to the end of line 37 on page 91.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

Another Clause (NC3) (Pre-commencement invitations etc)—(Mr Alan Campbell)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 1 to 6, 86, 7 to 9 and 87) made to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC12) (Responsibilities of Commissioners), (NC13) (Power to investigate), (NC14) (Authorities subject to investigation), (NC15) (Matters subject to investigation), (NC16) (Complaints and matters coming to Commissioners’ attention), (NC17) (Reports and statements of reasons), (NC18) (Power of Commissioners to make recommendations etc), (NC19) (Publication of reports etc by Commissioners), (NC20)
(Disqualifications) and (NC21) (Minor and consequential amendments)—(Mr Alan Campbell)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 108 to 110) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

3 Lord Chancellor.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Lord Chancellor (Modification of Functions) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 16th April, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

4 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 29th March, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

5 Diplomatic and Consular Protection of Union Citizens in Third Countries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 6192/07 and the UK response to the European Commission’s Green Paper on Diplomatic and consular protection of Union citizens in third countries submitted to the Commission on 26th March 2007; joins the Government in welcoming the Commission’s contribution to the ongoing debate on how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the consular assistance provided by Member States to one another’s nationals; but notes the legal, political and practical difficulties to many of the proposals; and agrees with the Government’s approach as laid out in its written response to the Commission—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.33 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Magistrates’ Courts,—Assistants to Justices’ Clerks (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1448), dated 14th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

2 Communities and Local Government,—Government Responses,

(1) the Second Report, on Coastal Towns; and

(2) the Third Report, on the Department of Communities and Local Government Annual Report 2006,

from the Communities and Local Government Committee,—Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7125 and 7126] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—(1) Departmental Report 2007 for HM Revenue and Customs [by Command] [Cm. 7107] [John Healey];

(2) Departmental Report 2007 for National Savings and Investments [by Command] [Cm. 7116] [Ed Balls];

(3) Departmental Report 2007 for the Cabinet Office [by Command] [Cm. 7108] [Hilary Armstrong];

(4) Departmental Report 2007 for the Department for Communities and Local Government [by Command] [Cm. 7094] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];

(5) Departmental Report 2007 for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 7104] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];

(6) Departmental Report 2007 for the Department for Education and Skills [by Command] [Cm. 7092] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
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(7) Departmental Report 2007 for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Command] [Cm. 7103] [Secretary David Miliband];

(8) Departmental Report 2007 for the Department for Transport [by Command] [Cm. 7095] [Mr Secretary Alexander];

(9) Departmental Report 2007 for the Department of Health [by Command] [Cm. 7093] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];

(10) Departmental Report 2006–07 for the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office [by Command] [Cm. 7102] [Mr Secretary Prescott];

(11) Departmental Report 2007 for the Government Actuary’s Department [by Command] [Cm. 7115] [Ed Balls];

(12) Departmental Report 2007 for the Home Office [by Command] [Cm. 7096] [Secretary John Reid];

(13) Departmental Report 2007 for the Law Officers’ Departments [by Command] [Cm. 7114] [The Solicitor General]; and

(14) Departmental Report 2007 for the Northern Ireland Office [by Command] [Cm. 7111] [Mr Secretary Hain].

4 Health,—Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill, with Explanatory Notes and draft full Regulatory Impact Assessment [by Command] [Cm. 7087] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Planning and Compulsory Purchase,—Report by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government under Schedule 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [1st May] from Eddie Stacey, residents of Canvey Island, Benfleet and others for full public consultation on proposals for the reorganisation of health care on Canvey Island; and

(2) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [30th April] from Lisa Gillham, Benfleet commuters and others for the installation of security measures at Benfleet rail station

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Field from the Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Philip Davies.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 503-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

[No. 92; WH, No. 55]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Government’s Employment Strategy—Third Report from the Work and Pensions Committee and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 22nd May.

[Adjourned at 5.32 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.

The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

Motion to sit in private,—Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That this 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 Andrew Dismore, Jim Sheridan: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mark Pritchard: 52.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Councillor James MacCleary and others of like disposition for noise reduction measures on the Lewes by-pass;
(2) Councillor James MacCleary and others of like disposition for legislation to require parental consent for any finger-printing of children in schools;
(3) Councillor Ann de Vecchi and others of like disposition for the reinstatement of the double track railway line between Lewes and Uckfield;
(4) Councillor Ann de Vecchi and others of like disposition against the abuse of market power in the milk market;
(5) Councillor Jon Freeman and others of like disposition for the protection of Seaford Drill Hall;
(6) Councillor James MacCleary and others of like disposition against the removal of the international moratorium on commercial whaling;
(7) Councillor William Powell and others of like disposition for measures to keep the Community Hospitals at Knighton, Builth Wells and Bronllys open; and
(8) Councillor William Powell and others of like disposition against the excessive use of the National Lottery for the funding of the 2012 Olympics were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

And it being Ten o'clock, the presentation of further petitions stood over, pursuant to Standing Order No. 154 (Time and manner of presenting petitions).

Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, to leave out subsection (3).—(Norman Baker.)

Mr David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now proposed.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now proposed, The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Andrew Dismore: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Lorely Burt, Mr Roger Williams: 27.

Question accordingly proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Mr David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. The Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, David Howarth: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Tim Boswell: 100.

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, to leave out lines 7 to 12 and insert the words—

'(1) For the purposes of section 41(1), information which—

(a) is held only by virtue of being contained in a communication between a member of the House of Commons, acting in his capacity as such, or a member of the House of Lords, and a public authority, and

(b) in the case of a member of the House of Commons, consists of information relating to the personal affairs of a constituent of that member,

shall, unless the contrary is indicated, be deemed to have been communicated in circumstances importing an obligation of confidence.;' instead thereof.—(Mr Richard Shepherd.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Roger Williams: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Tim Boswell: 96.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Andrew Dismore: 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Jo Swinson: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Andrew Dismore: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Jo Swinson: 25.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

6 Post-16 Education and Training Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post-16 Education and Training 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 29th June.

7 Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th June.

8 Bilingual Juries (Wales) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bilingual Juries (Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

9 Access to Inland Waterways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Inland Waterways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

10 Drugs (Reclassification and Roadside Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Reclassification and Roadside Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th June.
11 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Safety (Offences) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th June.

12 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith and others against proposed revisions to the Highway Code in respect of cyclists;
(2) residents of the London Boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth, Croydon, Lewisham and others against the closure of the 24 hour emergency mental health clinic at the Maudsley Hospital; and
(3) residents, employees in and visitors to the London Borough of Southwark against proposals to reduce existing services at Borough High Street Crown Post Office were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of the London Borough of Sutton and others of like disposition for the retention of Accident and Emergency services at St Helier Hospital;
(2) water bill payers and others of like disposition for measures to alleviate water poverty in the South West region; and
(3) Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs clients and staff in Cornwall against proposals for the closure of HMRC offices in Cornwall were 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 six minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 21st May.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Public Health,—(1) Public Health (Aircraft) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1447); and

Other Papers:

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [29th March] from David Cain, residents of Essex, Dorset and others for free postage for items sent by friends and families to members of HM Armed Forces stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

1 Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The Transport for London Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Quality and Safety) Regulations 2007 and the draft Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) Regulations 2007.

   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 proposed by this House in lieu of one of their Amendments to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Bill.

4 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords];

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

   An Amendment was proposed to the Question to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] because it will introduce yet another expensive reorganisation of the learning and skills councils, further entrenching the management of vocational training through a regional structure; it will grant the Learning and Skills Council draconian new powers to dismiss college governors, principals and senior managers, and despite the recommendations of the Leitch Review of Skills it fails to address the UK’s relatively poor performance in intermediate level vocational skills, the growing problem of young people not in education, employment or training, the declining numbers of learners in apprenticeships at all levels, and profound doubts about the timetable for the introduction of the new 14–19 specialised Diplomas’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Willetts.)

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 137.

   Tellers for the Noes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Jonathan Shaw: 296.

   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.

5 Further Education and Training 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 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords]:

   Committal

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

   Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

   2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 21st June 2007.

   3. The Public Bill 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.

6 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Further Education and Training 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 Further Education and Training 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 under any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

7 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from users of Post Offices in West Berkshire against post office closures in West Berkshire 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 Alan Campbell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law.—Draft Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Amendment) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Communities and Local Government,—Paper, entitled Planning for a Sustainable Future [by Command] [Cm. 7120] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

4 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Thames Gateway: Laying the Foundations [by Act]; to be printed [No. 526] [Clerk of the House].

5 Treaty Series (No. 9, 2007),—Agreement, done at Belgrade on 6th November 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, with Exchange of Notes [by Command] [Cm. 7129] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Quality and Safety) Regulations 2007 and the draft Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Natascha Engel from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mary Creagh.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Refuse Collection: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 536-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Education and Skills,—Post-16 Skills Training:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 333-vii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Draft Climate Change Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Draft Climate Change Bill Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 534-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Seventh Progress Report: Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 555]; and
   (2) Human Rights Policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 556-i]
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].

5 Work and Pensions,—Benefits Simplification: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 463-iii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 95.]

Tuesday 22nd May 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill as amended in the Committee.
   Bill to be read the third time.

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 529).
   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:
   International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to confer power to make provision in relation to the Special Court for Sierra Leone corresponding to that made in relation to the International Criminal Court by sections 42 to 48 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
   The Lords have agreed to the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill, with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.
   The Lords insist on their Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill to which this House has disagreed and they disagree to the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu, for which they assign their Reason.

4 International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Bill [Lords],—The International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 110].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 110–EN].

5 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 112].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendment to the Digital Switchover Bill be printed [Bill 112–EN].

6 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.—Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendments and for disagreeing to the Amendment in lieu proposed by this House to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill to be printed [Bill 113].

7 Houses in Multiple Occupation,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require planning approval for the change of use of housing to multiple occupation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 109].

9 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Another Clause (NC1) (Orders under Part 1 of Local Government Act 2000: Wales)—(Angela E. Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC4) (Requests for single-member electoral areas)—(Angela E. Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC5) (Duty of local authority to provide Boundary Committee with information), (NC6) (Consequential amendments), (NC22) (Entities controlled etc. by local authorities), (NC23) (Trusts), (NC24) (Further provision about orders), (NC25) (Exemptions from orders), (NC26) (Definition of certain terms for purposes of other enactments: England), (NC27) (Definition of certain terms for purposes of other enactments: Wales), (NC28) (Consequential amendments), (NC36) (Schemes for elections), (NC37) (Resolution for whole-council elections), (NC38) (Resolution for whole-council elections: requirements), (NC39) (Resolution for elections by halves), (NC40) (Resolution for elections by thirds: requirements), (NC41) (Resolution for elections by thirds: requirements), (NC42) (Resolution for elections by thirds: requirements), (NC43) (Publicity for resolution), (NC44) (Notice to Electoral Commission), (NC45) (Electoral Commission to consider whether electoral review is necessary), (NC46) (Electoral Commission to make order for new electoral scheme), (NC47) (Order for elections by halves: years in which elections are to be held), (NC48) (Order for elections by halves: councillors to be elected at ordinary elections), (NC49) (Order for elections by thirds: years in which elections are to be held), (NC50) (Order for elections by thirds: councillors to be elected at ordinary elections), (NC51) (Order for elections by halves or elections by thirds: transitional provision), (NC52) (Power of Electoral Commission to make incidental etc. provision), (NC53) (Position if Electoral Commission acts under existing powers), (NC54) (Publicity for order by Electoral Commission) and (NC55) (Power of council to alter years of ordinary elections of parish councillors)—(Mr Phil Woolas)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC56) (Terms of reference of review)—(Angela E. Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC57) (Council’s power to undertake review), (NC58) (No review being undertaken: duty to respond to petition), (NC59) (Review being undertaken: duty to respond to petition), (NC60) (Power to respond to petition) and (NC62) (Electoral Commission and Boundary Committee: reviews and recommendations)—(Mr Dave Watts)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC34) (Executive arrangements: move to alternative arrangements)—(Alistair Burt)—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 Mark Lancaster: 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Tony Cunningham: 305.

Another Clause (NC64) (Abolition of Standards Board for England, repeal of provisions relating to investigations etc. (Wales) and abolition of Adjudication Panels etc.)—(Philip Davies)—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, pursuant to Order [17th May].
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Liz Blackman: 257.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining Amendments and the new Schedules moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 196 to 209, 258, 211, 212, 89, 12, 213 to 217, 13 to 18, 218, 90, 228 to 233, 91, 234 to 242, 19, 243 to 247, 61 to 73, 111 to 113, 219, 114, 115, 220, 221, 116, 55, 117 to 121, 222 to 224, 56, 122 and 225) made to the Bill.

Schedules (NS1) (Elections: consequential amendments), (NS2) (The Commission for Local Administration in England: minor and consequential amendments) and (NS3) (Consequential amendments relating to entities controlled etc. by local authorities)—(Mr Michael Foster)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 57, 226, 74, 227, 58, 124, 59, 60, 125 to 130) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Jonathan Shaw: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Evennett: 180.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

10 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Quality and Safety) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 25th April 2007, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

11 Human Tissue,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 25th April 2007, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of North West Leicestershire and surrounding areas for a local hospice 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 Alan Campbell.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Other Papers:


3 European Community Finances,—Statement on the 2007 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm. 7090] [Ed Balls].

4 Health,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2006–07, on Workforce Planning [by Command] [Cm. 7085] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Magistrates’ Courts,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Assistants to Justices’ Clerks (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1448) [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].
6 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay and Allowances) (No. 2) Order 2007; and

7 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Thirteenth to Nineteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7077] [John Healey].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [1st May] from members of the 5 Parishes Opposition Group and others against the expansion of the Kent Science Park [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Transport,—Strengthening Local Delivery: The Draft Local Transport Bill, with Explanatory Notes and Regulatory Impact Assessments [by Command] [Cm. 7043-I, -II, -III and -IV] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

10 Video Recordings,—Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Magistrates’ Courts,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Assistants to Justices’ Clerks (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1448) [laid 17th May].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 529),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Celia Barlow, Andrew Mackinlay and Mr Marsha Singh from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper, Jeff Ennis and Mr Neil Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 22nd May; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government,—Refuse Collection: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 536-ii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Constitutional Affairs,—The new Ministry of Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 466-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

   (2) Cost of military operations: Spring Supplementary Estimate 2006–07: Government Response to the Tenth Report of the Committee, Session 2006–07: Twelfth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 558];
   (3) Strategic Lift: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 462-ii];
   (4) Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (5) UK Defence: commitments and resources: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (6) UK operations in Afghanistan: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Draft Climate Change Bill,—Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill; to be published [Dr Alan Whitehead].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System: Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 181]; and
(2) Police Funding Allocations: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 553-s]
[Mr John Denham].

7 Public Administration,—(1) Public services: putting people first:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 251-vii]; and
(ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(2) Third Sector Commissioning: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Tony Wright].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Marketing UK plc—UKTI’s 5 year strategy: Sixth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 557]; and
(2) Trade with Brazil and Mercosur: Seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 208]
[Mr Peter Luff].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-x]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 95; WH, No. 56]
Tuesday 22nd May 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.53 p.m.]

[No. 96.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sustainable Communities Bill,—John Cummings reported from the Sustainable Communities Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Friday 15th June; and to be printed [Bill 115].

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

2 Constitutional Reform Bill,—Mr Graham Allen presented a Bill to provide for the drawing up of a written constitution for the United Kingdom; for its consideration by the people and Parliament of the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 114].

3 Media (Transparency and Disclosure),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require media organisations to disclose certain information about any payments made by them to individuals for the contribution of those individuals to articles or broadcasts in which they are involved; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Gary Streeter, Angela Browning, Sir George Young, Dr Tony Wright, Mr Frank Field, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Colin Breed, Mr David Curry, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr David Burrows, Mr Greg Pope and Ms Karen Buck do prepare and bring it in.
4 Media (Transparency and Disclosure) Bill.—Mr Gary Streeter accordingly presented a Bill to require media organisations to disclose certain information about any payments made by them to individuals for the contribution of those individuals to articles or broadcasts in which they are involved, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 111].

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.

Independent Inquiry into the Conduct of the Scottish Elections.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House considers the rejection of 146,097 votes in the constituency and regional elections to the Scottish Parliament, the equivalent of over 1,000,000 in a UK general election, to be totally unacceptable and an affront to democracy; notes that the number of rejected ballots exceeds the winning majority in several constituencies and that different formats of the regional ballot paper were used in different parts of Scotland: further notes that serious concerns have been raised about the issuing of postal ballots for the elections and the electronic equipment and processes used for counting votes: further notes that repeated advice not to hold the local government elections under the newly introduced single transferable vote system on the same day as the Scottish Parliament elections was ignored by the Scotland Office and the then Scottish Executive; calls upon the Secretary of State for Scotland to accept responsibility for the failures in the conduct of the Scottish Parliament elections and to appeal to the people of Scotland: further notes that the Electoral Commission is to carry out an inquiry, but considers that such an inquiry should be independent of the Commission, which had a significant role in the conduct of the elections, if public confidence in the electoral process in Scotland is to be restored: calls upon the Secretary of State for Scotland to accept responsibility for the failures in the conduct of the Scottish Parliament elections and to apologise to the people of Scotland: further notes that the Electoral Commission is to carry out an inquiry, but considers that such an inquiry should be independent of the Commission, which had a significant role in the conduct of the elections, if public confidence in the electoral process in Scotland is to be restored: and accordingly further calls upon the Government, working in conjunction with the Scottish Executive, to instigate such an inquiry—(David Mundell);

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 a statutory review of the Scottish Parliament elections is already underway conducted by the Electoral Commission as required by Parliament: further notes that, at the prior request of the then Scottish Executive, this review will also cover the Scottish local government elections: welcomes the appointment of an international authority on the management and organisation of elections, Mr Ron Gould, the former Assistant Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, to lead the review: further notes that his terms of reference include examining the role of the Electoral Commission in the preparation of the elections, as well as matters relating to postal ballot delays, the high number of rejected ballots, combining Scottish local government and Scottish parliamentary elections, and the electronic counting process; and believes that this statutory review which is now in progress should complete its report in order to inform decisions in relation to any further steps which may be necessary or appropriate’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Alexander.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Robert Goodwill: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 329.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House notes that a statutory review of the Scottish Parliament elections is already underway conducted by the Electoral Commission as required by Parliament: further notes that, at the prior request of the then Scottish Executive, this review will also cover the Scottish local government elections: welcomes the appointment of an international authority on the management and organisation of elections, Mr Ron Gould, the former Assistant Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, to lead the review: further notes that his terms of reference include examining the role of the Electoral Commission in the preparation of the elections, as well as matters relating to postal ballot delays, the high number of rejected ballots, combining Scottish local government and Scottish parliamentary elections, and the electronic counting process; and believes that this statutory review which is now in progress should complete its report in order to inform decisions in relation to any further steps which may be necessary or appropriate.
Salary of the Secretary of State for Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Health should be reduced by £1,000—(Mr Andrew Lansley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House believes that there is no need to reduce the salary of the Secretary of State for Health at a time when patient satisfaction is increasing, with nine out of ten in-patients saying their care has been good, very good or excellent, waiting times are at their lowest since records began, an extra 200,000 lives have been saved from heart disease and cancer since 1996 and investment in the NHS is being trebled by 2008’, 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 Robert Goodwill, Mr Crispin Blunt: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Tony Cunningham: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Michael Foster: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Crispin Blunt: 207.

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 there is no need to reduce the salary of the Secretary of State for Health at a time when patient satisfaction is increasing, with nine out of ten in-patients saying their care has been good, very good or excellent, waiting times are at their lowest since records began, an extra 200,000 lives have been saved from heart disease and cancer since 1996 and investment in the NHS is being trebled by 2008.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) International Fund for Animal Welfare for legislation to ban the trade in all harp and hooded seal products in the UK; and

(2) residents of Orchard Park Housing Estate, Kingston upon Hull for the redevelopment of the Orchard Park Shopping Centre

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 Alan Campbell.)

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 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

2 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007, with a Statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Customs,—(1) Control of Cash (Penalties) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1509), dated 22nd May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Stephen Timms]; and

(2) Goods Infringing the Olympics and Paralympics Association Rights (Customs) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1508), dated 22nd May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

5 Local Government,—Report by the Secretary of State for Justice on the draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007—Intelligibility of Referendum Questions [by Act]; to be printed [No. 457] [Ms Harriet Harman].

6 National Heritage,—Statement on the provision of the Government Indemnity Scheme [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [1st May] from Respect the Unity Coalition against the privatisation of healthcare and for increased resources for the NHS [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Trade and Industry,—Paper, entitled Meeting the Energy Challenge: A White Paper on Energy [by Command] [Cm. 7124] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Bill; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Brian H. Donohoo, Mr Frank Doran, Mr Neil Gerrard, Nick Harvey, Simon Hughes, Helen Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Saqib Khan, Mr Greg Knight, David Lepper, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Andrew Robathan, Paddy Tipping, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Mr Shailesh Vara.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Mr David Burrowes, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Tom Clarke, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr David Evennett, Mark Fisher, Mr Mark Francois, Julia Goldsworthy, Glenda Jackson, Anne Moffat, Mr Elliot Morley, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Andy Reed, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr Michael Wills.

4 Draft North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: John Battle, Rosie Cooper, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mark Durkan, Maria Eagle, Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Marsha Singh, Geraldine Smith, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Sammy Wilson and Derek Wyatt.
European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 7371/07 and Addenda 1 to 4, relating to Simplification of Legislation on Transport Rates and Food Hygiene. — The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Tony Cunningham, Mrs Louise Ellman, Caroline Flint, Dr Ian Gibson, Sandra Gidley, Tim Loughton, Shona McIsaac, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Rosindell, Geraldine Smith, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Rob Wilson and Mr Anthony Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Specialist Schools and Academies Trust:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 561-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Draft Climate Change Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 534-iv]; and

(2) Correspondence with Defra: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Iran:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 496-ii]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Sir John Stanley].

4 Procedure,—Corrections to the Official Report: Second Report from the Procedure Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 541] [Mr Greg Knight].

5 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xviii]; and

(2) Third Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 83-iii] [David Maclean].

6 Transport,—(1) The Transport Innovation Fund: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 564-i]; and

(2) Open Skies—The Draft EU–US Air Transport Agreement: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 395] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 96; WH, No. 57]


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 5.11 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Royal Assent,—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Act, agreed upon by both Houses: Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007.

2 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming Adjournment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Steve McCabe);

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

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

   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 4th June, pursuant to Order [16th May].

   [Adjourned at 5.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Draft Companies (Political Expenditure Exemption) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Extradition,—Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

3 Immigration,—Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Housing,—Home Information Pack (Revocation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1525), dated 24th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

6 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1488), dated 17th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

7 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Paper, entitled Waste Strategy for England 2007, with Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment and Consultation on the Incentives for Recycling by Households [by Command] [Cm. 7086] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Code of Practice: Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


10 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

   (1) the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Petition [9th May] from the City of Derby against the proposal by Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs to close its two offices in Derby; and

   (2) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [27th March] from the constituents of South West Bedfordshire and other users of Britain’s waterways against reductions in the British Waterways grant [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].
Papers withdrawn:

11 Immigration,—Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 22nd May].

12 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007, with a Statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [laid 23rd May].

APPENDIX II
General Committees

Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1420), and the Value Added Tax (Administration, Collection and Enforcement) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1421),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dawn Primarolo from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Orders) and nominated in substitution John Healey.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—Justice and Home Affairs Issues at European Union Level: Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 76] [Mr John Denham].

2 Work and Pensions,—Benefits Simplification: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee on 23rd May; to be printed [No. 463-iv] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[Adjourned at 5.16 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

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

Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for advice and assistance to victims of acts of terrorism taking place outside the United Kingdom; for arrangements under which insurance is made available to individuals in respect of risks against injury resulting from acts of terrorism taking place outside the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Legal Services Bill [Lords].—The Legal Services Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

3 Legal Services 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 Legal Services Bill [Lords]:

- Committal
  1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.
  
  Proceedings in Public Bill Committee
  2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 28th June 2007.
  3. The Public Bill 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—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

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

(1) payments by the Lord Chancellor to the Legal Services Board and the Office for Legal Complaints,
(2) any other expenditure incurred by the Lord Chancellor under or by virtue of the Act, and
(3) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

5 Legal Services 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 Legal Services Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the imposition of a levy by the Legal Services Board,
(2) the charging of certain fees by the Legal Services Board in its capacity as an approved regulator or a licensing authority under the Act,
(3) the imposition of charges by the Office for Legal Complaints in connection with complaints made under the scheme under Part 6 of the Act, and

(4) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

6 Public Health,—Ordered, That the Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 923), dated 19th March 2007, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

7 Treasury,—Ordered, That Kerry McCarthy be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr Síon Simon be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Jessica Morden be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Mr Wayne David be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Helen Goodman and Mr Sadiq Khan be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Chris Bryant and Ian Lucas be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.22 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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

Thursday 31st May 2007

1 Treaty Series (No. 10, 2007),—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 [Cm. 7132] [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:

Friday 25th May 2007

2 Customs,—Export Control (Iran) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1526), dated 24th May 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].


4 Highways,—Road Tunnel Safety Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1520), dated 22nd May 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Alexander].


Wednesday 30th May 2007

7 Commons,—Commons Registration (General) (Amendment) (England) (Revocation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1553), dated 27th May 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].


10 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1510), dated 22nd May 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Thursday 31st May 2007


Friday 1st June 2007


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 4th June 2007:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

15 European Communities,—(1) Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement amending the Cotonou Agreement) Order 2007; and (2) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Amended Cotonou Agreement) (Community Aid Internal Agreement) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

16 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Game) Order, with a Statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2007 [by Act] [Secretary David Miliband].


18 Transport,—Draft Railways Pensions (Transfer of Pension Schemes) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

21 Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise).—Report to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry by the Regulator of Community Interest Companies for 2006–07 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


23 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Benchmarking and market testing the ongoing services component of PFI projects [by Act]; to be printed [No. 453] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Refuse Collection: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee, to be printed [No. 536-iii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) Bullying: Government Response to the Third Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2006–07: Third Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 600]; and
(2) Post-16 Skills Training:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 333-vii]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—The Challenge of Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 595-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Human Rights,—The human rights of older persons in healthcare: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 378-v] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Modernisation of the West Coast Main Line: Thirtieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 189];
(2) Central Government’s use of consultants: Thirty-first Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 309];
(3) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: The right of access to open countryside: Thirty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 91]; and
(4) Rural Poverty in Developing Countries: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 599-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 99.]

Tuesday 5th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Regulatory Reform.—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc. between Ombudsmen) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 9th May, should be approved.
The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

3 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords].—Hugh Bayley reported from the Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords] Committee:

(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication;

(2) certain Memoranda; and

(3) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memoranda to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 119].

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

4 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill.—Mr Secretary Hutton, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary John Reid, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Alan Johnson and Mr Secretary Alexander, presented a Bill to establish the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission; to amend the law relating to child support; to make provision about lump sum payments to or in respect of persons with diffuse mesothelioma; 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 118].

Ordered. That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill be printed [Bill 118–EN].

5 Termination of Pregnancy (Counselling and Miscellaneous Provisions),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require counselling of a pregnant woman as a condition of her consent to termination of her pregnancy; to require the pregnant woman to see a registered medical practitioner prior to receiving counselling; to introduce a minimum period of 7 days following counselling before registered medical practitioners may certify an opinion referred to in section 1(1) of the Abortion Act 1967; to require the forms used for certifying and giving notice of the reason for termination of a pregnancy to state risk to the physical and mental health of the pregnant woman as separate grounds for abortion; and for connected purposes—

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, Mike Penning, Jim Dobbin: 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Barbara Follett, Mrs Sharon Hodgson: 182.

So the Question was negatived.

6 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [22nd May] relating to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10 but does not insist on its Amendment No. 10A in lieu; and proposes Amendments ((a) and (b)) to the Bill in lieu of those Amendments—

(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Claire Ward: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Angela Watkinson: 210.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

(Mr Ian Cowsey);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Official Secrets,—Draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Gerry Sutcliffe].

2 Rehabilitation of Offenders,—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr David Hanson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1599), dated 4th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo]; and

(2) Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1601), dated 4th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

6 Aliens’ Employment,—Cabinet Office Minute, dated 5th June 2007, under section 1(4) of the Aliens’ Employment Act 1955 relating to aliens employed in the Civil Service during 2006–07 [by Act] [Hilary Armstrong].

7 Aviation and Maritime Security,—Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 during 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

8 Aviation Security,—Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Aviation Security Act 1982, as amended by the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990, during 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

9 Channel Tunnel (Security),—Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 during 2005 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

10 Railways,—Report on the number of notices served, instructions given and enforcement notices served under the Railways Act 1993 during 2005 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Equality: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 466-ii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—Towards Effective Sentencing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 621-i] [Mr Alan Benth].

3 Draft Climate Change Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill; to be printed [No. 542-ii], and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee; to be published
[Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be printed [No. 630-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee; to be published
[Mr Phil Willis].

5 International Development,—(1) Fair Trade and Development:
(i) Seventh Report from the International Development Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 27th March and 17th April 2007 [No. 356-I and -II]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; and
(2) EU Development and Trade Policies: An update: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 622]
[Malcolm Bruce].

6 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Draft Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc. between Ombudsmen) Order 2007: Fifth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 611]; and
(2) Government Response to the Committee’s Second Special Report of Session 2006–07: Revised Standing Orders: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 610]
[Andrew Miller].

7 Trade and Industry,—(1) Restructuring the Post Office Network: Eighth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 593];
(2) Success and Failure in the UK Car Manufacturing Industry: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2006–07: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 598];
(3) Europe moves East: the impact of the ‘new’ EU Members States on UK business: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 592-i]; and
(4) The work of the Office of Fair Trading: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 591-i]
[Mr Peter Luff].

8 Treasury,—Unclaimed assets in the financial system: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 533-ii] [John McFall].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-xi]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 99; WH, No. 59]
Tuesday 5th June 2007.

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 1.53 p.m.]
Wednesday 6th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1420), and the Value Added Tax (Administration, Collection and Enforcement) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1421).

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

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

3 Armed Forces (Federation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the establishment of a Federation for the Armed Forces; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Kevan Jones, Mr David Anderson, Mr Iain Wright, David Wright, Helen Jones and Jim Sheridan do prepare and bring it in.

4 Armed Forces (Federation) Bill,—Mr Kevan Jones accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment of a Federation for the Armed Forces; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 117].

5 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.

NHS National Programme for Information Technology,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House acknowledges the aims of the NHS National Programme for Information Technology (IT) and supports them in principle, recognising the potential benefits IT can bring to patients and NHS staff if implemented correctly; deplores the hasty conception of the National Programme under the noble Lord, Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, and the failure to consult adequately with service users; regrets the parallel failure by the Department of Health to implement successfully the Medical Training Application process; expresses concern about the impact of the Care Records Service on patient confidentiality; notes in particular the concerns of the Committee of Public Accounts, in the context of its criticisms of the Government’s mismanagement of IT projects at large about the cost, delays in the Care Records System, the lack of a firm timetable for delivery, the struggles faced by suppliers to the programme, and the lack of engagement with frontline NHS professionals; regrets the opportunity cost to patient care and the disillusionment caused by the Programme amongst NHS staff; seeks assurances on the supply chain, particularly regarding iSoft and an explanation for the delays in Choose and Book; and therefore calls for a full and independent review of the NHS IT programme—(Mr Stephen O’Brien);

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 a modern IT system is vital for delivering good healthcare; welcomes the NHS IT Programme which provides safer, faster and better healthcare for NHS patients, giving them more choice and control over their care; supports the objectives of modernising medical careers; further supports the aim of connecting over 30,000 GPs in England to almost 300 hospitals and giving patients access to their personal health and care information; congratulates the NHS on having already delivered 93 Picture Archiving and Communications Systems across the country including a 100 per cent. achievement in London, delivering faster results for patients; further congratulates the NHS for sending over 21 million electronic prescriptions so far, reducing inefficiencies and errors; welcomes the fact that over 85 per cent. of all GP practices have used Choose and Book to refer their patients to hospital and that almost 3.8 million Choose and Book bookings have been made so far, allowing patients to choose appointments that are at convenient times to fit in with their lives; and welcomes the news that approximately 1.2 million NHS employees now have access to the new broadband network N3’, instead thereof.—(Caroline Flint.)

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: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 282.

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

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

Resolved, That this House recognises that a modern IT system is vital for delivering good healthcare; welcomes the NHS IT Programme which provides safer, faster and better healthcare for NHS patients, giving them more choice and control over their care; supports the objectives of modernising medical careers; further supports the aim of connecting over 30,000 GPs in England to almost 300 hospitals and giving patients access to their personal health and care information; congratulates the NHS on having already delivered 93 Picture Archiving and Communications Systems across the country including a 100 per cent. achievement in London, delivering faster results for patients; further congratulates the NHS for sending over 21 million electronic prescriptions so far, reducing inefficiencies and errors; welcomes the fact that over 85 per cent. of all GP practices have used Choose and Book to refer their patients to hospital and that almost 3.8 million Choose and Book bookings have been made so far, allowing patients to choose appointments that are at convenient times to fit in with their lives; and welcomes the news that approximately 1.2 million NHS employees now have access to the new broadband network N3.

Effectiveness of the Department of Trade and Industry.— A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern that since 1997 the competitiveness of the UK has fallen, that growth in productivity has slowed, that companies’ business investment and research and development spending as a proportion of GDP have declined, that the UK balance of trade is in record deficit, and that businesses are suffering under an increasing burden of regulation which especially harms smaller firms; is concerned at Government plans to close thousands of post offices, its recent clawback of the science budget to pay for the Rover enquiry, its failure to meet its energy policy goals, its inconsistent system of business support, the questionable focus and performance of Regional Development Agencies, and the failure of UK Trade and Investment effectively to promote British business abroad; and therefore calls for an improvement in the Department of Trade and Industry’s leadership and enterprise culture to make it a stronger and more effective voice for business and for the United Kingdom—(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 ‘acknowledges the outstanding performance of the economy under this Government with the longest unbroken economic expansion on record, in contrast to the boom and bust of the previous Government, with inflation and interest rates both on average half of the previous 18 years and over 29 million people in work for the first time; notes that the UK is recognised as one of the best places in the world to do business; supports the Government’s approach to better regulation and a 25 per cent. reduction in administrative burdens by 2010; praises the balanced approach to protecting working families through measures such as the national minimum wage and flexible working, while achieving the highest level of employment; commends the Government’s unprecedented commitment to a national post office network with clear access criteria and the financial support to underpin it; applauds the more than doubling in real terms of science funding after decades of under-investment; welcomes the Government’s leadership in tackling the challenges of climate change and energy security; endorses the commitment to reduce the number of business support schemes across Government to under 100 by 2010 after the Department of Trade and Industry’s successful simplification of its own programmes to under 10; recognises the increasing contribution of regional development agencies to regional prosperity and jobs; approves the new strategy of UK Trade and Investment which has received widespread business support; and calls on the Government to build on its achievements to secure the country’s growing economic prosperity’, 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: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Huw Irranca-Davies: 320.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House acknowledges the outstanding performance of the economy under this Government with the longest unbroken economic expansion on record, in contrast to the boom and bust of the previous Government, with inflation and interest rates both on average half of the previous 18 years and over 29 million people in work for the first time; notes that the UK is recognised as one of the best places in the world to do business; supports the Government’s approach to better regulation and a 25 per cent. reduction in administrative burdens by 2010; praises the balanced approach to protecting working families through measures such as the national minimum wage and flexible working, while achieving the highest level of employment; commends the Government’s unprecedented commitment to a national post office network with clear access criteria and the financial support to underpin it; applauds the more than doubling in real terms of science funding after decades of under-investment; welcomes the Government’s leadership in tackling the challenges of climate change and energy security; endorses the commitment to reduce the number of business support schemes across Government to under 100 by 2010 after the Department of Trade and Industry’s successful simplification of its own programmes to under 10; recognises the increasing contribution of regional development agencies to regional prosperity and jobs; approves the new strategy of UK Trade and Investment which has received widespread business support; and calls on the Government to build on its achievements to secure the country’s growing economic prosperity.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Family Law,—Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2. Partnerships,—Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3. Police,—Draft Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5. Environmental Protection,—Controls on Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1596), dated 30th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


7. Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1561), dated 30th May 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
Other Papers:

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The management of staff sickness absence in the Department for Transport and its agencies [by Act]; to be printed [No. 527] [Clerk of the House].

9 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Armouries for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

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

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by—
   (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [18th May] from Councillor Ann de Vecchi and others of like disposition against the abuse of market power in the milk market; and
   (2) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petitions [18th May]—
      (i) from Councillor Ann de Vecchi and others of like disposition for the reinstatement of the double track railway line between Lewes and Uckfield;
      (ii) from Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith and others against proposed revisions to the Highway Code in respect of cyclists; and
      (iii) from Councillor James MacCleary and others of like disposition for noise reduction measures on the Lewes by-pass [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Railways,—Report of the Office of Rail Regulation for 2006–07 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Anderson, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Evennett, Mr John Hayes, Bill Rammell, Ms Angela C Smith and Sarah Teather members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr David Anderson, Gordon Banks, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr David Evennett, Mr John Hayes, Phil Hope, Mr Austin Mitchell, Greg Mulholland, Bill Rammell, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Sarah Teather, Mr Rob Wilson and Jeremy Wright.

3 Legal Services Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster, Helen Goodman, Simon Hughes, Mr Kevan Jones and Bridget Prentice members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Legal Services Bill [Lords] Committee.

4 Legal Services Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Mr Frank Cook Chairmen of the Legal Services Bill [Lords] Committee, and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Burrowes, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Robert Flitton, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Helen Goodman, John Hemmings, Stephen Hesford, Simon Hughes, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr David Kidney, Kerry McCarthy, John Mann, Robert Neill and Bridget Prentice.

5 Draft Community Drivers' Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Michael Clapham, Ann Clwyd, Lynne Jones, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Margaret Moran, Julie Morgan, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Owen Paterson, Andrew Rosindell, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Andy Slaughter and Keith Vaz.
6 Draft North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Battle, Mark Durkan, Bill Etherington, Mr David Hamilton, Geraldine Smith and Derek Wyatt from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Eddie McGrady, Alan Simpson, Joan Walley and Lynda Wallbo.

7 Draft Armed Forces, Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2007, draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) Order 2007, and draft Armed Forces (Service Police Amendments) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Jim Hood Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, John Battle, Tony Cunningham, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr David Drew, Bill Etherington, Michael Fabricant, Paul Farrelly, Mr David Hamilton, Nick Harvey, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mark Pritchard, Willie Rennie, Derek Twigg and Derek Wyatt.

European Standing Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 7371/07 and Addenda 1 to 4 on Simplification of Legislation on Transport Rates and Food Hygiene.

9 European Union Document No. 8322/07 and Addendum 1, relating to European Research Area,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: John Austin, Mr Henry Bellingham, Tony Cunningham, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Dr Evan Harris, David Howarth, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Don Touhig, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Charles Walker and Malcolm Wicks.

10 European Union Document No. 7828/07 and Addendum 1, relating to Global navigation systems, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 European Union Documents No. 13401/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, and No. 13388/06, relating to Soil Protection, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Climate Change Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill; to be printed [No. 542-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

2 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be printed [No. 630-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

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. 41-xxiii]; and

(2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 520-iii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

5 Public Accounts,—BBC risk management: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 643-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—International policies and activities of the Research Councils: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 472-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Treasury,—Financial Inclusion follow-up: savings for all and shorter term savings products: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 504-ii] [John McFall].
Wednesday 6th June 2007.

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 5.14 p.m.]

Thursday 7th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Finance Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Finance Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 20, 21, 25, 67 and 81 to 84, and Schedules Nos. 1, 18, 22 and 23, and New Clauses relating to microgeneration), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Monday 11th June; and to be printed [Bill 120].

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

2 Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords].—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords], That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Rating (Empty Properties) Bill,—The Rating (Empty Properties) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

4 Rating (Empty Properties) 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 Rating (Empty Properties) Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading

2. Notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in on Ways and Means Resolutions, 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.—(Jonathan Shaw):—It was agreed to.

5 Rating (Empty Properties) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Rating (Empty Properties) Bill [Money].

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Rating (Empty Properties) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any
increase in the amounts so payable under Part 3 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988—(Jonathan Shaw)—It was agreed to.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half-past Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 11th June.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Amendment of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

2 Investigatory Powers,—(1) Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data: Code of Practice) Order 2007; and

   (2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Investigation of Protected Electronic Information: Code of Practice) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

3 Security Industry,—Draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

4 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft National Minimum Wage Act 1998 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Health and Safety,—Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1573), dated 6th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

7 Local Government,—Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1585), dated 4th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

8 Public Health,—Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1608), dated 4th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

9 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Leicestershire) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1582);

   (2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Gateshead) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1583); and

   (3) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (South Gloucestershire) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1584), dated 4th June 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Other Papers:

10 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 480] [Clerk of the House].

11 Prevention of Terrorism,—Government Reply to the Report by the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation on The Definition of Terrorism [by Command] [Cm. 7058] [Secretary John Reid].

12 Regulation of Investigatory Powers,—(1) Draft Code of Practice for the Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data; and
(2) draft Code of Practice for the Investigation of Protected Electronic Information [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

13 Terrorism,—(1) Government Reply to the Report on the Operation in 2006 of the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 7133]; and

[Secretary John Reid].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Evennett from the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] Committee and nominated in substitution Angela Watkinson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Caring for our collections: Sixth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 176-I and -II] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 European Scrutiny,—(1) Mobile phone “roaming” costs: Twenty-fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41-xxiv];

(2) Conclusions of the European Council and Council of Ministers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 544-ii];

(3) Institutional Reform: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 640-i]; and

(4) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Michael Connarty].

3 Health,—Electronic Patient Record: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Home Affairs,—(1) A Surveillance Society?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 508-ii]; and

(2) Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr John Denham].

5 International Development,—DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People and Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 645-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Public Administration,—(1) The Business Appointment Rules: Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 651]; and

(2) Third Sector Commissioning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 540-s]
[Dr Tony Wright].
Thursday 7th June 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Coastal towns—Second Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, and the Government’s response thereto)—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 12th June. [Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee,—Janet Anderson reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 7371/07 and Addenda 1 to 4, Draft Regulation amending Regulation No. 11 concerning the abolition of discrimination in transport rates and conditions in implementation of Article 79(3) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 of the European Parliament and the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs; and supports the Government's view that attempts to reduce administrative burdens on food businesses are to be welcomed, but should not compromise public health protection.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

2 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.

Iraq inquiry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the principle that there should be an inquiry by an independent committee of Privy Counsellors 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 and to make recommendations on the lessons for the future—(Mr William Hague);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes the Resolution of 31st October 2006; recognises that there have already been four separate independent committees of inquiry into military action in Iraq; further recognises the importance of learning all possible lessons from military action in Iraq and its aftermath; and therefore 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 put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mr Frank Roy: 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Mr Frank Roy: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 229.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes the Resolution of 31st October 2006; recognises that there have already been four separate independent committees of inquiry into military action in Iraq; further recognises the importance of learning all possible lessons from military action in Iraq and its aftermath; and therefore 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.

Support for carers,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the vital contribution that the UK's six million carers make to society; welcomes recent announcements on carers including the Government review of the National Strategy for Carers, the New Deal for Carers and the Treasury report 'Aiming high for disabled children: better support for families' as steps towards an improvement in recognition and support for carers; notes that 54 per cent. of carers have given up work and one in five carers feel forced to do so; recognises the impacts which caring responsibilities have on family incomes, relative poverty and the health of carers
themselves; is deeply concerned that an estimated 175,000 young people are carers of adults with the consequent pressures on them; calls on the Government to reduce the bureaucracy of social care provision that puts so much pressure on carers; and asks the Government to bring forward proposals for simplifying the benefit system in order to provide better support for carers and to ensure that the review of the National Strategy for Carers has both short term and long term objectives to enhance support for carers and to respond to the vital role played by carers in society—(Mr Jeremy Hunt).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3 to leave out from the word ‘review’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘of the first ever National Strategy for carers, the New Deal for Carers and the Treasury report “Aiming high for disabled children: better support for families” as steps towards an improvement in recognition and support for carers; notes that the review of the National Strategy includes a far reaching consultation with carers and others to make recommendations for the short, medium and long-term; further welcomes the extra £25 million for short-term home-based respite care for carers and the extra £3 million towards establishing a national helpline for carers announced in 2007; congratulates the Government for introducing in 2007 the new Expert Carers Programme; further notes that the Pensions Bill currently before Parliament includes a package of reforms to recognise the contribution made by carers and ensure that they can build up better pension records; further notes that the right to request flexible working introduced by this Government will help carers better balance their work and caring benefits; and further welcomes the substantial improvements made to the benefits available to low income carers; instead thereof.—(Mr Ivan Lewis).

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Huw Irranca-Davies: 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.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House recognises the vital contribution that the UK’s six million carers make to society; welcomes recent announcements on carers including the Government review of the first ever National Strategy for carers, the New Deal for Carers and the Treasury report ‘Aiming high for disabled children: better support for families’ as steps towards an improvement in recognition and support for carers; notes that the review of the National Strategy includes a far reaching consultation with carers and others to make recommendations for the short, medium and long-term; further welcomes the extra £25 million for short-term home-based respite care for carers and the extra £3 million towards establishing a national helpline for carers announced in 2007; congratulates the Government for introducing in 2007 the new Expert Carers Programme; further notes that the Pensions Bill currently before Parliament includes a package of reforms to recognise the contribution made by carers and ensure that they can build up better pension records; further notes that the right to request flexible working introduced by this Government will help carers better balance their work and caring benefits; and further welcomes the substantial improvements made to the benefits available to low income carers.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Value Added Tax (Payments on Account) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1420), dated 10th May 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Value Added Tax (Administration, Collection and Enforcement) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1421), dated 10th May 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Tony Cunningham).—It was agreed to.

Home Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Richard Spring be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Patrick Mercer be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection).
7 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr David Gauke be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr Roger Gale be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 8th June 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 139 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Consumer Protection,—Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1623), dated 7th June 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Excise,—Biofuels and Other Fuel Substitutes (Payment of Excise Duties etc) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1640), dated 8th June 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [John Healey].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 11th June 2007:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

9 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Draft Gambling (Lottery Machine Interval) Order 2007; and
(2) draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

(2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Investigation of Protected Electronic Information: Code of Practice) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

11 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2006 (Disapplication of Section 25) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

13 Health and Safety,—Health and Safety (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1672), dated 7th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

14 Housing,—Home Information Pack (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1667), dated 8th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

15 National Health Service,—Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Reviews and Appeals) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1613), dated 6th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

16 Social Care,—Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1684), dated 11th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Gerry Sutcliffe].

17 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 29th January 2007, made by the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge amending Statute G of the University [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

18 Health,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Health Committee, Session 2006–07, on Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS [by Command] [Cm. 7128] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

19 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Environment Agency: Building and maintaining river and coastal flood defences in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 528] [Clerk of the House].

20 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on—

(1) the Petition [18th May] from residents of the London Borough of Sutton and others of like disposition for the retention of Accident and Emergency services at St Helier Hospital;

(2) the Petition [18th May] from residents of the London Boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth, Croydon, Lewisham and others against the closure of the 24 hour emergency mental health clinic at the Maudsley Hospital; and

(3) the Petition [22nd May] from residents of North West Leicestershire and surrounding areas for a local hospice

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

21 Treaty Series (No. 11, 2007),—2004 Amendments, done at London on 15th October 2004, to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) MEPC.119(52) [by Command] [Cm. 7134] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

22 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 18th May].

23 Investigatory Powers,—(1) Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data: Code of Practice) Order 2007; and

(2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Investigation of Protected Electronic Information: Code of Practice) Order 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [laid 7th June].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 7371/07 and Addenda 1 to 4, relating to Simplification of Legislation on Transport Rates and Food Hygiene,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Geraldine Smith from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution John Battle.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—The Planning White Paper: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 671-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Public Accounts,—Prescribing costs in Primary Care: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 670-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 103.]

Tuesday 12th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th May, should be approved.  

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 4th June, should be approved.  

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords],—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] Committee:

(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) a Memorandum.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 Legal Services Bill [Lords],—Frank Cook reported from the Legal Services Bill [Lords] Committee, That it had come to the following Resolution:

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

4 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007.

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

5 Pensions (Unclaimed Assets) Bill,—The Order for reading the Pensions (Unclaimed Assets) Bill a second time on Friday 15th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

6 Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Freedom of Information Act 2000; to remove the provisions permitting Ministers to overrule decisions of the Information Commissioner and Information Tribunal; to limit the time allowed for public authorities to respond to requests involving consideration of the public interest; to amend the definition of public authorities; and for connected purposes: And that Tom Brake, Norman Baker, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Nick Clegg, Tim Farron, Lynne Featherstone, Mr David Heath, Simon Hughes, Mr Dan Rogerson, Mr Richard Shepherd, Andrew Stunell and Mr Phil Willis do prepare and bring it in.

7 Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Tom Brake accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Freedom of Information Act 2000; to remove the provisions permitting Ministers to overrule decisions of the Information Commissioner and Information Tribunal; to limit the time allowed for public authorities to respond to requests involving consideration of the public interest; to amend the definition of public authorities; and for
connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 121].

8 Serious Crime Bill [Lords].—The Serious Crime Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

9 Serious Crime 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 Serious Crime Bill [Lords]:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 10th July 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

10 Serious Crime Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Serious Crime 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 Serious Crime Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any expenditure incurred under the Act by a Minister of the Crown or government department, 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 of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

11 Improving Facilities for Educational Visitors to Parliament.—Resolved, That this House approves the First Report of the Administration Committee, on Improving Facilities for Educational Visitors to Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 434); and endorses the Committee's proposals, including a dedicated space for educational visitors to be provided on or off the Estate complemented by engagement with those who do not visit Westminster.—(Mr Jack Straw.)

12 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from professionals in the nursery sector, concerned parents and members of the public against implementation of the Government's new code of practice on nursery provision was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Environmental Protection,—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1671), dated 7th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


Other Papers:

7 Extradition,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2007 [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

8 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Royal Mint for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 543] [Clerk of the House]; and (2) Treasury Minute, dated 12th June 2007, on the Royal Mint Trading Fund [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Postal Services,—Report of the Postal Services Commission for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 547] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [1st May] from Sussex Action for Peace for the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Treaty Series (No. 12, 2007).,—Exchange of Notes, done at London on the 10th and 12th May 2006, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the Status of Military and Civilian Personnel of the UK Armed Forces who will be present in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba for the Exercise “Caribbean Lion 2006” [by Command] [Cm. 7136] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Extradition,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2007 [laid 24th May].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd and Keith Vaz from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown and Jim Sheridan.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 12th June; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Freedom of Information follow up: Fourth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 415]; and

(2) Towards Effective Sentencing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 621-ii]

[Mr Alan Beith].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Public Service Media Content: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 316-viij] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence,—Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 655-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Draft Climate Change Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill; to be printed [No. 542-viij]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee; to be published

[Dr Desmond Turner].

6 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be printed [No. 630-iii][Mr Phil Willis].

7 Environmental Audit,—The Challenge of Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 595-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

8 Home Affairs,—A Surveillance Society?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 508-iij] [Mr John Denham].

9 International Development,—(1) DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People and Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border:

(i) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 645-viij]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(2) Vietnam: DFID’s Country Programme: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Malcolm Bruce].

10 Public Administration,—(1) Machinery of Government Changes: Seventh Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 672]; and

(2) Third Sector Commissioning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 540-i]

[Dr Tony Wright].

11 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Draft Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2007: Sixth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 673]; and

(2) Draft Regulatory Reform (Game) Order 2007: Seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 674]

[Andrew Miller].

12 Scottish Affairs,—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-ix] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].
13 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Conduct of Mr Julian Brazier: Fourth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 682]; and

(2) Handling of future complaints of misuse of the private dining facilities: Fifth Report from the Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 683]

[Sir George Young]

14 Trade and Industry,— Europe moves East: the Impact of the ‘new’ EU Member States on UK business: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 592:ii] [Mr Peter Luff].

15 Treasury,— Private equity: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 567:i] [John McFall].

16 Welsh Affairs,— Globalisation and its impact on Wales:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281:xi]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 103; WH, No. 62]

Tuesday 12th June 2007.

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 1.56 p.m.

[No. 104.]

Wednesday 13th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Jim Hood reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Armed Forces, Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2007, the draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) Order 2007, and the draft Armed Forces (Service Police Amendments) Order 2007: 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:

Corruption Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about corruption, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill [Lords].—The Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 124].

4 Catholics (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill.—The Order for reading the Catholics (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill a second time on Friday 15th June was read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

5 Protection of Adults in Care (Prevention of Harm and Exploitation).—Mr Paul Burstow, supported by Mrs Joan Humble and Sandra Gidley, presented a Bill to amend the Human Rights Act 1998 to extend the definition of public authority to include any body acting pursuant to a contract with a public body to perform a function of a public nature;
to confer new functions on local authorities in relation to persons in need of care or protection provided by such authorities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 123].

6 Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 to extend its provisions to cover construction work; and for connected purposes: And that Jim Sheridan, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr John Denham, Tony Lloyd, Anne Mollat, Mr Jim McGovern, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Michael Clapham, Harry Cohen and Mr David Hamilton do prepare and bring it in.

7 Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 (Amendment) Bill.—Jim Sheridan accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 to extend its provisions to cover construction work; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 122].

8 International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Bill [Lords] (Allocation of Time),—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Bill [Lords].

Timetable

1. Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption or six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, whichever is the later.

   Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

2. When the Bill has been read a second time—
   
   (a) it shall (notwithstanding Standing Order No 63 (Committal of Bills not subject to a programme order)) stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put, and
   
   (b) the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

3.—(1) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee, the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

   (2) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

4. For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1, the Speaker or Chairman shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—
   
   (a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;
   
   (b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;
   
   (c) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
   
   (d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

5. On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

   Subsequent stages

6.—(1) Any Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

   (2) Proceedings on any Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

7.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 6.

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

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

   (4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

   (5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.
Reasons Committee

8.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons 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 (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (3), the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but not yet decided, and

(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

9. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply so far as necessary for the purposes of this Order.

10.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(2) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to those proceedings.

11. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

12.—(1) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill.

(2) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

13.—(1) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(2) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

14.—(1) Sub-paragraph (2) 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.

15.—(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies 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.

(2) 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.

16.—(1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(2) 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.

17. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.—(Dr. Kim Howells.)

International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Bill [Lords].—The International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

The House, pursuant to Order [this day], resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.
In the Committee

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House, pursuant to Order [this day].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Ian Cawsey reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no Amendment thereunto.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

10 Simplification of Legislation on Transport Rates and Food Hygiene.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 7371/07 and Addenda 1 to 4, Draft Regulation amending Regulation No. 11 concerning the abolition of discrimination in transport rates and conditions in implementation of Article 79(3) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 of the European Parliament and the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs; and supports the Government’s view that attempts to reduce administrative burdens on food businesses are to be welcomed, but should not compromise public health protection.—(Mr Ian Cawsey)—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from students from the University of Plymouth Students’ Union for the abolition of prescription fees for students in England was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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

Adjourned at 6.01 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Amendment of Schedule 6) Order 2007;
   (2) draft Gambling Act 2005 (Horserace Betting Levy) Order 2007; and
   (3) draft Gambling Act 2005 (Horserace Totalisator Board) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Rehabilitation of Offenders,—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 ( Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr David Hanson].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Food,—Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1631), dated 7th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Pensions,—Register of Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1625), dated 7th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Public Health,—Health Protection Agency (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1624), dated 7th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


8 Social Security,—Social Security (Students and Income-related Benefits) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1632), dated 7th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
9 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 12th March 2007, made by the Governing Body of King’s College in the University of Cambridge amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

10 Crown Agents,—Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 678] [Clerk of the House].


12 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 679] [Clerk of the House].

13 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition [18th May] from Councillor William Powell and others of like disposition for measures to keep the Community Hospitals at Knighton, Builth Wells and Bronlys open [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


15 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 12th June].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Alistair Carmichael, Jim Dobbin, Clive Efford, Mr Mark Field, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Nick Hurd, Barbara Keeley, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Owen Paterson, Paul Rowen, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Andy Slaughter, Ian Stewart and Graham Stringer.

2 Serious Crime Bill [Lords],—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton and John Bercow Chairmen of the Serious Crime Bill [Lords] Committee.

3 Draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Peter Bottomley, Richard Burden, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr David Curry, James Duddridge, Mr John Heppell, Barbara Keeley, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, Mrs Anne McGuire, Andrew Mackinlay, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Andrew Selous, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Andrew Smith and Ian Stewart.

4 Draft Armed Forces, Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2007, the draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) Order 2007, and the draft Armed Forces (Service Police Amendments) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Bill Etherington from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Geraldine Smith.

5 Draft Trade Marks (Relative Grounds) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Lorely Burt, Mr William Cash, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr James Gray, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Susan Kramer, Steve McCabe, Chris McCafferty, Ann McKechin, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Richard Shepherd, Keith Vaz, Malcolm Wicks, Mrs Betty Williams and Mike Wood.
6 Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 923):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Dawn Butler, Caroline Flint, Sandra Gidley, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Andrew Love, Ian Lucas, Shona McIsaac, Fiona Mactaggart, Anne Main, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Alan Milburn, Dr Andrew Murrison, Robert Neill, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Rosindell, Claire Ward and Mr Tom Watson.

European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 8322/07 and Addendum 1, on European Research Area.

8 European Union Document No. 8179/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Fisheries: By-catches and Discards.—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 Wayne David, Natascha Engel, Mr Robert Goodwill, Chris Huhne, Mr Humfrey Malins, Stephen Pound, Chris Ruane, Mr Lee Scott, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

9 European Union Documents No. 11847/06 and No. 11816/06 and Addendum 1, relating to Water policy: environmental quality standards, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

10 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 6th June 2007, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2008, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Climate Change Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill; to be printed [No. 542-iv] [Mr Tim Yeo].

2 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be printed [No. 630-iv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 694-iv] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 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. 41-xxv]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Revitalising the Chamber: the role of the back bench Member: First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 337] [Mr Jack Straw].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 520-iv] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—Thames Gateway: Laying the foundations: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 693-iv] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) OSI Scrutiny 2003 and 2006: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 635]; and
   (2) Investigating the Oceans: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 470-iv]
   [Mr Phil Willis].
9 Statutory Instruments,—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xix] [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—The draft Local Transport Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 692-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Progress on the efficiency programme in the Chancellor’s departments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 483-iv] [John McFall].

[No. 104; WH, No. 63]

Wednesday 13th June 2007.

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. 105.]

Thursday 14th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords],—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Memorandum (reported on 12th June) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 125].

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

2 Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill,—The Order for reading the Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill a second time on Friday 15th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

3 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) 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 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 18th December 2006 (Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) 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—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

4 Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.
Clause No. 1 (Unoccupied hereditaments: chargeable amount).

Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 2, at beginning to insert the words—

'(1) In section 45(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41) (unoccupied hereditaments: liability) after “year” insert—

“(ca) none of the conditions in subsection (1A) applies”. 

(2) After section 45(1) of that Act insert—

“(1A) The conditions are that—

(a) the whole hereditament has, subject to subsection (1B), been unoccupied for a continuous period not exceeding three months;
(b) its owner is prohibited by law from occupying it or allowing it to be occupied;
(c) it is kept vacant by reason of action taken by or on behalf of the Crown or any local or public authority with a view to prohibiting the occupation of the hereditament or to acquiring it;
(d) it is the subject of a building preservation notice as defined by section 3 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 or is included in a list compiled under section 1 of that Act;
(e) it is included in the Schedule of monuments compiled under section 1 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (c. 46);
(f) it is a qualifying industrial hereditament;
(g) its rateable value is less than £2,200;
(h) the owner is entitled to possession only in his capacity as the personal representative of a deceased person;
(i) there subsists in respect of the owner’s estate a bankruptcy order within the meaning of Parts VIII to XI of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45);
(j) the owner is entitled to possession of the hereditament in his capacity as trustee under a deed of arrangement to which the Deeds of Arrangement Act 1914 (c. 47) applies;
(k) the owner is a company which is subject to a winding-up order made under the Insolvency Act 1986 or which is being wound up voluntarily under that Act;
(l) the owner is entitled to possession of the hereditament in his capacity as liquidator by virtue of an order made under section 112 or section 145 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

(1B) Where a hereditament which has been unoccupied becomes occupied on any day and becomes unoccupied again on the expiration of a period of less than six weeks beginning with that day, then for the purposes of ascertaining whether the hereditament has been continuously unoccupied for the period mentioned in subsection (1A)(a) it shall be treated as having been unoccupied on that day and throughout the period.

(1C) For the purpose of subsection (1A)(a), a hereditament which has not previously been occupied shall be treated as becoming unoccupied—

(a) on the day determined under paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act 1967, or
(b) on the day determined under Schedule 4A to the Act, or
(c) where neither (a) nor (b) applies, on the day for which the hereditament is first shown in a local rating list, whichever day first occurs.

(1D) In subsection (1A)(f)—

“qualifying industrial hereditament” means any hereditament other than a retail hereditament in relation to which all buildings comprised in the hereditament are—

(a) constructed or adapted for use in the course of a trade or business, and
(b) constructed or adapted for use for one or more of the following purposes, or one or more such purposes and one or more purposes ancillary thereto—
(i) the manufacture, repair or adaptation of goods or materials, or the subjection of goods or materials to any process;
(ii) storage (including the storage or handling of goods in the course of their distribution);
(iii) the working or processing of minerals;
(iv) the generation of electricity; and
“retail hereditament” means any hereditament where any building or part of a building comprised in the hereditament is constructed or adapted for the purpose of the retail provision of—
(a) goods, or
(b) services, other than storage for distribution services, on or from the hereditament.”.—(Mr Robert Syms.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 236.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words ‘subsection (4A)’ and insert the words ‘subsections (4A) and (4B)’.—(Michael Gove.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Alan Campbell: 236.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(4) The third case is where—
(a) the ratepayer is a community owned village hall or community centre, and
(b) it appears that when next in use the hereditament will be wholly or mainly used for community benefit.’.—(Mr Robert Syms.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Steve McCabe: 232.

It being after Five o’clock, the Chairman put the remaining Questions necessary to bring proceedings in the Committee to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [7th June].

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Jonathan Shaw reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made no Amendment thereunto.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Secretary Ruth Kelly, 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.—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.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Access to Justice,—Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Vera Baird].

2 Criminal Law,—Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr David Hanson].

3 Income Tax,—Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Macedonia) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories,—Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1678), dated 13th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:


6 Further and Higher Education,—Report and Accounts of the Higher Education Funding Council for England for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 510] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Valuation Office Agency for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 550] [Dawn Primarolo].

(2) Paper, entitled Personal accounts: a new way to save; Summary of responses to the consultation [by Command] [Cm. 7122 and 7121] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 8322/07 and Addendum 1, relating to European Research Area,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Henry Bellingham from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document and Addendum) and nominated in substitution Charles Hendry.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Public Service Media Content: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 316-viii] [Mr John Whittingdale].
14th—15th June 2007

2 Health.—Electronic Patient Record: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-v] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Transport.—The Government’s Motorcycling Strategy: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Eighth Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 698] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 Treasury.—(1) The 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review: prospects and processes: Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 279]; and

   (2) The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: ten years on: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 299-v]

   [John McFall].

[No. 105; WH, No. 64]

Thursday 14th June 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Drug classification: making a hash of it?—Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2005–06, the Government’s response thereto and follow-up evidence to the Committee).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Rating (Empty Properties) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 106.]

Friday 15th June 2007.

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 Corruption Bill [Lords].—The Corruption Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 126].

4 Motion to sit in private.—Mr Brooks Newmark moved, That this 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 Richard Benyon, Mr Charles Walker: 1.

   Tellers for the Noes, Greg Clark, Mr Greg Knight: 75.

   So the Question was negatived.

5 Sustainable Communities Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sustainable Communities Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

   A Clause (NC6) (Local authorities: transfer of functions)—(Mr Nick Hurd)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC1) (Proposals by local authorities)—(Mr Phil Woolas)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Decision on short-list)—(Mr Phil Woolas)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment ((a)) made to the proposed Clause.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC3) (Action plans)—(Mr Phil Woolas)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC4) (Proposals: regulations)—(Mr Phil Woolas)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendments ((a) and (c)) made to the proposed Clause.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Sustainable community strategies)—(Mr Phil Woolas)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 4, 10, 21 to 25, 35 to 38, and 40 to 42) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Authority) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Authority) 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 29th June.

7 Land Use (Gardens Protection Etc) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd February, That the Land Use (Gardens Protection Etc) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 19th October.

8 Provision of Palliative Care Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provision of Palliative Care Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

9 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retail Packaging Recycling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

10 Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

11 Members of Parliament (Employment Disqualification) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Members of Parliament (Employment Disqualification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

12 Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 29th June.

13 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 18th June.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Education,—(1) Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1629); and
   (2) Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1630),
   dated 7th June 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2. Road Traffic,—Alterations to the provisions of rules 61 and 63 of the Highway Code proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for Transport [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Other Papers:

3. Access to Justice,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission [by Command] [Vera Baird].

4. Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 559] [Secretary David Miliband].

5. Public Petitions,—Observations by—
   (1) the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Petition [18th May] from clients and staff of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs against proposals for the closure of HMRC offices in Cornwall;
   (2) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [18th May] from water bill payers and others of like disposition for measures to alleviate water poverty in the South West region; and
   (3) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [6th June] from residents of Kingskerswell, Aller and Edginswell, Devon, against the proposed construction of a bypass around Kingskerswell and through the Aller valley [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

6. Access to Justice,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission [laid 14th June].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

**PRAYERS.**

1. 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. 8322/07, Commission Green Paper, The European Research Area: New Perspectives; encourages UK stakeholders to participate in the consultation process which the Commission has inaugurated; and agrees that the issues identified in the document are of vital importance to ensuring the effective development of the European Research Area.
   
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2. Royal Assent,—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:
   
   - International Tribunals (Sierra Leone) Act 2007

3. Mental Health Bill ([Lords] (Programme)) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Order of 16th April 2007 (Mental Health 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 concluded in two days.
   3. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of those days as shown in the following Table and in the order so shown.
   4. 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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5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 10.00 p.m. on the second day.—(Ms Rosie Winterton.)

4 Mental Health Bill [Lords] [1st allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Mental Health Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC3) (Independent mental health advocates)—(Ms Rosie Winterton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Independent mental capacity advocacy service: exceptions)—(Ms Rosie Winterton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC6) (Withdrawal of consent)—(Ms Rosie Winterton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC7) (Victims’ rights)—(Ms Rosie Winterton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC9) (Transfer of prisoners to hospital)—(Dr John Pugh)—brought up, read the first and second time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Mental Health Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC15) (Treatment requiring consent (period of time since administration of treatment))—(Tim Loughton)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Frank Roy: 270.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments and a new Schedule moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 10 to 12, 14, 16 to 21, 25 to 34, 36, 37, 39, 41 to 43, 45, 46 and 49) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (NS1) (Victims’ Rights)—(Ms Rosie Winterton)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 51 to 58 and 60 to 68) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to amend the Mental Health Act 1983, the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005 in relation to mentally disordered persons; to amend section 40 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005; and for connected purposes.

Another Clause (NC4) (Accommodation, etc.)—(Ms Rosie Winterton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 70) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(aa) in subsection (3)—

(i) after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) to arrange for the patient to be examined by the registered medical practitioner or chartered clinical psychologist who has been professionally concerned with the medical treatment of the patient; or if no such practitioner is available, a registered medical practitioner or chartered clinical psychologist who is an approved clinician; and,”

(ii) in paragraph (b), for “if it appears to him that the conditions set out in subsection (4) are satisfied, to” substitute “if the responsible clinician and the medical practitioner or chartered clinical psychologist (as the case may be) agree that the requirements of subsection (4) are satisfied, the responsible clinician shall”’.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being three and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Mental Health Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No.2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.
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.

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 9, 13, 15, 35, 38, 40, 44, 47 and 48) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC13) (Authority to treat community patients)—(Angela Browning)—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, Angela Watkinson: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Liz Blackman: 277.

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], proceeded to put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 96) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 27, to leave out paragraphs (b) to (d) and insert—

'(b) if the patient is not under Part III of the Act, (a patient concerned in criminal proceedings or under sentence), the patient’s ability to make decisions about the provision of medical treatment is significantly impaired because of his mental disorder;

(c) it is necessary for—

(i) the protection of others from serious harm, or

(ii) the protection of the patient from suicide or serious harm to himself that he should receive treatment for his mental disorder;

(d) subject to his being liable to be recalled to hospital for medical treatment such treatment can be provided without his continuing to be detained in a hospital;

(e) the patient has on at least one occasion within five years previous to the present admission under section 3 refused to accept medical treatment for mental disorder;

(i) when appropriate medical treatment has been refused there has been a significant relapse in his mental or physical condition justifying compulsory admission to hospital; (whether or not there has been such an admission); and

(ii) medical treatment was then provided to him which alleviated or prevented a worsening of his condition, its symptoms or other manifestations of his condition.

(f) it is necessary for the protection of others from serious harm, or the protection of the patient from suicide or serious harm to himself, that he should be liable to be recalled to hospital for medical treatment'; instead thereof.—(Tim Loughton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 212.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Liz Blackman: 271.

The Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 22 to 24 and 59) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

5 Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 20th June, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

6 Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Armed Forces, Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.
7 Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

8 Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Armed Forces (Service Police Amendments) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 16th May, 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 eight minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—(1) Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1688), dated 12th June 2007; and (2) Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1683), dated 8th June 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Environmental Protection,—Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1711), dated 12th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Papers:

3 Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given on 13th June 2007 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].

4 Family Proceedings,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules 2007 [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

5 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Laboratories Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 563] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 House of Commons,—Report of the House of Commons Commission for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 708] [The Speaker].

7 House of Commons Commission,—Report on the Management and Services of the House of Commons by Sir Kevin Tebbit; to be printed [No. 685] [The Speaker].

8 Magistrates’ Courts,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Family Proceedings Courts (Matrimonial Proceedings etc.) (Amendment) Rules 2007 [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

9 Official Secrets,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2007 [by Command] [Mr Gerry Sutcliffe].

10 Pollution Prevention and Control,—Local Authority Permits for Part B Installations and Mobile Plant (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2007 [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary David Miliband].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [19th April] from Plymouth Alzheimer’s Society for the continued prescription of Alzheimer’s drug treatments to patients who can benefit from them [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2006–07, on Government proposals for the regulation of hybrid and chimera embryos [by Command] [Cm. 7139] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
13 Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].—Report by the Attorney General on the Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords] [by Standing Order] [The Solicitor General].

Papers withdrawn:

14 Family Proceedings. — Explanatory Memorandum to the Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules 2007 [laid 8th June].

15 Magistrates' Courts. — Explanatory Memorandum to the Family Proceedings Courts (Matrimonial Proceedings etc.) (Amendment) Rules 2007 [laid 8th June].


APPENDIX II

General Committees

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 8322/07 and Addendum 1, relating to European Research Area. — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Don Touhig from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Watson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government. — Local Government Finance—Council Tax Benefit: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 718-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. — Badgers and cattle TB: Final Report of the Independent Scientific Group: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 725-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights. — Monitoring the Government's Response to Court Judgements Finding Breaches of Human Rights: Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 728] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Liaison. — The Prime Minister: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee; to be printed [No. 300-ii] [Mr Alan Williams].

5 Public Accounts. — (1) Assessing the value for money of OGCbuying solutions: Thirty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 275];

(2) Recruitment and retention in the armed forces: Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 43];

(3) BBC outsourcing: The contract between the BBC and Siemens Business Services: Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 118];

(4) Reserve Forces: Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 729]; and

(5) Building for the future: Sustainable construction and refurbishment on the government estate: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 730-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Work and Pensions. — Benefits Simplification: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 463-v] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Tuesday 19th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2007.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Trade Marks (Relative Grounds) Order 2007.

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

3 Council Housing (Direct Investment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the improvement of all council homes and estates; to provide for the building of new council housing; to promote equal financial treatment between local authorities and registered social landlords in the provision of affordable housing; to reserve certain rents and capital receipts for direct investment in council housing; to provide for the protection of rights to life-long secure tenancies and of tenants from involuntary changes of ownership and management; to further regulate and make requirements of registered social landlords; and for connected purposes: And that David Taylor, Mr Jim Cunningham, Frank Dobson, Paul Flynn, Dr Ian Gibson, Kelvin Hopkins, Dr Brian Iddon, Lynne Jones, Andrew Mackinlay, Paul Rowen, Bob Russell and Mr Phil Willis do prepare and bring it in.

4 Council Housing (Direct Investment) Bill,—David Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to promote the improvement of all council homes and estates; to provide for the building of new council housing; to promote equal financial treatment between local authorities and registered social landlords in the provision of affordable housing; to reserve certain rents and capital receipts for direct investment in council housing; to provide for the protection of rights to life-long secure tenancies and of tenants from involuntary changes of ownership and management; to further regulate and make requirements of registered social landlords; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 127].

5 Mental Health Bill [Lords] [2nd allocated day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Mental Health Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC12) (Impaired decision making)—(Tim Loughton)—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 Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [18th June], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Evennett: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 289.

Another Clause (NC11) (Warrant to search for and remove patients)—(Tim Loughton)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 91) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, to leave out the words from 'Act)' to the end of line 26 and insert the words ‘after subsection (2B) insert—

“(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to cover paedophilia.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) above a person shall not be considered to have a mental disorder as defined in this section solely on the grounds of the following—

(a) his substance misuse (including dependence upon, or use of, alcohol or drugs);

(b) his sexual preference or gender identity;

(c) his commission, or likely commission, of illegal or disorderly acts;

(d) his cultural, religious or political beliefs.’’—instead thereof.—(Tim Loughton.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 196.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Liz Blackman: 282.

It being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on the remaining Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown.
Amendment (No. 50) made to the Bill.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
And it being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [18th June].
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Steve McCabe: 272.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

6 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Second Reading of the Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords], may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

7 Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords];
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Bill be now read a second time—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

8 Parliament (Joint Departments) 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 Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords]—

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading
2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of those proceedings.
Programming Committee
3. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on consideration or proceedings on Third Reading.

Programming of other proceedings
4. 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.

9 Corrections to the Official Report,—Resolved, That this House approves the Second Report of the Procedure Committee (House of Commons Paper No. 541), on Corrections to the Official Report.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

10 Road Traffic,—Ordered, That the alterations in the provisions of the Highway Code proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for Transport, dated 28th March 2007, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electronic Communications,—Draft Data Retention (EC Directive) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

2 Industrial Development,—Draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Taxes,—Draft International Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Magistrates’ Courts,—(1) Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1610), dated 13th June 2007; and

6 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Manchester) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1736), dated 14th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Other Papers:

7 Courts and Legal Services,—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 566] [Ms Harriet Harman].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Central Science Laboratory for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 524] [Secretary David Miliband].

9 Proceeds of Crime,—Report of the Appointed Person for England and Wales and Northern Ireland for 2006-07 [by Act] [Secretary John Reid].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [18th May] from Councillor James MacCleary and others of like disposition against the removal of the international moratorium on commercial whaling [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Secure Training Centres,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Secure Training Centre (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1709) [by Command] [Bridget Prentice].

12 Treaty Series (No. 13, 2007),—Extradition Treaty, done at Washington on 31st March 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America with Exchange of Notes [by Command] [Cm. 7146] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Secure Training Centres,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Secure Training Centre (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1709) [laid 13th June].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ian Stewart from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Bruce George.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Local Government Finance—Supplementary Business Rate: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 719-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—House of Lords Reform and Party Funding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 738-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Defence,—The Future of NATO and European Defence:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 707-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Draft Climate Change Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill; to be printed [No. 542-v]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be printed [No. 630-v]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Environmental Audit,—(1) Pre-Budget Report 2006 and the Stern Review: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee: Fifth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 739]; and
   (2) The Structure and Operation of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 740-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Developments in the European Union:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 166-ii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mike Gapes].

8 International Development,—DFID’s Country Programme in Vietnam: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 732-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

9 Public Administration,—Public appointments: confirmation hearings: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 731-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

10 Scottish Affairs,—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-x] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

11 Trade and Industry,—(1) Recent Developments with Airbus: Ninth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 427]; and
   (2) Europe moves East: the impact of the ‘new’ EU Member States on UK business: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 592-iii] [Mr Peter Luft].

12 Treasury,—(1) The 2007 Budget: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fifth Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 696];
   (2) Unclaimed assets in the financial system: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 533-iii]; and
   (3) Financial inclusion follow-up: saving for all and shorter term saving products: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 504-iii] [John McFall].
13 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-xiii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 108; WH, No. 65]

Tuesday 19th June 2007.

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. 109.]

Wednesday 20th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

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

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Mr Piara S. Khabra, Member for Ealing Southall. 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 Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords],—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

3 Disability Benefits (Single Assessment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a single assessment process for disability benefits; and for connected purposes. And that Mr Jeremy Hunt, Natascha Engel, Greg Clark, Malcolm Bruce, Michael Gove, Ms Sally Keeble, Stephen Hammond, Anne Milton, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Stewart Jackson, John Penrose and Mr Paul Goodman do prepare and bring it in.

4 Disability Benefits (Single Assessment) Bill,—Mr Jeremy Hunt accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a single assessment process for disability benefits; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 128].

5 Adjournment (European affairs),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

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):

Road Traffic,—That the draft Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 14th May, be approved.

Ayes: 362.
Noes: 60.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 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.
8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from members of the Royal Society of St George for 23rd April to be declared an English national holiday was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.18 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

2 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement) (Republic of Albania) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Social Security,—Draft Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit) (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Criminal Law,—Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Reviews of Sentencing) (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1762), dated 18th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr David Hanson].

5 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1679), dated 13th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Food,—Bovine Products (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (England) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1755), dated 19th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

7 Chiropractors,—Financial Statements of the General Chiropractic Council for 2006 [by Act] [Ms Harriet Harman].

8 Higher Education,—Report and Accounts of the Office for Fair Access for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 560] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

9 Justice,—Paper, entitled Confidence and confidentiality: Openness in family courts—a new approach [by Command] [Cm. 7131] [Ms Harriet Harman].

10 Regulatory Impact Assessments,—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st July to 31st December 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7135] [Hilary Armstrong].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire as an additional Chairman of the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill Committee.

2 Serious Crime Bill Committee: The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Andrew Gwynne, Nick Herbert, Mr Douglas Hogg, Ian Lucas, Sobhахan McDonagh, Margaret Moran, Kahi Mountford, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr Dan Rogerson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Iain Wright and Jeremy Wright.
3 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Derek Conway Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Alan Campbell, Ben Chapman, Mr James Clappison, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Stephen Crabb, Jim Dowd, Mr Dominic Grieve, Andrew Gwynne, Ian Lucas, Joan Ryan, Mr Siôn Simon, Dr Howard Stoate and Emily Thornberry.

4 Draft Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David S. Borrow, Chris Bryant, Lorely Burt, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Mark Field, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Christopher Fraser, David Heyes, Susan Kramer, Mark Lazarowicz, Steve McCabe, Judy Mallaber, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Mark Prisk, Joan Ruddock and Helen Southworth.

5 Alterations to the Provisions of the Highway Code proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for Transport:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Alterations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Julian Brazier, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Frank Dobson, Paul Flynn, Mr James Gray, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Greg Knight, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Nick Raynsford, Andrew Rosindell, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Andy Slaughter and Dr Desmond Turner.

6 Draft Railways Pensions (Transfer of Pension Schemes) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr John Gummer, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Nick Hurd, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Jim McGovern, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Michael Meacher, Alun Michael, Andrew Rosindell, Paul Rowen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Andy Slaughter and Mr David Winnick.

7 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Amended Cotonou Agreement) (Community Aid Internal Agreement) Order 2007 and draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement amending the Cotonou Agreement) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Liz Blackman, Mr Simon Burns, Mr David Crausby, Mr Ian Davidson, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Lynne Featherstone, Michael Jabez Foster, Dr Brian Iddon, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Peter Lilley, John McDonnell, Mr Ken Purchase, Mark Simmonds, Mr Gareth Thomas and Jon Trickett.

European Standing Committees

8 European Union Documents No. 11847/06 and No. 11816/06 and Addendum 1 relating to Water Policy: Environmental Quality Standards:
(1) The Speaker has appointed Janet Anderson 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: Ms Celia Barlow, Angela Eagle, Mr Robert Goodwill, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Rob Marris, Mr James Paine, Ian Pearson, Mr Mark Tami and Mr Dave Watts.
9 The Speaker has appointed Mr Jim Hood Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 8179/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, on Fisheries: By-Catches and Discards.

10 European Union Documents No. 9773/07 and No. 9776/07, relating to Migration, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Judicial Appointments Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 416-ii] [Keith Vaz].

2 Draft Climate Change Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill; to be printed [No. 542-vii] [Dr Desmond Turner].

3 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be printed [No. 630-vi] [Mr Phil Willis].

4 Education and Skills,—Post-16 Skills Training:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 333-viii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Badgers and cattle TB: Final Report of the Independent Scientific Group: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 725-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 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. 41-xxvi]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee: to be published
       [Michael Connarty].

7 Public Accounts,—Tendering and benchmarking in PFI: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 754-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) International policies and activities of the Research Councils: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 472-i].
   (2) The role of the Chairman of the Medical Research Council: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 746-i].
   (3) Research Council Institutes: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (4) The Cooksey Review: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xx] [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—The draft Local Transport Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 692-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Private equity: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 567-ii] [John McFall].
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 4.59 p.m.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Legal Services Bill [Lords].—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported a Memorandum from the Legal Services Bill [Lords] Committee.
Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 923).
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Message from the Lords,—A Message from the Lords was brought as follows:
Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for protecting individuals against being forced to enter into marriage without their free and full consent and for protecting individuals who have been forced to enter into marriage without such consent; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords].—The Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 25th June and to be printed [Bill 129].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 129-EN].

5 Adjournment (Armed forces personnel),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);
The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 25th June.

[Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Development,—Draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Seventh Replenishment) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2 Political Parties,—Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gambling Act 2005 (Limits on Prize Gaming) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1777); and


6 Environmental Protection,—REACH (Appointment of Competent Authorities) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1742), dated 15th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

7 Mental Health,—Public Guardian Board Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1770), dated 19th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Vera Baird].

8 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statutes, dated 10th October 2006 and 6th March 2007, made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford amending the Existing Statutes of the University [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Other Papers:

9 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 214] [Secretary John Reid].

10 Education and Skills,—Paper, entitled Care Matters: Time for Change [by Command] [Cm. 7137] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


12 Government Resources and Accounts,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the British Hallmarking Council for 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 623] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and
   (2) the Government Decontamination Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 631] [Secretary David Miliband].

13 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) for 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 554] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 National Health Service,—Report and Accounts of the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 628] [Clerk of the House].

15 Treaty Series (No. 14, 2007),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 12th November 2003 and 6th July 2006, extending the agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Supplement and Facilitate the Operation of the Convention of the Council of Europe on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime, concluded at Strasbourg on 8th November 1990, signed at London on 15th September 1993 to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba [by Command] [Cm. 7148] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Papers withdrawn:

16 Electronic Communications,—Draft Data Retention (EC Directive) Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 19th June].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Serious Crime Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Andrew Gwynne, Nick Herbert and Siobhain McDonagh members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Serious Crime Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 923),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dawn Butler, Ian Lucas, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Michael Meacher and Mr Tom Watson from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Clive Ellwood, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Don Touhig, Keith Vaz, and Mr Iain Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 655-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 International Development,—(1) DFID’s Country Programme in Vietnam: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 732-ii]; and

   (2) DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People and Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border:

      (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 645-iii]; and

      (ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

3 Trade and Industry,—Energy White Paper: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 756-i] [Mr Peter Luff].

[No. 110; WH, No. 67]
Thursday 21st June 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Shipman Inquiry),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Andy Burnham.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 26th June.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
Monday 25th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Derek Conway reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2007.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007.

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

3 European Standing Committee,—Mr Jim Hood reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 8179/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication, A policy to reduce unwanted by-catches and eliminate discards in European fisheries; and agrees with the Government’s initial assessment of the proposal that it represents a sound basis for debate, but that the discussion of possible solutions needs to take full account of the mixed nature of many of the EU fisheries and balance the socio-economic interests involved, whilst the UK are mindful of the importance of effective enforcement and control and the resource implications thereof.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 European Standing Committee,—Janet Anderson reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 11816/06 and Addendum 1, Draft Directive on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy and amending Directive 2000/60/EC, and No. 11847/06, Commission Communication on integrated prevention and control of chemical pollution of surface waters in the European Union; and supports the Government’s aim of securing a proportionate, cost-effective and environmentally protective measure.

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:

The Lords agree to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords insist on their Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill to which this House has disagreed, and they disagree with the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of those Amendments, for which insistence and disagreement they assign their Reason.

6 Statistics and Registration Service Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 134].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill be printed [Bill 134–EN].

7 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill,—Lords disagreement to Amendments in lieu proposed by this House and Lords insistence on their Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 133].

8 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Expenses of Management,—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill about expenses of management (and amounts deductible like expenses of management).—(John Healey.)

9 Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC5) (Restriction on expenses of management) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC13) (Updating references to standing committees)—(John Healey)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Principles of good practice for retrospective taxation legislation)—(Mr Paul Goodman)—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 Simon Burns, Michael Fabricant: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Mr Frank Roy: 281.

Another Clause (NC4) (Duty on HMRC to expedite VAT registration and repayment applications)—(Mr David Gauke)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC8) (Rural Fuel Discount Scheme)—(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 Adrian Sanders, Paul Rowen: 55.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Michael Foster: 268.

Another Clause (NC11) (Private equity)—(Mr Mark Hoban)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC14) (Assessment of effects of taxation changes on different earnings groups)—(Mr Frank 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 Roger Williams, Dan Rogerson: 67.

Tellers for the Noes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Michael Foster: 269.

An Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 9, to leave out Clause No. 3.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Andrew Rosindell: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Michael Foster: 268.

Ordered,—That further consideration be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

10 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 Dave Watts.)

11 Trade Marks,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Trade Marks (Relative Grounds) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved.—(Mr Dave Watts.)—It was agreed to.

12 Public Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved.—(Mr Dave Watts.)—It was agreed to.

13 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 (Game) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved.—(Mr Dave Watts.)—It was agreed to.
European Research Area,—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. 8322/07, Commission Green Paper, The European Research Area: New Perspectives, encourages UK stakeholders to participate in the consultation process which the Commission has inaugurated; and agrees that the issues identified in the document are of vital importance to ensuring the effective development of the European Research Area.—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) the constituents of Merthyr Tydfil and others against the planning decision affecting the Ffos Y Frân opencast mine at Merthyr Tydfil; and
(2) people living around the St. Mary’s Church Conservation Area against a planning application for shops and flats opposite St. Mary’s Church on the High Road, Benfleet were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of Caradon District, Cornwall against the lack of consultation over proposed local government reorganisation in Cornwall was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

[Adjourned at 11.07 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 22nd June 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on the Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid [Cm. 7158] [Vera Baird].

2 Ecuador (No. 1, 2007),—Agreement, done at Quito on 4th January 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7149] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Treaty Series (No. 15, 2007),—Agreement, done at Maputo on 18th March 2004, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Mozambique for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [Cm. 7150] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 22nd June 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Veterinary Surgeons,—Veterinary Surgery (Artificial Insemination) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1767), dated 20th June 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 25th June 2007:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

6 Children and Young Persons,—Draft Children Act 2004 Information Database (England) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 3, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Social Security.—(1) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1753); and
   (2) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1749),
   dated 19th June 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


10 Transport.—Railways (North and West London Lines) Exemption Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1790), dated 21st June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Other Papers:


12 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Report and Accounts of Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 525] [Secretary David Miliband]; and
   (2) Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board to the Treasury for 2005–06 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 664] [Mr Stephen Timms].

13 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of OGCbuying.solutions for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 580] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The compensation scheme for former Icelandic water trawlermen [by Act]; to be printed [No. 550] [Clerk of the House].

15 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions).—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 668] [Mr Secretary Hain].

16 Power of Information.—Government Response to the Power of Information: an independent review by Ed Mayo and Tom Steinberg 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7157] [Hilary Armstrong].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dawn Butler, Ian Lucas and Dr Howard Stoate from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Meg Hillier, Mr Andrew Love and Derek Wyatt.

2 Draft Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Lazarowicz from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Dr Brian Iddon.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Document No. 8179/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Fisheries: Bycatches and Discards.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Celia Barlow from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr David Kidney.

4 European Union Documents No. 11847/06 and No. 11816/06 and Addendum 1, relating to Water Policy: Environmental Quality Standards.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Rob Marris from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Ms Karen Buck.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Ordinance Survey: Memoranda laid before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) The Bologna Process: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2006–07: Fourth Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 788]; and
   (2) The Work of the Children’s Commissioner: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 789-i]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Human Rights,—(1) Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2006–07: The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 790]; and
   (2) The human rights of adults with learning disabilities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 659-i]
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts,—The management of staff sickness absence in the Department for Transport and its Agencies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 791-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 112.]

Tuesday 26th June 2007.

PRAYERS.

1 Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

   Bill to be read the third time.

2 Legal Services Bill [Lords].—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Legal Services Bill [Lords] Committee:
   (1) a Memorandum; and
   (2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

   Memorandum to lie upon the Table; and to be published.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the Alterations in the provisions of the Highway Code proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for Transport.

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

4 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Railways Pensions (Transfer of Pension Schemes) Order 2007.

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

5 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Amended Cotonou Agreement) (Community Aid Internal Agreement) Order 2007 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement amending the Cotonou Agreement) Order 2007.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—Mr David Hanson, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Secretary John Reid, Ms Secretary Hewitt and Mr Secretary Hain, presented a Bill to make further provision about criminal justice (including provision about the police) and dealing with offenders and defaulters; to provide for the establishment and functions of Her Majesty’s Commissioner for Offender Management and Prisons and to make further provision about the management of offenders; to amend the criminal law; to make further provision for combating crime and disorder; to make provision about the mutual recognition of financial penalties; to make provision for a new immigration status in certain cases involving criminality; 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 130].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill be printed [Bill 130–EN].

7 Citizens’ Convention Bill.—Julia Goldsworthy, supported by Mr Douglas Carswell and Mr David Chaytor, presented a Bill to establish a Citizens’ Convention to facilitate the involvement of people from all sections of society in considering the way in which the United Kingdom is governed; to make provision relating to the implementation of recommendations made by the Convention; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 136].

8 Energy Markets (Carbon Reduction and Warm Homes).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote sustainable energy and energy efficiency; to make further provision in respect of the regulation of the gas and electricity industries; to provide OFGEM with new environmental and social duties; to make further provision about the role of local authorities in meeting the United Kingdom’s carbon reduction and fuel poverty targets; and for connected purposes. And that Alan Simpson, Mr David Amess, Peter Bottomley, Mr Dai Davies, Malcolm Bruce, Dr Ian Gibson, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Dr Brian Iddon, Mrs Linda Riordan, Sir Robert Smith, Andrew Stunell and Mr Mike Weir do prepare and bring it in.

9 Energy Markets (Carbon Reduction and Warm Homes) Bill.—Alan Simpson accordingly presented a Bill to promote sustainable energy and energy efficiency; to make further provision in respect of the regulation of the gas and electricity industries; to provide OFGEM with new environmental and social duties; to make further provision about the role of local authorities in meeting the United Kingdom’s carbon reduction and fuel poverty targets; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 131].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Energy Markets (Carbon Reduction and Warm Homes) Bill be printed [Bill 131–EN].

10 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Public Bill Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 38) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 15, to leave out Clause No. 4.—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 9, to leave out sub-paragraph (a).—(Mr Paul Goodman.)

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

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 10, to leave out sub-paragraph (b).—(Mr Paul Goodman.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3) The Treasury shall prepare and lay before the House of Commons annually a report on the effectiveness of the tax relief mentioned in subsection (1) in achieving its objectives, with particular reference to the change in the amount of electricity generated by microgeneration systems.’.—(Mr Paul Goodman.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Evennett: 205.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Huw Irranca-Davies: 269.

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 2, to leave out Clause No. 35.—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 21, to leave out lines 21 to 25.—(Julia Goldsworthy.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 92, line 21, to leave out from the word 'person' to the first word 'the' in line 22 and insert the words 'whose sole or main business (either alone or together with that of any associate) is the provision or facilitation of', instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 92, line 30, to leave out lines 30 to 34 and insert the words—

'(c) exerts a substantial degree of influence over the provision of those services by providing a standardised company product to the individual ("the worker") whose services are then provided by the company.

(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2), arrangements involve a standardised company product if—

(a) the arrangements have standardised, or substantially standardised, documentation—

(i) the purpose of which is to enable the implementation, by the worker, of the arrangements; and

(ii) the form of which is determined by the provider, and is not tailored, to any material extent, to reflect the circumstances of the worker,

(b) the worker enters into a specific arrangement or series of arrangements; and

(c) that arrangement or that series of arrangements is standardised, or substantially standardised, in form and is connected with the provision of services by the worker', instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Evennett: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Mr Ian Cawsey: 279.

It being after Ten o'clock, the Speaker interrupted the proceedings.

11 Deferred Divisions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions), That, at this day’s sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred Divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of John Healey relating to Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill [Money]—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

12 Finance Bill,—The House again proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Public Bill Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 29) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed to the Bill, in page 226, line 8, to leave out from the word ‘least’ to the end of line 9 and insert the words ‘equivalent to minimum retirement income (see subsection (8) below)’, instead thereof.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.  

The House divided.  

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Evennett: 149.  

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Mr Ian Cawsey: 324.  

Other Amendments (Nos. 33 and 30 to 32) made to the Bill.  

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;  

The House divided.  

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Liz Blackman: 262.  

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 197.  

So the Question was agreed to.  

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.  

13 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill [Money];  

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—  

(1) any expenses of the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act, and  

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Dr Stephen Ladyman).  

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And the Question being put;  

The House divided.  

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Liz Blackman: 197.  

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Evennett: 165.  

So the Question was agreed to.  

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—  

(1) any expenses of the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act, and  

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.  

14 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.  

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 (Collaboration etc. between Ombudsmen) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 9th May, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.  

16 Water Policy: Environmental Quality Standards,—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. 11816/06 and Addendum 1, Draft Directive on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy and amending Directive 2000/60/EC, and No. 11847/06, Commission Communication on integrated prevention and control of chemical pollution of surface waters in the European Union; and supports the Government’s aim of securing a proportionate, cost-effective and environmentally protective measure—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.
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17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.37 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons.—Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment etc.) (General Qualifications Bodies) (Alteration of Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Acquisition of Land.—Home Loss Payments (Prescribed Amounts) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1750), dated 15th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


6 Highways.—Humber Bridge (Debts) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1828), dated 25th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].


Other Papers:


9 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Pesticides Safety Directorate for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 571] [Secretary David Miliband].

10 Public Administration,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Public Administration Select Committee, Session 2006–07, on Governing the Future [by Command] [Cm. 7145] [Hilary Armstrong].

Work and Pensions,—(1) Paper, entitled Joint birth registration: promoting parental responsibility [by Command] [Cm. 7160]; and
[Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Alterations in the provisions of the Highway Code proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for Transport,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Flynn from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Alterations) and nominated in substitution Rob Marris.

2 Draft Railways Pensions (Transfer of Pension Schemes) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Philip Hammond and Fiona Mactaggart from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Stephen Hammond and Frank Dobson.

3 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Amended Cotonou Agreement) (Community Aid Internal Agreement) Order 2007 and draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement amending the Cotonou Agreement) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Brian Iddon, John McDonnell and Jon Trickett from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Lindsay Hoyle and Mr Graham Allen.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 26th June; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—Towards Effective Sentencing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 621-iii] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Ticket Touting: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 767] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence,—(1) Strategic Lift: Eleventh Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 24th April [No. 462]; and
(2) UK operations in Iraq: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 727-i]
[Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be printed [No. 630-vii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee; to be published
[Mr Phil Willis].

6 Environmental Audit,—The Structure and Operation of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 740-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 795-i]
[Mike Gapes].

8 Home Affairs,—A Surveillance Society?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 508-iv] [Mr John Denham].
9 Human Rights,—Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 394-iii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-xiv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Hywel Francis].

[No. 112; WH, No. 68]

Tuesday 26th June 2007.

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. 113.]

Wednesday 27th June 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Disqualification of a Member,—The Speaker laid upon the Table a notification, That Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer had this day appointed the Right honourable Anthony Charles Lynton Blair, Member for Sedgefield, to the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the county of Buckingham.

2 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords],—Mr David Curry reported from the Committee on the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords]. That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

3 Disabled Children (Family Support) Bill,—The Order for resuming on Friday 29th June the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd February, That the Disabled Children (Family Support) Bill be read a second time, was read and discharged.

   Debate to be resumed on Friday 19th October.

4 Animals Act (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Animals Act 1971 to limit strict liability for damage done by animals: And that Mr Stephen Crabb, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Richard Benyon, Peter Luff, Mr James Gray, Mr David Drew, Mr John Grogan, Mr Edward O’Hara, Martin Salter, Mr Roger Williams, Nick Harvey and Mr Elfyn Llwyd do prepare and bring it in.

5 Animals Act (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Stephen Crabb accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Animals Act 1971 to limit strict liability for damage done by animals: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 132].

6 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

   A Clause (NC7) (Transfer from salaried to fee-paid judicial office)—(Vera Baird)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (NC8) (Appointment of temporary assistant to Judge Advocate General)—(Vera Baird)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC9) (Appointment of deputy Circuit judge)—(Vera Baird)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC10) (Appointment as Chairman of Law Commission)—(Vera Baird)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC11) (Continuation of judicial office after normal retirement date)—(Vera Baird)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Commencement of Chapter 1 of Part 3)—(Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC3) (Applications for relief under section 15: legal aid)—(Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC4) (Uniforms)—(Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Adrian Sanders, Bob Russell: 206.


Another Clause (NC6) (Independent regulatory authority for bailiffs and enforcement agents)—(Mr Austin Mitchell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Dan Rogerson: 217.


An Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) The Tribunal Procedure Rules shall make provision for the granting by a judge of the First-tier Tribunal of legal aid for appropriate advice and representation in relation to any decision within the jurisdiction of the tribunal systems.'—(Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Dan Rogerson: 216.


Other Amendments (Nos. 43 to 50) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) The Lord Chancellor shall issue National Standards or other guidance requiring enforcement agents and those acting on their behalf not to act oppressively or disproportionately with regards to vulnerable and other persons.'—(Mr Henry Bellingham.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey: 278.

Another Amendment (No. 83) proposed to the Bill, in page 99, line 18, after the word 'with', insert the words 'the Due Diligence Guidelines for Museums, Libraries and Archives on Collecting and Borrowing Cultural Material published from time to time by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in relation to that object and'—(Mark Fisher.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
It being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [5th March], put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 51, 71, 66, 52 and 53) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 141, to leave out lines 18 and 19.—(Mr Henry Bellingham.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Andrew Rosindell: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Alan Campbell: 277.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 54 to 65 and 67) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended as follows: A Bill to make provision about tribunals and inquiries; to establish an Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council; to amend the law relating to judicial appointments and appointments to the Law Commission; to amend the law relating to the enforcement of judgments and debts; to make further provision about the management and relief of debt; to make provision protecting cultural objects from seizure or forfeiture in certain circumstances; to amend the law relating to the taking of possession of land affected by compulsory purchase; to alter the powers of the High Court in judicial review applications, and for connected purposes.

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 prerogative and interest are 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.

7 Extradition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

8 Fisheries,—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. 8179/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication, A policy to reduce unwanted by-catches and eliminate discards in European fisheries; and agrees with the Government’s initial assessment of the proposal that it represents a sound basis for debate, but that the discussion of possible solutions needs to take full account of the mixed nature of many of the EU fisheries and balance the socio-economic interests involved, whilst the UK is mindful of the importance of effective enforcement and control and the resource implications thereof—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of Bromley and the surrounding area and visitors to the London Borough of Bromley against the proposed closure of the East Street Crown Post Office was 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—(Steve McCabe);

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

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

And the Motion having been made at Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then half-past Seven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4. Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1817), dated 23rd June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

5. Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1838), dated 26th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

6. Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Time Off for Public Duties (Parent Councils) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1837), dated 22nd June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7. Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment List 17 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

8. European Communities (No. 6, 2007),—Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, made at Luxembourg on 11th October 2004, establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, for the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7154] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9. Food Standards,—Report of the Food Standards Agency for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 572] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10. Justice (Northern Ireland),—Inspection of the Northern Ireland Prisoner Resettlement Strategy [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

11. Police (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2006–07 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescriptions) (Amendment) Order 2007: (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbot, Tony Baldry, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Nick Clegg, Ann Clwyd, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr George Howarth, Simon Hughes, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Doug Naysmith, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Lynda Waltho and Jeremy Wright.

2. Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007: (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Colin Burgon, Mr Nick Clegg, Harry Cohen, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Michael Foster, Mr John Grogan, Kate Hoey, Mr John Horam, Simon Hughes, Mr Michael Jack, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr George Mudie, Bridget Prentice, and Lynda Waltho.

3 Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Paul Flynn, Patrick Hall, Mr John Heppell, Eric Joyce, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr David Laws, Fiona Mactaggart, Mrs Maria Miller, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Brooks Newmark, Richard Ottaway, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Nick Raynsford, Martin Salter, Mr Paul Truswell, and Jenny Willott.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Frank Field, Mr Don Foster, Mr John Greenway, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Mark Lancaster, John Mann, Mr Gordon Marsden, Anne Milton, Mr Andrew Pelling, John Penrose, Mr George Mudie, Bridget Prentice, and Lynda Waltho.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Lorely Burt, Jim Cousins, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Alan Duncan Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Nigel Evans, Mark Fisher, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Roger Godsiff, Helen Jones, Susan Kramer, Steve McCabe, Anne MoVat, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr John Redwood, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr Graham Stuart.

European Standing Committees

6 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 6th June, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2008.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee nominated in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum: Ed Balls, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Tom Clarke, Tony Cunningham, Jim Dobbin, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr David Evennett, Juka Goldsworthy, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Julie Morgan and Mrs Theresa Villiers.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—The Constitutional Role of the Attorney General: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 386-iii] [Mr Alan Beith].

2 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be printed [No. 650-viii] [Mr Phil Willis].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Draft Climate Change Bill: Fifth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 534] [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. 41-xxvii]; and

(2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 795-ii] [Mike Gapes].

6 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Opposed Bill Committee on the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords]; to be published [Mr David Curry].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs.—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 520-iv] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Public Accounts.—(1) Child Support Agency: implementation of the child support reforms: Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 812];

(2) Sure Start Children’s Centres: Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 261];

(3) Preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games—risk assessment and management: Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 377];

(4) Dr Foster Intelligence: A joint venture between the Information Centre and Dr Foster LLP: Fortieth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 368];

(5) Improving procurement in further education colleges in England: Forty-first Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 477];

(6) The Shareholder Executive and public sector business: Forty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 409]; and

(7) Building and maintaining river and coastal flood defences in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 813-ii]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xxi] [David Maclean].

10 Transport.—The draft Local Transport Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 692-iii] [Mrs Gwinyeth Dunwoody].

11 Work and Pensions.—Pension Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 799-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No.113; WH, No. 69]

Wednesday 27th June 2007.

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 5.36 p.m.

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Finance Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Ealing Southall 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 Ealing Southall in the room of Piara Singh Khubra Esquire, deceased.—(Jacqui Smith.)

2 Sedgefield 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 Sedgefield in the room of the Right honourable Anthony Charles Lynton Blair, who since his election for the said County Constituency has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the county of Buckingham. —(Jacqui Smith.)

3 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 2007–08:

Department of Trade and Industry, in so far as it relates to the scientific advice, risk and evidence-based policy making.

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in so far as it relates to the Rural Payments Agency, the implementation of the Single Payments Scheme and the UK Government’s ‘Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy’.

Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill,—The House, according to Order proceeded to consider the Lords Message, relating to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill [25th June].

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10, but does not insist on its Amendments 10C and 10D in lieu, and proposes Amendments ((a), (b), (c) and (d)) to the Bill in lieu of those Lords Amendments:—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Kevin Brennan: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Crispin Blunt: 157.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order proceeded to consider the Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC3) (Review of reimbursement arrangements)—(Stephen Hammond)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 257.

Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(d) is taken on a service which has three or more stops on its route,

(e) is not taken on a service where there is a commentary (live or recorded) which is primarily provided for the purposes of tourism, and

(f) is not taken on a service where there are one or more seats bookable in advance.’—(Stephen Hammond.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Tobias Ellwood: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 239.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 39, to leave out subsection (3).—(Stephen Hammond.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(7) After paragraph 5(7) insert—

“(8) Where a London authority considers the amount notified by Transport for London under paragraph 5(1) to be excessive—

(a) the authority may within 14 days of being notified by Transport for London apply to the Secretary of State to review the proposed charge;

(b) if the Secretary of State agrees that the proposed charge is excessive, then he shall notify both Transport for London and the authority of an alternative lower amount.”.—(Paul Rowen.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Jenny Willott: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Frank Roy: 244.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

6 Transport,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Railways Pensions (Transfer of Pension Schemes) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.

7 European Communities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Amended Cotonou Agreement) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electronic Communications,—Draft Data Retention (EC Directive) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Act 2006 (Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

3 Passports,—Draft Verification of Information in Passport Applications Etc. (Specified Persons) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Reid].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Customs.—Export and Trade Control Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1863), dated 26th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 European Communities.—EC Competition Law (Articles 84 and 85) Enforcement (Revocation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1846), dated 26th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Health and Safety.—Construction (Use of Explosives) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 299), dated 8th June 2007 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

7 Highways.—Crime Prevention (Designated Areas) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1829), dated 22nd June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 Licensing.—Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

9 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 26th June 2007, concerning the gifting of equipment to the Iraqi Government [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

10 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Duke of York’s Royal Military School for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 573] [Secretary Des Browne];

(2) Report and Accounts of the Meat Hygiene Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 575] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and

(3) Resource Accounts of the Department for International Development Overseas Superannuation for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 549] [John Healey].


12 Industrial Development,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the First Minister of Scotland and the First Minister of Wales under the Industrial Development Act 1982 for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 652] [Mr Secretary Darling].

13 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [18th May] from Councillor John Freeman and others of like disposition for the protection of Seaford Drill Hall, and

(2) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [13th June] from the University of Plymouth Students’ Union for the abolition of prescription fees for students in England [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 Water Industry,—Report of Ofwat for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 576] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 503-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Treasury.—(1) The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: appointment hearings for Ms Kate Barker and Mr Charlie Bean: Seventh Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 569-I and -II]; and

(2) Bank of England May 2007 Inflation Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 568-i]

[John McFall].

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Thursday 28th June 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Indian Country Assistance Plan),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.52 p.m.]

Friday 29th June 2007.

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 Andrew Dismore moved, That this 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 Andrew Dismore, Dr Brian Iddon: 1.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Miller, Martin Linton: 39.

So the Question was negatived.

4 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

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

Mr Geoffrey Hoon, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place her prerogative and interests, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

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

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

5 Historic Counties, Towns and Villages (Traffic Signs and Mapping) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Historic Counties, Towns and Villages (Traffic Signs and Mapping) 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 Mark Lancaster, Mr Robert Goodwill: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw: 1.

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

6 Government Spending (Website) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Spending (Website) Bill [Lords];
And a Motion being made and the Question put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Mark Lancaster: 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Miller, Jonathan Shaw: 2.

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

7 Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

8 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

9 Bilingual Juries (Wales) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bilingual Juries (Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

10 Access to Inland Waterways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Inland Waterways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

11 Protection of Adults in Care (Prevention of Harm and Exploitation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Adults in Care (Prevention of Harm and Exploitation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

12 Corruption Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corruption Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

13 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Authority) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 15th June, That the Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Authority) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 6th July.

14 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retail Packaging Recycling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

15 Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

16 Citizens’ Convention Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Citizens’ Convention Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn,—(Jonathan Shaw.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.08 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   - (2) Crime and Disorder (Prescribed Information) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1831), dated 22nd June 2007;
   - (3) Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Responsible Authorities) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1839), dated 26th June 2007; and

3. Education,—(1) Pershore Group of Colleges (Designated Staff) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1794); and
   - (2) Pershore Group of Colleges (Dissolution) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1793), dated 21st June 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4. National Health Service,—National Health Service (Functions of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and Administration Arrangements) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1818), dated 26th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

5. Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on Human Rights Annual Report 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7127] [Secretary David Miliband].

6. Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Meteorological Office for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 723] [Clerk of the House].

7. Health and Social Care,—Report and Accounts of Basingstoke and North Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
[No. 116.]

Monday 2nd July 2007.

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 agree to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Mental Health Bill [Lords], with Amendments, to which they desire the agreement of this House; they have made consequential Amendments to the Bill to which they desire the agreement of this House; they agree to an Amendment made by this House with an Amendment in lieu of the words so left out of the Bill, to which they desire the agreement of this House; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Amendments made by this House.

2 Mental Health Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments in lieu of, consequential on, or to certain Commons Amendments to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 139].

3 Statistics and Registration Service 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 Statistics and Registration Service Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 8th January and 13th March 2007 (Statistics and Registration Service Bill (Programme)) and Statistics and Registration Service 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.

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 Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

4 Statistics and Registration Service Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 9 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 10.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Angela Eagle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Alison Seabeck: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Angela Watkinson: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 1, at the end to insert the words ‘and insert “Official”’.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)

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

Lords Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 12 to 15 disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) and (b)) made to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 15.

Lords Amendments Nos. 16 to 19 agreed to.
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Lords Amendments Nos. 20 to 30 disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 31 to 39 agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 40 to 64 disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 65 agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 66 disagreed to.
Amendments (a) to (qqq) made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 9, 21 to 30, 40 to 64 and 66 disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 67 to 70 disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 71 agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 72 disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 73 agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 10, 12 to 15, 20, 67 to 70 and 72.
That Dr Vincent Cable, Angela Eagle, Mr Michael Foster, Siobhain McDonagh and Mrs Theresa Villiers be members of the Committee.
That Angela Eagle be the Chairman of the Committee.
That three be the Quorum of the Committee.
That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

5 Statistics and Registration Service Bill,—Angela Eagle reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill, that it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 10 for the following Reason:
Because the Statistics Board can in any event monitor the arrangements for the release of official statistics and access to official statistics in their final form prior to publication.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 12, 13, 15, 20, 67 to 70 and 72 for the following Reason:
Because the rules and principles relating to pre-release access are more appropriately provided for by order made by Ministers or the devolved administrations, subject to scrutiny by affirmative resolution procedure, than by the Statistics Board.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 14 for the following Reason:
Because it is for the Statistics Board to decide whether to include rules and practices relating to the release of official statistics and, if so, what those rules and practices should be.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

6 Police,—Resolved, That the draft Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved.—(Paul Goggins.)

7 European Global Navigation Satellite System,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 7828/07 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication, GALILEO at a cross-road—the implementation of the European GNSS programmes; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on this document.—(Ms Rosie Winterton);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 4th July, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).
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 [28th June] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.

9 Science and Technology,—Ordered, That Mr Brooks Newmark be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Mrs Nadine Dorries be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

2 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture,—Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1871), dated 27th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

4 Seeds,—Seeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1872), dated 26th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

5 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Department for Transport for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 766] [Jane Kennedy].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Improving services and support for people with dementia [by Act]; to be printed [No. 604] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Health Service,—Summarised Accounts of Strategic Health Authorities, Primary Care Trusts and NHS Trusts in England, of the National Blood Authority, NHS Logistics and NHS Professionals for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 742] [Clerk of the House].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [23rd May] from residents of Orchard Park Housing Estate, Kingston upon Hull for the redevelopment of the Orchard Park Shopping Centre [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Serious Crime Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Herbert, Siobhain McDonagh, Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Iain Wright from the Serious Crime Bill [Lords] Committee and nominated in substitution James Brokenshire, Maria Eagle, Chris Ruane and Lynda Waltho.

2 Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman of the Second Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations in place of Miss Anne Begg.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—The work of Ofsted:

(1) Sixth Report from the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 13th December 2006 and 9th May 2007 [No. 165]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Science and Technology,—Improving research conduct and preventing scientific fraud:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 747-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Phil Willis].

3 Trade and Industry,—Europe moves East: the impact of the 'new' EU Member States on UK business: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 592-iv] [Mr Peter Luff].

[No. 117.]

Tuesday 3rd July 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Rating (Empty Properties) Bill, without Amendment.

3 Pre-Nuptial Agreements,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the enforceability of pre-nuptial agreements; and for connected purposes—(Mr Quentin Davies);

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 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 Quentin Davies, John Bercow, Chris Bryant, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Paul Farrelly, Mr Edward Garnier, Dr Julian Lewis, Ian Lucas, Rob Marris, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Robert Symms and Keith Vaz do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 Pre-Nuptial Agreements Bill,—Mr Quentin Davies accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the enforceability of pre-nuptial agreements; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 137].

5 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.

Access to NHS Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House reaffirms its commitment to equitable access to high-quality NHS care, based on need not ability to pay; regards local access to NHS services as an important aspect of quality of care; urges the development of practice-based commissioning to incentivise primary care access and the integration of GP services, out-of-hours care, urgent care and NHS Direct services; calls on the Government to publish its review of walk-in centres and patient access survey results; notes the continuing threat to community hospitals, local accident and emergency and maternity services; calls for the preparation of evidence-based service models which seek to maintain local access to accident and emergency services, and to maintain community-based treatment and diagnosis and maternal choice; and further calls on the Government to ensure the fair
allocation of resources, relative to burden of disease, to secure equitable access to NHS services—(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 ‘supports the Government’s trebling of investment in the NHS by 2008 and welcomes the recent confirmation of an extra £8 billion for 2007–08; congratulates the staff and the medical professions for their hard work and commitment in helping progress towards this Government’s historic maximum 18 week wait from GP referral to treatment; welcomes the extra choice available to patients with new services more convenient for their lives including around 90 NHS walk-in centres and the £750 million programme for developing community facilities providing care closer to home; recognises the achievement of the NHS in delivering a wide range of quality personal services convenient for patients including NHS Direct, 23 new independent sector treatment centres increasing choice; further welcomes the 280,000 extra staff working for the NHS since 1997 including 80,000 more nurses and 35,000 more doctors; further welcomes the fact that over 85 per cent. of all GP practices have used Choose and Book to refer their patients to hospital and that over three million Choose and Book appointments have been made so far, allowing patients to choose appointments that are at convenient times to fit in with their lives; and recognises the need to ensure that the views of NHS staff and patients are paramount and that Government must engage fully in a dialogue with them about the future of the NHS’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Alan Johnson.)

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 Mark Lancaster: 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Dave Watts: 292.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House supports the Government’s trebling of investment in the NHS by 2008 and welcomes the recent confirmation of an extra £8 billion for 2007–08; congratulates the staff and the medical professions for their hard work and commitment in helping progress towards this Government’s historic maximum 18 week wait from GP referral to treatment; welcomes the extra choice available to patients with new services more convenient for their lives including around 90 NHS walk-in centres and the £750 million programme for developing community facilities providing care closer to home; recognises the achievement of the NHS in delivering a wide range of quality personal services convenient for patients including NHS Direct, 23 new independent sector treatment centres increasing choice; further welcomes the 280,000 extra staff working for the NHS since 1997 including 80,000 more nurses and 35,000 more doctors; further welcomes the fact that over 85 per cent. of all GP practices have used Choose and Book to refer their patients to hospital and that over three million Choose and Book appointments have been made so far, allowing patients to choose appointments that are at convenient times to fit in with their lives; and recognises the need to ensure that the views of NHS staff and patients are paramount and that Government must engage fully in a dialogue with them about the future of the NHS.

Pensions policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the loss of public trust in the UK pension system caused by the continuing £5 billion per year stealth tax raid on pension funds, the winding up of 60,000 occupational pension schemes since 1997, the closure of two-thirds of remaining final salary pension schemes to new members and the acceleration of closures to new accruals by existing members; further notes the loss by 125,000 workers whose pension schemes have failed of some or all of their pensions and the poor performance of the Financial Assistance Scheme in supporting them and the growing concern about the disparity between pension expectations in the public and private sectors as well as the size of the unfunded public sector occupational pension liabilities faced by future taxpayers; and calls on the new Prime Minister to acknowledge his role in the pensions crisis and to take personal responsibility for the urgent task of restoring to millions of hard-working families the confidence to save for retirement—(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 ‘welcomes the policies of this Government to tackle pensioner poverty which have lifted two million pensioners out of absolute poverty and one million out of relative poverty, the action to tackle the legacy of pensions mis-selling, support occupational pensions through a Pension Protection Fund set up for the first time and a new Pensions Regulator, further support for 125,000 people through the Financial Assistance Scheme whose occupational pensions were
affected by employer insolvency, set out the long-term framework for pensions through the new Pensions Bill, including re-linking the basic State Pension to average earnings, introduce a new scheme of low cost personal accounts and stakeholder pensions of which over three million have been created, remove the dividend tax credit, make reductions in corporation tax which have contributed to the 50 per cent. rise in business investment, broker public sector pension agreements which ensure a fair deal for today's and tomorrow's public sector workers and introduce free television licences and the Pension Credit to provide an additional framework of support for today's pensioners', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Hain.)

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 David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 297.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Lancaster: 191.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the policies of this Government to tackle pensioner poverty which have lifted two million pensioners out of absolute poverty and one million out of relative poverty, the action to tackle the legacy of pensions mis-selling, support occupational pensions through a Pension Protection Fund set up for the first time and a new Pensions Regulator, further support for 125,000 people through the Financial Assistance Scheme whose occupational pensions were affected by employer insolvency, set out the long-term framework for pensions through the new Pensions Bill, including re-linking the basic State Pension to average earnings, introduce a new scheme of low cost personal accounts and stakeholder pensions of which over three million have been created, remove the dividend tax credit, make reductions in corporation tax which have contributed to the 50 per cent. rise in business investment, broker public sector pension agreements which ensure a fair deal for today's and tomorrow's public sector workers and introduce free television licences and the Pension Credit to provide an additional framework of support for today's pensioners.

6 Regulatory Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft regulatory reform orders), That the draft Regulatory Reform (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.

7 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from David Cain, Philip Redl and others for free postage from families and friends to members of HM Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan 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 Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Access to Air Travel for Disabled Persons and Persons with Reduced Mobility) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1895), dated 3rd July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
2 Police,—Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1892), dated 29th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3 Social Security,—Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1866), dated 27th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].


5 Wildlife,—(1) Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1843), dated 22nd June 2007; and
(2) Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1842), dated 24th June 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

6 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 2006–07 [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on South Asia [by Command] [Cm. 7142] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of—
(1) the Office of Rail Regulation; and
(2) the Privy Council Office
for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 748 and 656] [Jane Kennedy].

9 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 507] [Clerk of the House].

10 Justice,—Paper, entitled The Governance of Britain [by Command] [Cm. 7170] [Secretary Jack Straw].

11 Miscellaneous (No. 5, 2007),—Convention, done at Paris on 20th October 2005, on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7165] [Secretary David Miliband].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Accuracy in processing Income Tax [by Act]; to be printed [No. 605] [Clerk of the House].

13 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [1st May] from residents of Chelsworth Drive and Tuam Drive in the London Borough of Greenwich for legislation to require the clearance of Japanese knotweed [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Doug Naysmith and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Maria Eagle and Mr Sadiq Khan.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Ordinance Survey: Memorandum laid before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
Constitutional Affairs,—Towards Effective Sentencing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 621-iv] [Mr Alan Beith].

Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Self-regulation of the press: Seventh Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 375], and

(2) BBC Annual Report for 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 820] [Mr John Whittingdale].

Defence,—(1) Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2007–08: Twelfth Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 835], and

(2) UK operations in Afghanistan: Thirteenth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 24th April and 22nd May [No. 408] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

Environmental Audit,—(1) The Voluntary Carbon Offset Market: Sixth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 20th February [No. 331];

(2) The UN Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 848];

(3) Regulatory Impact Assessments and Policy Appraisal: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 849]; and

(4) The Structure and Operation of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 740-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

Trade and Industry,—(1) Better Skills for Manufacturing: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fourth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 845], and

(2) Europe moves East: the impact of the ‘new’ EU Member States on UK business: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 592-v] [Mr Peter Luff].

Treasury,—Private equity: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 567-iii] [John McFall].

Welsh Affairs,—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 281-xx]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 117; WH, No. 71]

Tuesday 3rd July 2007.

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 1.57 p.m.]
Wednesday 4th July 2007.

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

PRAYERS

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr Bob Ainsworth and Mr John Heppell be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Nicholas Brown and Liz Blackman be added to the Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Dr William McCrea reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2007.

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

3 Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill,—Ordered, That the Infrastructure Audit (Housing Development) Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

4 Palliative Care,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for palliative care for persons who are suffering from a terminal illness; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Lindsay Hoyle, David Taylor, Jim Dobbin, Mr David Crausby, Geraldine Smith, Mr David Amess, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Nigel Evans, Simon Hughes, Dr Brian Iddon and Mr Bob Laxton do prepare and bring it in.

5 Palliative Care (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Lindsay Hoyle accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for palliative care for persons who are 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 19th October and to be printed [Bill 138].

6 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now 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):

European Global Navigation Satellite System,—That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 7828/07 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication, GALILEO at a cross-road—the implementation of the European GNSS programmes, and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on this document.

Ayes: 318.

Noes: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

9 Child Maintenance and Other Payments 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 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 16th October 2007.

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

10 Child Maintenance and Other Payments 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 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

11 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill [Money];

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

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State or a government department in consequence of the Act, and

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

(2) the extinguishing in consequence of the Act of liabilities owed to the Crown under the Child Support Act 1991—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

12 Child Maintenance and Other Payments 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 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the charging of fees by the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission in connection with the exercise of its functions, and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

13 Mental Health Bill [Lords] (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 Mental Health Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 16th April and 18th June 2007 (Mental Health Bill [Lords] (Programme) and Mental Health Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2))—

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 Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

14 Mental Health Bill [Lords].—The House, according to order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [2nd July], relating to the Mental Health Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments Nos. 1A, 4A, 32A, 32B, 41A, 41B, 41C and 41D were agreed to.

15 Regulatory Reform (Standing Orders and Related Provisions).—Ordered, That the following repeals of Standing Orders, new Standing Orders, amendments to Standing Orders, and related provisions be made—

(A) Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft regulatory reform orders) shall be repealed and the following Standing Order made—

Consideration of draft legislative reform orders

18.—(1) If the Regulatory Reform Committee has recommended under paragraphs (4) or (6) of Standing Order No. 141 (Regulatory Reform Committee) that a draft order subject to the affirmative or super-affirmative procedure, laid before the House under Part 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006, should be approved, and a motion is made by a Minister of the Crown to that effect, the question thereon shall—

(a) if the committee’s recommendation was agreed without a division, be put forthwith; and

(b) if the committee’s recommendation was agreed after a division, be put not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion.

(2) If the committee has recommended under paragraphs (4) or (6) of Standing Order No. 141 that a draft order subject to the affirmative or super-affirmative procedure be not approved, no motion to approve the draft order shall be made unless the House has previously resolved to disagree with the committee’s report; the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion for such a resolution shall be put not later than three hours after their commencement; and the question on any motion thereafter made by a Minister of the Crown that the draft order be approved shall be put forthwith.

(3) If the committee has recommended under paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 141 that a draft order subject to the negative resolution procedure should not be made (and that the recommendation is not intended to operate section 16(4) of the Act), that recommendation shall be deemed to constitute notice of a motion under sub-paragraph (4)(a) of Standing order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees).

(4) Motions under paragraphs (1) or (2) of this order may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

(B) Standing Order No. 141 (Regulatory Reform Committee) shall be repealed and the following Standing Order made—

Regulatory Reform Committee

141.—(1) There shall be a select committee, called the Regulatory Reform Committee, to examine and report on—

(i) every draft order laid before the House under sections 14 or 18 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (the Act);

(ii) any subordinate provisions order or draft of such an order made or proposed to be made under sections 1 and 4 of the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 (except those not made by a Minister of the Crown);

(iii) any matter arising from its consideration of such orders or draft orders; and

(iv) matters relating to regulatory reform.

(2) In the case of every draft order referred to in paragraph (1)(i) above the committee shall consider the Minister’s recommendation under section 15(1) of the Act as to the procedure which should apply to it and shall report to the House any recommendation under the Act that a different procedure should apply.
(3) In its consideration of draft orders under Part 1 of the Act the committee shall include in each case, in addition to such other matters as it deems appropriate, whether provision in the draft order—

(a) appears to make an inappropriate use of delegated legislation;
(b) serves the purpose of removing or reducing a burden, or the overall burdens, resulting directly or indirectly for any person from any legislation (in respect of a draft order under section 1 of the Act);
(c) serves the purpose of securing that regulatory functions are exercised so as to comply with the regulatory principles, as set out in section 2(3) of the Act (in respect of a draft order under section 2 of the Act);
(d) secures a policy objective which could not be satisfactorily secured by non-legislative means;
(e) has an effect which is proportionate to the policy objective;
(f) strikes a fair balance between the public interest and the interests of any person adversely affected by it;
(g) does not remove any necessary protection;
(h) does not prevent any person from continuing to exercise any right or freedom which that person might reasonably expect to continue to exercise;
(i) is not of constitutional significance;
(j) makes the law more accessible or more easily understood (in the case of provisions restating enactments);
(k) has been the subject of, and takes appropriate account of, adequate consultation;
(l) gives rise to an issue under such criteria for consideration of statutory instruments laid down in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)) as are relevant;
(m) appears to be incompatible with any obligation resulting from membership of the European Union;

Provided that in the case of draft orders under section 20 of the Act, those criteria which are not relevant to provisions made pursuant to section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 need not be taken into consideration in relation to those provisions.

(4) In relation to every draft order laid under section 14 of the Act subject to the negative or affirmative procedure under sections 16 or 17 of the Act, the committee shall report its recommendation whether the draft order should be made (in the case of the negative procedure) or approved (in the case of the affirmative procedure), indicating in the case of the latter whether the recommendation was agreed without a division.

(5) In relation to every draft order laid under section 14 of the Act subject to the super-affirmative procedure under section 18 of the Act, the committee shall report its recommendation as to whether—

(a) the draft order should be proceeded with unamended under section 18(3) of the Act; or
(b) a revised draft order should be laid under section 18(7) of the Act; or
(c) no statement under section 18(3) or revised draft order under section 18(7) should be laid.

(6) In relation to every draft order or revised draft order subject to the super-affirmative procedure being proceeded with under section 18(3) or 18(7) of the Act, the committee shall report its recommendation whether the draft order or revised draft order should be approved, indicating in the case of draft orders which it recommends should be approved whether its recommendation was agreed without a division; and in respect of such draft orders or revised draft orders the committee shall consider in each case all such matters set out in paragraph (3) of this order as are relevant and the extent to which the Minister concerned has had regard to any resolution or report of the committee or to any other representations made during the period for parliamentary consideration.

(7) It shall be an instruction to the committee considering draft orders being proceeded with under section 18(3) or 18(7) that it report not more than fifteen sitting days (in the case of an order under section 18(3)) or twenty-five sitting days (in the case of an order under section 18(7)) after the relevant statement is laid.

(8) In relation to every draft order or revised draft order, the committee shall report any recommendation under section 16(4) of the Act that the draft order be not made, or
under sections 17(3), 18(5) or 18(9) of the Act that no further proceedings be taken in relation to the draft order.

(9) In its consideration of any subordinate provisions order under paragraph (1)(i) of this order, the committee shall in each case consider whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on any of the grounds laid down in paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)); and if the committee is of the opinion that any such order or draft order should be annulled, or, as the case may be, should not be approved, they shall report that opinion to the House.

(10) The committee shall consist of fourteen members; and, 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.

(11) 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 appoint a sub-committee, of which the quorum shall be two, which shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, and to adjourn from place to place.

(12) The committee and the sub-committee shall have the assistance of the Counsel to the Speaker.

(13) The committee and the sub-committee shall have power to invite Members of the House who are not members of the committee to attend meetings at which witnesses are being examined in relation to matters within paragraphs (1)(i) to (iii) and such Members may, at the discretion of the chairman, ask questions of those witnesses; but no Member not being a member of the committee shall otherwise take part in the proceedings of the committee or sub-committee, or be counted in the quorum.

(14) It shall be an instruction to the committee that before reporting on a draft order it shall afford to any government department concerned an opportunity of furnishing orally or in writing to it or to the sub-committee appointed by it such explanations as the department thinks fit, except to the extent that the committee considers that it is not reasonably practicable to do so without risking the opportunity for effective exercise of a function conferred on it under section 15, 16, 17 or 18 of the Act.

(C) Standing Orders No. 98 (Scottish Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), and No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) shall be amended by leaving out the words 'regulatory reform order' and inserting the words 'legislative reform order'; and Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)) shall be amended by leaving out the words from 'under' in line 21 to 'and' in line 24 and inserting the words 'Part 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006, or any subordinate provisions order made or proposed to be made under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001.'

(D) Any draft regulatory reform orders laid under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 which are currently before the House shall be considered by the Regulatory Reform Committee appointed under this order and by the House as if they were draft orders, subject to the super-affirmative procedure, laid under the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006.

(E) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 121 (Nomination of select committees), those Members of this House who were members of the Regulatory Reform Committee before the passing of this order shall be the members of the Regulatory Reform Committee appointed under paragraph (B) above; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 122A (Term limits for chairmen of select committees), the Regulatory Reform Committee established under paragraph (B) shall be the same committee as that established before the passing of this order.—(Tony Cunningham.)

16 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Christchurch, Dorset against the closure of the Jobcentre Plus office in Christchurch was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.38 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons,—Draft Children Act 2004 Information Database (England) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   (2) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in English) (England) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1841), dated 25th June 2007; and

   (2) Nursing and Midwifery Council (Fees) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1885), dated 25th June 2007 [by Statutory Instrument]; and
   (3) Nursing and Midwifery Council (Midwives) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1887), dated 25th June 2007 [by Statutory Instrument], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Mental Capacity,—(1) Court of Protection Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1744), dated 25th June 2007;
   (2) Mental Capacity Act 2005 (Transfer of Proceedings) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1899), dated 25th June 2007; and

Other Papers:

6 Children, Schools and Families,—Department for Children, Schools and Families Minute concerning a contingent liability arising out of a school within a PFI contract becoming an Academy [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

7 Constitutional Reform,—Report and Accounts of the Judicial Appointments Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 632] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 European Communities,—Report by the Department of Trade and Industry on Miscellaneous Duty Reliefs for 2006–07 [by Act], to be printed [No. 703] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

9 Home Office,—Home Office Minute concerning a contingent liability in respect of indemnity for members of the inquiry into the disturbances at the Harmondsworth and Campsfield Immigration Removal Centres [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


11 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 2007),—The Antarctic Treaty: Measures adopted at the Twenty-eighth Consultative Meeting held at Stockholm 6th to 17th June 2005 [by Command] [Cm. 7166] [Secretary David Miliband].
Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2007).—The Antarctic Treaty: Measures adopted at the Twenty-ninth Consultative Meeting held at Edinburgh 12th to 23rd June 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7167] [Secretary David Miliband].

Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7151] [Jane Kennedy].

Treaty Series (No. 34, 2006).—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7159] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill Committee: John Austin, Norman Baker, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Peter Bone, Annette Brooke, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Christopher Chope, Philip Davies, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Andrew Love, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Andrew Miller and Mr Andy Slaughter.

Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Curry, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Justine Greening, Mr David Hanson, Mr David Heath, Nick Herbert, David Howarth, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Sadiq Khan, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mark Lazarowicz, Emily Thornberry, Keith Vaz and Lynda Waltho.

Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Bridget Prentice and Mr Michael Foster from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Wills and Mr Sadiq Khan.

Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Macedonia) Order 2007 and the draft International Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft orders to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Dr Vincent Cable, Colin Challen, Mr David Clappand, Anna Coffey, Mr David Evennett, Paul Farrelly, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Brian Jenkins, Jane Kennedy, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Chris Mullen, John Penrose and Mr Dennis Skinner.

Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, John Austin, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Tom Clarke, Rosie Cooper, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Paul Goggins, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Eddie McGrady, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Peter Robinson, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Hugo Swire, Dr Rudi Vu and Dr Tony Wright.

Draft Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit) (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jon Cruddas, Mr Wayne David, Glenda Jackson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Shona McIsaac, Julie Morgan, Mr James Plasskitt, Paul Rowen, Andrew Selous, Geraldine Smith, Sir Peter Tapsell, David Tredinnick, Jon Trickett and Mr Robert Walter.
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft orders to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Gordon Banks, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Don Foster, Nigel Griffith, Mr Mike Hall, Mr John Heppell, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Mark Lancaster, David Lepper, Anne Milton, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Claire Ward, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Tim Yeo and Richard Younger-Ross.

8 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Amendment of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Chris Bryant, Richard Burden, Mr David Burrowes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Wayne David, Jim Dowd, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr David Jones, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Jessica Morden, Adam Price, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Peter Viggers, Angela Watkinson, Mark Williams and Mike Wood.

9 Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Regulations 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David S. Borrow, Lorely Burt, Ben Chapman, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Stephen Dorrell, James Duddridge, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Kate Hoey, Ann McKechin, Mr Alan Milburn, Lembit Öpik, Dr Nick Palmer, Alison Seabeck, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Mark Todd and Mrs Betty Williams.

10 Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Clive Ellford, Mr Mark Field, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Chris Huhne, Tom Levitt, Chris McCallery, Rob Marris, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Simon Simon, Mr Andrew Smith, Dr Desmond Turner, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

11 Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft order to the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Frank Dobson, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr James Gray, Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Hanson, Mr David Heath, Nick Herbert, David Heyes, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Ken Purchase and Lynda Waltho.

12 Draft Companies (Political Expenditure Exemption) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft order to the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Lorely Burt, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Barry Gardner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Linda Gilroy, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Bob Laxton, Lembit Öpik, Sandra Osborne, Dr Nick Palmer, Alison Seabeck and Mr Stephen Timms.

13 Draft Data Retention (EC Directive) Regulations 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Tim Farron, Mr Edward Garnier, Nia Griffith, Meg Hillier, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Alan Keen, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Edward Leigh, John McDonnell, Chris Moile, Mr John Spellar and Dr Howard Stoate.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft order to the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Charles Clarke, Rosie Cooper, Mark Durkan, Jeff Ennis, Paul Goggins, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Peter Lilley, Anne Main, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Eliot Morley, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Peter Robinson, Mr Marsha Singh, Helen Southworth, Joan Walley and Dr Alan Whitehead.

European Standing Committees

15 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 6th June 2007, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2008.

16 European Union Documents No. 6801/07, No. 6802/07, No. 6803/07, No. 6804/07, No. 6805/07, No. 6806/07, No. 6807/07, No. 6808/07, No. 6809/07, No. 6812/07, No. 6813/07, No. 6814/07, No. 6815/07, No. 6816/07, No. 6817/07, No. 6818/07, No. 6819/07 and Corrigendum I, No. 6820/07, No. 6821/07, No. 7863/07, No. 7864/07, No. 7865/07, No. 7866/07 and No. 7867/07, relating to Stability and Convergence Programmes.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Charlotte Atkins, Dr Vincent Cable, Ann Coffey, Tony Cunningham, Mr Jim Devine, Mr David Evennett, Dr Ian Gibson, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Malcolm Moss, John Smith and Kitty Ussher.

17 European Union Documents No. 9773/07 and No. 9776/07, relating to Migration,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mrs Ann Cryer, Tony Cunningham, David Davis (Haltemprice and Howden), Mr David Drew, Tim Farron, Mr David Heath, Meg Hillier, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Helen Jones, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mark Pritchard and Jim Sheridan.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Higher Education: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee, to be printed [No. 285-vii];

(2) Prison Education: Follow-up: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 18th December [No. 170-ii];

(3) Creative Partnerships and the Curriculum: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;

(4) Special Educational Needs: separation of assessment of need from funding of provision: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(5) Testing and Assessment: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Implementation of the Environmental Liability Directive: Sixth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 694] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 41-xxvii];

(2) The European Commission’s Annual Policy Strategy for 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 519-ii];

(3) The outcome of the European Council: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 862-i]; and

(4) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Michael Connarty].
4 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Iran: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 496-iii] [Mike Gapes].

5 International Development,—(1) Sanitation and Water: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2006-07: Seventh Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 854];

   (2) Prospects for a sustainable peace in Uganda:
      (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 853-i]; and
      (ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

   (3) DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People and Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 520-vi] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Science and Technology,—(1) 2007: A Space Policy: Seventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 6th December and 30th January [No. 66-I and -II]; and

   (2) Investigating the Oceans: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 470-iv] [Mr Phil Willis].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 82-xii] [David Maclean].

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[No. 118; WH, No. 72]

Wednesday 4th July 2007.

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.

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[No. 119.]

Thursday 5th July 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007.

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

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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: The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Concessionary Bus Travel Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
5 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Amendment of definition of ‘estate agency work’) — (Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown) — brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Michael Fabricant: 126.


Another Clause (NC2) (Standards of competence) — (Susan Kramer) — 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, Lorely Burt: 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mark Tami: 240.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 43, to leave out subsection (4). — (Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(10) When making regulations under this section the regulator must have regard to—

(a) the needs of both domestic and non-domestic consumers; and

(b) such principles as—

(i) in the opinion of the regulator constitute generally accepted principles of best practice in relation to handling of consumer complaints, and

(ii) it is reasonable to regard as applicable to these regulations.’ — (Lorely Burt.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

6 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and others against the closure of Wormholt Tenants and Residents Community Centre, Hemlock Road;

(2) residents of the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and others against the closure of College Park Community Centre; and

(3) residents of the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and others against the proposed disposal by Hammersmith and Fulham Council of 59 Goldophin Road were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mark Tami.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007 with a statement by the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Disabled Persons.—Disability Discrimination (General Qualifications Bodies) (Relevant Qualifications, Reasonable Steps and Physical Features) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1764), dated 23rd June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

4 Housing,—Stonebridge Housing Action Trust (Dissolution) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1862), dated 22nd June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

5 Plant Health,—Plant Health (England) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1893), dated 26th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

6 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of North Yorkshire) (Borough of Scarborough) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1902), dated 4th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

**Other Papers:**

7 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Report on Research and Development Work Relating to Assistive Technology for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 734] [Jane Kennedy]; (2) Report and Accounts of the People, Pay and Pensions Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 734] [Jane Kennedy]; (3) Report and Accounts of the Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 634] [Mr Secretary Woodward]; (4) Resource Accounts of the Charity Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 669] [Jane Kennedy]; and (5) Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency Westminster for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 734] [Jane Kennedy].

9 Health and Social Care,—Report and Accounts of— (1) Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07; and (2) Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2006 to 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

10 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 706] [Secretary Jack Straw].

11 Regulatory Reform,—Regulatory Reform (Collaboration etc. between Ombudsmen) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1889), dated 27th June 2007 [by Act] [Edward Miliband].

**APPENDIX II**

**General Committees**

1 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill Committee.

2 Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Heppell from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Wayne David.

3 Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alistair Carmichael from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Reid.
Draft Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007, draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) Regulations 2007 and draft Gambling (Lottery Machine Interval) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Caborn, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Frank Field, Huw Irranca-Davies, John Mann and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order) and nominated in substitution Gordon Banks, Ann Coffey, Mr Jim Devine, Natascha Engel, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Claire Ward.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Climate Change Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill, to be printed [No. 542-viii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee, to be published
[Dr Des Turner].

2 Public Administration.—Third Sector Commissioning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 540-iii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 119; WH, No. 73]
Thursday 5th July 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at nine minutes to Three o’clock.

Adjournment (Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories—Fourth Report from the International Development Committee and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy)

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

[Adjourned at 5.21 p.m.]
MONDAY 9TH JULY 2007.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Mr John Randall be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Simon Burns be added to the Committee.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)


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

3 European Standing Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 6th June 2007 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for the year 2008; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Communities.

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:

The Lords have agreed to the Vehicle Registration Marks Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill to which this House has disagreed, and agree to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of those Amendments; they insist on their remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed and they disagree with the Amendments proposed by this House to the words restored to the Bill by this House’s disagreement with one of those Amendments, for which insistence and disagreement they assign their Reasons.

The Lords insist on their Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill to which this House has disagreed, and they disagree with the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of those Amendments, for which insistence and disagreement they assign their Reason.

5 Statistics and Registration Service Bill,—Lords Reasons for insisting on certain of their Amendments and disagreeing to Amendments proposed by this House to words restored to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 144].

6 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill,—Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 145].

7 Estimates Day [3rd allotted day],—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [2nd July], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Estimates, 2007–08 (Department of Trade and Industry),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £4,098,506,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 438,
(2) a further sum, not exceeding £3,294,715,000, 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, 2007–08 (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £3,201,338,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 438,
(2) a further sum, not exceeding £2,731,293,000, 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 Wayne David);
And it being Ten o’clock, the 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 Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Estimates, 2007–08.

**Department of Trade and Industry**

Resolved,—That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Department of Trade and Industry—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £4,098,506,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 438,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £3,294,715,000, 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.

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

Resolved,—That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £3,201,338,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 438,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £2,731,293,000, 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.

8 The Speaker then put the Question required to be put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

**Estimates, 2007–08**

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £241,430,352,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 438, 440, 441 and 448,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £216,596,983,000, 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. 438, 440 and 441 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, Andy Burnham, Jane Kennedy, Angela Eagle and Kitty Ussher do prepare and bring it in.

9 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill,—Jane Kennedy accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2008 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending with 31st March 2008, to appropriate the supply authorised in this session of Parliament for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2008; 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 141].

10 Administration,—Ordered, That Mr Bob Ainsworth and Mr Andrew Robathan be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Nicholas Brown and Mr John Randall be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Transport,—Ordered, That Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson be discharged from the Transport Committee and David Simpson be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Tim Farron and David Howarth be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Jo Swinson and Martin Horwood be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Mrs Maureen Lowson and others for increased provision of free cash machines was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjourment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mark Tami.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 6th July 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (4) Education (Reintegration Interview) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1868), dated 27th June 2007; and

2 Health and Safety,—Coal Mines (Control of Inhalable Dust) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1894), dated 29th June 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 9th July 2007:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

3 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 3, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (2) Gambling Act 2005 (Exempt Gaming in Clubs) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1944);
   (3) Gambling Act 2005 (Exempt Gaming in Alcohol-Licensed Premises) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1940); and

5 Electronic Communications,—Mobile Roaming (European Communities) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1933), dated 5th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Police,—Police Pension Fund Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1932), dated 5th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting,—Report and Statement of Accounts of S4C for 2006 [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

8 Cabinet Office,—Cabinet Office Minute, dated 9th July 2007, concerning a donation to the BBC Children in Need appeal [by Command] [Edward Miliband].

9 Communications,—Accounts of the Office of Communications Section 400 Licence Fees and Penalties for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 642] [Clerk of the House].

10 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 9th July 2007, requesting a Government guarantee to back a borrowing facility for Historic Royal Palaces [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

11 Economic Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on The Impact of Economic Sanctions [by Command] [Cm. 7143] [Secretary David Miliband].
12 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 9th July 2007, concerning the gifting of equipment and training to the Lebanese Armed Forces [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

13 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Compensation Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 844] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

14 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of Ordnance Survey for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 715] [Clerk of the House].

15 Health Protection Agency,—Report and Accounts of the Health Protection Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 796] [Clerk of the House].

16 Jamaica (No. 1, 2007),—Film Co-Production Agreement, done at Kingston on 23rd April 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Jamaica, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7168] [Secretary David Miliband].

17 Justices of the Peace,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Justices of the Peace (Training and Development Committee) Rules (S.I., 2007, No. 1609) [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

18 Magistrates’ Courts,—(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1610); and
   (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Youth Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1611)
   [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

19 National Audit,—(1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Evaluation of Regulatory Impact Assessments 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 606] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Resource Accounts of the National Audit Office for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 890] [Mr Alan Williams].

20 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 579] [Secretary James Purnell].

21 National Statistics,—Report and Accounts of the Statistics Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 7138] [Jane Kennedy].

22 Oil and Pipelines,—Accounts of the Oil and Pipelines Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 885] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


24 Justices of the Peace,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Justices of the Peace (Training and Development Committee) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1609) [laid 19th June].

25 Magistrates’ Courts,—(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1610); and
   (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Youth Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1611)
   [laid 19th June].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tobias Ellwood from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Crispin Blunt.
2 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Macedonia) Order 2007 and the draft International Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Evennett from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Brooks Newmark.

3 Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Lancaster and Mr Owen Paterson from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Evennett and Mr Laurence Robertson.

4 Draft Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit) (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Lancaster from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Jeremy Wright.

5 Draft National Minimum Wage Act 1998 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Roger Godsiff, Helen Jones and Steve McCabe from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ms Celia Barlow, Mr John Baron, Jon Cruddas, Charles Hendry, Mr Pat McFadden and Alison Seabeck.

6 Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Horserace Betting Levy) Order 2007, the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Horserace Totalisator Board) Order 2007 and the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Amendment of Schedule 6) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Lancaster and Anne Milton from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Tobias Ellwood and Mr Nick Hard.

7 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Amendment of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Watkinson from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr John Baron.

8 Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Regulations 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman of the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Regulations 2007 in place of Dr William McCrea; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tobias Ellwood from the Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Crispin Blunt.

9 Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Goodwill from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Benyon.

10 Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tobias Ellwood from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Crispin Blunt.

11 Draft Companies (Political Expenditure Exemption) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tobias Ellwood and Mr Stewart Jackson from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr John Baron and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

12 Draft Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Act 2006 (Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Lancaster and Mr Owen Paterson from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Evennett and Mr Laurence Robertson.

European Standing Committees

13 European Union Documents No. 9773/07 and No. 9776/07, relating to Migration,—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Davis from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Edward Garnier.
14 European Union Documents No. 6801/07, No. 6802/07, No. 6803/07, No. 6804/07, No. 6805/07, No. 6806/07, No. 6807/07, No. 6808/07, No. 6809/07, No. 6810/07, No. 6811/07, No. 6812/07, No. 6813/07, No. 6814/07, No. 6815/07, No. 6816/07, No. 6817/07, No. 6818/07, No. 6819/07 and Corrigendum 1, No. 6820/07, No. 6821/07, No. 6822/07, No. 7863/07, No. 7864/07, No. 7865/07, No. 7866/07 and No. 7867/07, relating to Stability and Convergence Programmes,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Evennett from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Brooks Newmark.

15 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 6th June 2007, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ed Balls, Jim Dobbin, Mr David Evennett, Julie Morgan, Sarah McCarthy-Fry and Mrs Theresa Villiers, from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Brooks Newmark, Jim Sheridan, Geraldine Smith, Kitty Ussher and David Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—The human rights of adults with learning disabilities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights, to be printed [No. 659-ii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) The restructuring of British Energy: Forty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 892];

(2) Tackling anti-social behaviour: Forty-fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 246];

(3) Missing trader fraud: Forty-fifth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 250];

(4) Major Projects Report 2006: Forty-sixth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 295];

(5) Improving quality and safety—progress in implementing clinical governance in primary care: lessons for the new primary care trusts: Forty-seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 302];

(6) The Efficiency Programme: a second review of progress: Forty-eighth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 349];

(7) Introduction of ePassports: Forty-ninth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 562];

(8) Assets Recovery Agency: Fiftieth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 391];

(9) Legal Aid and mediation for people involved in family breakdown: Fifty-first Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 396];

(10) The Academies Programme: Fifty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 402];

(11) Helping newly registered businesses meet their tax obligations: Fifty-third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 489];

(12) Heritage Lottery Fund: Fifty-fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 502]; and

(13) The delays in administering the 2003 Single Payment Scheme in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 893-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 10th July 2007.

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

PRAYERS

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Serious Crime Bill [Lords].—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Serious Crime Bill [Lords] Committee, That it had gone through the Serious Crime Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows:

A Bill to make provision about serious crime prevention orders; to create offences in respect of the encouragement or assistance of crime; to enable information to be shared or processed to prevent fraud or for purposes relating to proceeds of crime; to enable data matching to be conducted both in relation to fraud and for other purposes; to transfer functions of the Director of the Assets Recovery Agency to the Serious Organised Crime Agency and other persons and to make further provision in connection with the abolition of the Agency and the office of Director; to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in relation to certain investigations and in relation to accredited financial investigators, management receivers and enforcement receivers, cash recovery proceedings and search warrants; to make amendments relating to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs in connection with the regulation of investigatory powers; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 140].

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

3 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2007.

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

4 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Macedonia) Order 2007 and the draft International Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Order 2007.

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

5 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Cummings reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2007.

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

6 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit) (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2007.

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


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

8 Employment Assistance (Wales) Bill.—The Order for reading the Employment Assistance (Wales) Bill a second time on Friday 19th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

9 Alcohol (Harm Reduction).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the regulation of the pricing and labelling of alcohol products; to further restrict alcohol advertising; to make provision in relation to public order and alcohol-related offences; and for connected purposes: And that Sandra Gidley, Mr David Amess, Bob Russell, Norman Lamb, Kelvin Hopkins, Dr John Pugh, Dr Doug Naysmith, Lynda Waltho and Chris Bryant do prepare and bring it in.
10 Alcohol (Harm Reduction) Bill,—Sandra Gidley accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of the pricing and labelling of alcohol products; to further restrict alcohol advertising; to make provision in relation to public order and alcohol-related offences; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 142].

11 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

12 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2006 (Disapplication of Section 25) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

13 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

14 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [ Lords],—The Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [ Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

15 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) 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 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [ Lords]:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 19th July 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

16 Official Secrets,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

17 Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.
18 Family Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 6th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

19 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

20 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Gambling (Lottery Machine Interval) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

21 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

22 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mark Tami);

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

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

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 Companies,—Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1947), dated 9th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Republic of Tajikistan) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Electricity,—Electricity (Offshore Generating Stations) (Safety Zones) (Application Procedures and Control of Access) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1948), dated 9th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 European Communities,—European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1949), dated 9th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


7 Housing.—(1) Home Information Pack (Redress Scheme) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1946), dated 9th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

(2) Houses in Multiple Occupation (Certain Blocks of Flats) (Modifications to the Housing Act 2004 and Transitional Provisions for section 257 HMOs) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1904), dated 28th June 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears], and
8 Insolvency,—Insolvent Companies (Disqualification of Unfit Directors) Proceedings (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1906), dated 5th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

9 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1950), dated 10th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

10 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Winding Up, Winding Up Notices and Reports etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1930), dated 5th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

11 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1941), dated 9th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

12 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Northamptonshire) (Corby, Wellingborough, East Northamptonshire and South Northamptonshire) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1934); and

(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Warwickshire) (District of Warwick) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1935), dated 5th July 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

13 Access to Justice,—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Complaints Commissioner for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 676] [Secretary Jack Straw].

14 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 660] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

15 Charities,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Official Custodian for Charities for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and

(2) Report of the Charity Commission for England and Wales for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 809 and 726] [Edward Miliband].

16 Data Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Information Commissioner’s Office for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 646] [Secretary Jack Straw].

17 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 10th July 2007, concerning the gifting of military equipment to the Government of Afghanistan [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

18 Development of Tourism,—Report and Accounts of VisitBritain for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 751] [Secretary James Purnell].

19 Education,—Report and Accounts of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 629] [Secretary Ed Balls].

20 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Defence Procurement Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 574] [Secretary Des Browne];

(2) Report and Accounts of the Public Guardianship Office for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 647] [Secretary Jack Straw]; and

(3) Resource Accounts of the Office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools in England for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 814] [Jane Kennedy].
21 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 677] [Clerk of the House].

22 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust for 1st June 2006 to 31st March 2007; and
(2) South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust for 1st November 2006 to 31st March 2007
[by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

23 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Government on the internet: progress in delivering information and services online [by Act]; to be printed [No. 529] [Clerk of the House].

24 National Health Service,—Report and Accounts of Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2006 to 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

25 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 701] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
General Committees

1 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Stephen Ladyman from the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Jim Fitzpatrick.

2 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck, Mr Ian Davidson, Nick Herbert and Dr Stephen Ladyman from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr David Drew and Geraldine Smith.

3 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Macedonia) Order 2007 and the draft International Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Liz Blackman, Mr David Clelland, Ann Coffey and Andrew Mackinlay from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Laxton, Mr George Mudie, Mr Dave Watts and David Wright.

4 Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Tom Clarke, Rosie Cooper, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews and Mr Peter Robinson from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Chris Bryant, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr David Drew, Mr Rob Marris, Dr Doug Naysmith and David Wright.

5 Draft Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit) (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jon Cruddas and Shona McIsaac from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Lyn Brown and Natasha Engel.

6 Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Herbert from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Burrowes.

7 Draft Data Retention (EC Directive) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jeremy Browne from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr David Heath.

8 Draft Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Act 2006 (Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Robinson from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution David Simpson.
European Standing Committees

9 European Union Documents No. 9773/07 and No. 9776/07, relating to Migration,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Heath from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Jeremy Browne.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 10th July; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Refuse Collection: Fifth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 536]; and

   (2) Introductory hearing with the new Secretary of State. Department for Communities and Local Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 899-s]

   [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Constitutional Affairs,—Scrutiny of Constitutional Reform: Second Special Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 907] [Mr Alan Beith].

4 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill to be printed [No. 235-sx] [Mr Alan Meale].

5 Environmental Audit,—(1) Beyond Stern: From the Climate Change Programme Review to the Draft Climate Change Bill: Seventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 460]; and

   (2) Personal Carbon Allowances: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 900-s]

   [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs,—Police Funding Allocations: Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 553] [Mr David Winnick].

7 International Development,—DFID Annual Report 2007: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Public Administration,—(1) The Governance of Britain: First Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with an Annex; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 901]; and

   (2) Third Sector Commissioning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 540-sv]

   [Dr Tony Wright].

9 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Poverty in Scotland: Memoranda laid before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 168-xi];

   (2) Spring Supplementary Estimates 2007: Explanatory Memorandum by the Scotland Office: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 906]; and

   (3) Effects of tax increases on the Oil Industry: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

   [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].
Tuesday 10th July 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.55 p.m.

THE SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

Wednesday 11th July 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Amendment of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006) Order 2007.

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

2 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Regulations 2007.

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


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

4 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Edward O'Hara reported from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts) Order 2007.

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

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

The Lords agree to the Pensions Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Pensions Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Pensions Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 146].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Pensions Bill be printed [Bill 146–EN].

7 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill,—Ordered, That the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill Committee be discharged from considering the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill.

Bill withdrawn.

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

8 Proof of Age Scheme (Purchase of Restricted Goods),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a national compulsory proof of age scheme for persons aged between 16 and 21 years in connection with the purchase of alcohol, tobacco, knives, air weapons and other items; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Robert Flello, Mr Adrian Bailey, Lyn Brown, Mr David Kidney, Sarah McCarthy-Fry and Lynda Waltho do prepare and bring it in.
9 Proof of Age Scheme (Purchase of Restricted Goods) Bill.—Mr Robert Flello accordingly presented a Bill to establish a national compulsory proof of age scheme for persons aged between 16 and 21 years in connection with the purchase of alcohol, tobacco, knives, air weapons and other items; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 143].

10 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.

Stroke services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that stroke is the third most significant cause of death and the leading cause of adult disability; believes that stroke prevention and care have received insufficient attention despite £2.8 billion in direct care costs to the NHS; welcomes the report of the National Audit Office (NAO), Reducing brain damage: faster access to better stroke care, House of Commons Paper No. 452, and the subsequent Report from the Committee of Public Accounts (PAC), of the same title, House of Commons Paper No. 911; further welcomes the Government’s publication of a consultation on a national stroke strategy; commends the Stroke Association, the Different Strokes charity and the Royal College of Physicians in raising awareness of stroke and the needs of stroke patients and survivors; calls for the rapid implementation of the NAO and PAC recommendations thereby saving over 10 lives a week, delivering high-quality stroke care and securing value-for-money for NHS resources; is concerned at the continuing deficiencies in stroke care and wide disparities in access to specialist stroke services disclosed in the 2006 National Stroke Audit published in April 2007; and urges the Government to give priority and urgency to the measures needed to deliver improving outcomes for stroke patients—(Mr Andrew Lansley).
their work in developing proposals for a new stroke strategy; and commends the consultation document A new ambition for stroke.

Social policy and the relief of poverty.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the fact that the United Kingdom comes bottom of a league table of 21 rich countries in a recent UNICEF study of child well-being, has one of the worst drug problems in Europe, has low levels of social mobility, has higher rates of family breakdown than many other European countries and has more people living in severe poverty today than there were in 1997; regrets that sufficiently effective action has not been taken to deal with these problems; recognises that a shared sense of social responsibility is the basis for a more effective response to multiple deprivation and for more effective solutions to the problems of social breakdown; and urges politicians of all parties to join together in an attempt to support families, provide new routes into work, enable people to escape from addiction and indebtedness and to enable voluntary organisations and social enterprises of all sizes to increase their invaluable contribution—(Mr Oliver Letwin).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that since 1997 employment has risen to the highest level ever with 2.5 million more people in work, the number of workless households has fallen, the number of children in workless households has fallen, the number of children in non-decent homes has been cut by 1.4 million, child poverty has fallen by 600,000, pensioner poverty has fallen and educational attainment has risen for pupils from all social classes, across the board and at all key stages; further notes that this has happened because of a sustained strategy which includes the New Deal programme, Tax Credits, the National Minimum Wage, Sure Start, a National Childcare Strategy, programmes to improve parenting, Educational Maintenance Allowances and record investment in public services; and urges politicians of all parties to recognise the benefits of these reforms and not undermine them, support all children and work together to tackle the social challenges that the UK still faces through continued investment, engagement of individuals and communities, work with the voluntary sector and through an approach which recognises that the best way to build a fair society is through providing opportunities for all citizens, not just the few, to meet their aspirations’, instead thereof.—(Edward Miliband.)

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)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that since 1997 employment has risen to the highest level ever with 2.5 million more people in work, the number of workless households has fallen, the number of children in workless households has fallen, the number of children in non-decent homes has been cut by 1.4 million, child poverty has fallen by 600,000, pensioner poverty has fallen and educational attainment has risen for pupils from all social classes, across the board and at all key stages; further notes that this has happened because of a sustained strategy which includes the New Deal programme, Tax Credits, the National Minimum Wage, Sure Start, a National Childcare Strategy, programmes to improve parenting, Educational Maintenance Allowances and record investment in public services; and urges politicians of all parties to recognise the benefits of these reforms and not undermine them, support all children and work together to tackle the social challenges that the UK still faces through continued investment, engagement of individuals and communities, work with the voluntary sector and through an approach which recognises that the best way to build a fair society is through providing opportunities for all citizens, not just the few, to meet their aspirations. 

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, consideration of proceedings on the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mark Tami.)
12 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message relating to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill [9th July].

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10, but does not insist on its Amendments 10F to 10I in lieu, and proposes Amendments (a), (b), (c) and (d) to the Bill in lieu of those Lords Amendments—(Maria Eagle).

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [16th May].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Claire Ward: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 143.

So the Question 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 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

14 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft National Minimum Wage Act 1998 (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

15 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 6th June 2007 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for the year 2008; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Communities—(Mr Alan Campbell):—It was agreed to.

16 Electoral Commission,—Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to the Electoral Commission shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

17 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the constituency of Broxbourne and others against the scaling back of health care provision at Chase Farm Hospital and across the County of Hertfordshire;

(2) residents of the Borough of Bournemouth and others against the overdevelopment of the Bournemouth area; and

(3) Hannah Marshall, Elliott Ward and students of the Anglo European School and of the South East for a more positive role in bringing attention to the Darfur genocide were presented and read; 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 two minutes to Nine o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Highways,—(1) Street Works (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1952); and

(2) Street Works (Registers, Notices, Directions and Designations) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1951), dated 10th July 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

3 Gambling.—Report and Accounts of the Gambling Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 680] [Secretary James Purnell].

4 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the—
   (1) Armed Forces Pension Scheme; and
   (2) Northern Ireland Office
   for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 815 and 858] [Jane Kennedy].

5 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
   (2) Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
   (3) Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 1st February to 31st March 2007; and
   (4) University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust for 1st November 2006 to 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Legislative Programme,—Paper, entitled The Governance of Britain: The Government’s Draft Legislative Programme [by Command] [Cm. 7175] [Ms Harriet Harman].

7 National Audit,—Thirteenth Report of the Public Accounts Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 915] [Mr Alan Williams].

8 Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 863] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

9 Railways,—Report and Accounts of Passengerfocus for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 750] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Wayne David, Natasha Engel, Mr Stuart Jackson, Albert Owen, Mr James Plaskitt, Paul Rowen and Andrew Selous members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill Committee.

2 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Mark Hendrick, Laura Moffatt, Bridget Prentice and Jo Swinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] Committee.

3 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Taylor and Mr Christopher Chope Chairmen of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Michael Clapham, Rosie Cooper, Mr Wayne David, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Natasha Engel, Nia Griffith, Mr Mark Harper, Stephen Hesford, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mrs Siân C. James, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Albert Owen, John Penrose, Mr James Plaskitt, Paul Rowen, Andrew Selous, Mr Don Touhig, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Mike Weir.

4 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Jim Hood Chairman of the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Lorely Burt, Mrs Ann Cryer, Philip Davies, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Mark Hendrick, Lynne Jones, Mr Sadiq Khan, Chris McCafferty, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Humfrey Malins, Laura Moffatt, Margaret Moran, Bridget Prentice, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Jo Swinson and Lynda Waltho.

5 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Owen Paterson from the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Goodwill.

6 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement) (Republic of Albania) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Peter Bone, Mr William Cash, Mr Michael Clapham, Mrs Ann Cryer, Jim Dobbin, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, Nigel Griffiths, Mark Hunter, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Michael Moore, Julie Morgan, Mr Jim Murphy, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Neil Turner.

7 Draft Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Amendment) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Michael Fallon, Mark Fisher, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Adam Ingram, Lynne Jones, Anne Moffat, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Jamie Reed and Mr Don Touhig.

8 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, David Cairns, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Jim Dowd, Mr Bruce George, Mr John Gunner, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Chris McCafferty, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Frank Roy, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Ben Wallace, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Pete Wishart and Mr Anthony Wright.

9 Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment etc.) (General Qualifications Bodies) (Alteration of Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Adam Afriyie, Mr Michael Ancram, Annette Brooke, Richard Burden, Clive Efford, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Stewart Jackson, Jim Knight, Mr David Laws, Tim Loughton, Andrew Mackinlay, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Albert Owen, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mark Pritchard, Mr Sion Simon and Paddy Tipping.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Battle, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr David Clelland, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Ms Patricia Hewitt, David Howarth, David Maclean, Mr Tony McNulty, Sandra Osborne, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Richard Shepherd and Emily Thornberry.

11 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Amendment of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Bryant and Jim Dowd from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Dawn Butler and Mary Creagh.

12 Draft Financial Assistance For Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Jim Cousins, Jon Cruddas, Barry Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Charles Hendry, Mr Michael Howard, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Lembat Opik, Alison Seabeck, Bob Spink and Mr Richard Spring.

13 Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Nick Palmer from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Stephen Pound.

14 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Sir Paul Beresford, David Cairns, Ben Chapman, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Andrew Love, Margaret Moran, Dr Doug Naysmith, Robert Neill, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Frank Roy, Chris Ruane, Jim Sheridan, Mr Ben Wallace, Mrs Betty Williams and Pete Wishart.

15 Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Revised Funding Code to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Crausby, Maria Eagle, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr John Grogan, Mr David Heath, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr George Howarth, Simon Hughes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Mr David Winnick.

16 Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Blizzard, Clive Everard, David Cairns, Ben Chapman, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Andrew Love, Margaret Moran, Dr Doug Naysmith, Robert Neill, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Frank Roy, Chris Ruane, Jim Sheridan, Mr Ben Wallace, Mrs Betty Williams and Pete Wishart.

17 Draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ken Purchase from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Dr Stephen Ladyman.

18 Draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Seventh Replenishment) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, John Barrett, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Harry Cohen, Frank Dobson, Lynne Featherstone, Mr James Gray, Ms Sally Keeble, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Alan Michael, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Mark Todd, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Charles Walker.

19 Draft Verification of Information in Passport Applications Etc. (Specified Persons) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Brian Binley, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Roger Goddard, Damian Green, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Doug Henderson, David Heyes, Meg Hillier, Mr Brian Iddon, Mr Chris Mullin, Paul Rowen, Graham Stringer, Mr Hugo Swire and Mr Robert Walter.

20 Draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Vernon Coaker, Sir Patrick Cormack, Paul Farrelly, Glenda Jackson, Mr Peter Killole, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr David Ruffley, Martin Salter, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Dennis Skinner, Jon Trickett and Mr Rob Wilson.
21 Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr David Curry, Tim Farron, Barry Gardiner, Damian Green, Alan Keen, Ian Lucas, Mr Elliot Morley, Alan Simpson, Helen Southworth and Mr John Whittingdale.

22 Draft Children Act 2004 Information Database (England) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Geo


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourteenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hugh Bayley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mark Field, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr John Greenway, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Brian Jenkins, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr George Mudie, Lembit Öpik, Stephen Pound, Gwyn Prosser, Alison Seabeck and Mr Stephen Timms.

24 Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Ms Harriet Harman:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Motion to the Fifteenth Delegated Legislation Committee; and has appointed John Cummings Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nicholas Brown, Chris Bryant, Ms Karen Buck, Helen Goodman, Patrick Hall, Mr David Heath, Kate Hoey, Mr Adam Holloway, Simon Hughes, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Shailesh Vara and Keith Vaz.

25 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 6801/07, No. 6802/07, No. 6803/07, No. 6804/07, No. 6805/07, No. 6806/07, No. 6807/07, No. 6808/07, No. 6809/07, No. 6812/07, No. 6813/07, No. 6814/07, No. 6815/07, No. 6816/07, No. 6817/07, No. 6818/07, No. 6819/07 and Corrigendum 1, No. 6820/07, No. 6821/07, No. 7863/07, No. 7864/07, No. 7865/07, No. 7866/07 and No. 7867/07, relating to Stability and Convergence Programmes.

26 The Speaker has appointed Hywel Williams Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 9773/07 and No. 9776/07 on Migration.

27 European Union Documents No. 13401/06 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 13388/06, relating to Soil Protection: The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Richard Benyon, Tony Cunningham, Paul Flynn, Nia Griffith, Mr Douglas Hogg, Chris Huhne, Daniel Kawczynski, David Lepper, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr James Paice, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Jonathan Shaw and Mr Roger Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Departmental Restructuring and Public Expenditure on Education and Skills:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 912-1]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2 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. 41-xxx];

(2) Agency Workers Directive: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 916-i]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Michael Connarty].

3 Science and Technology.—Funding of Science and Discovery Centres:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 903-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Phil Willis].

4 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xxiii]; and

(2) Scrutinising Statutory Instruments: Departmental Returns 2006: First Special Report, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 917]

[David Maclean].

5 Transport,—(1) Novice Drivers: Seventh Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 355]; and

(2) The draft Local Transport Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 692-iv]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 122; WH, No. 75]

Wednesday 11th July 2007.

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. 123.]

Thursday 12th July 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Marshall reported from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Companies (Political Expenditure Exemption) Order 2007.

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

2 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC5) (Functions of Learning and Skills Council for England in relation to education and training for persons aged 16 to 19)—(Sarah Teather)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 33, to leave out Clause No. 17.—(Mr John Hayes.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Brooks Newmark: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Mr Michael Foster: 255.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 22, after the word 'England', to insert the words 'or Wales'.—(Mr John Hayes.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Brooks Newmark: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mark Tami: 254.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 37, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 2 on page 16 and insert the words—

(a) the institution—

(i) gives the Privy Council a statement setting out the arrangements for partnership working between relevant institutions,

(ii) arranges for progression to one or more courses of more advanced study which have been confirmed in writing by at least one institution mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or one body awarding advanced professional qualifications, and

(iii) places a duty on parties to the agreement to advertise courses and qualifications detailed therein;

(b) the institution as a condition of that order continues to secure guaranteed arrangements for progression to one or more courses of advanced study which have been confirmed in writing by at least one institution mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or body awarding advanced professional qualifications;

(c) the Privy Council considers that the arrangements are satisfactory and are likely to be carried out', instead thereof.—(Adam Afriyie.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Brooks Newmark: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mark Tami: 261.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 33, to leave out Clause No. 27.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

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 Six o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [21st May]:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Horserace Betting Levy) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mark Tami):—It was agreed to.

4 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Horserace Totalisator Board) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mark Tami):—It was agreed to.

5 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Amendment of Schedule 6) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mark Tami):—It was agreed to.

6 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mark Tami):—It was agreed to.
7 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Double
Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Macedonia) Order 2007, which was laid before this
House on 14th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

8 Taxes,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing
Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft International Mutual
Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Order 2007, which was laid before this House
on 19th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

9 Political Parties,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Political
Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order
2007, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Mark Tami);
And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged,
the Division was deferred till Wednesday 18th July, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A
(Deferred divisions).

10 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered
(1) the matter of policing reform in Northern Ireland (progress to date) be referred to
the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;
(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 24th July 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)).—
(Mark Tami.)

11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) pupils of Aycliffe Drive Primary School in the Dacorum district of Hertfordshire
against inadequate consultation by the West Hertfordshire Hospitals Trust; and
(2) constituents of South West Hertfordshire and other users of Britain’s inland
waterways against a reduction in British Waterways’ grant
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mark Tami.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to Seven
o’clock, adjourned till Monday 16th July.

[Adjourned at 6.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations
Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Electricity,—Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales)
an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 Gas,—(1) Gas Transporter Pipe-line Works (Environmental Impact Assessment)
(Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1996); and
(2) Pipe-line Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations
2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1992),
dated 9th July 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Mr
Secretary Hutton].
Other Papers:

4 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat Livestock Commission for 2006–07 and Report and Accounts of Hybu Cig Cymru for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 641] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

5 Audit Commission,—Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 808] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

6 Church Commissioners,—Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for 2006 [by Measure] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 Crown Estate,—Report and Accounts of the Crown Estate for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 570] [Clerk of the House].

8 Enterprise,—Report and Accounts of the Competition Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 603] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

9 Exchange Equalisation Account,—Report and Accounts of the Exchange Equalisation Account for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 695] [Kitty Ussher].

10 Government Resources and Accounts —(1) Report and Accounts for 2006–07 of the—

   (i) Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 853] [Secretary Des Browne];

   (ii) British Forces Post Office Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 665] [Secretary Des Browne];

   (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 770] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];

   (iv) Milk Development Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 690] [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and

   (v) Sea Fish Industry Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 590] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

   (2) Report and Resource Accounts of HM Revenue and Customs for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 626] [Jane Kennedy];

   (3) Resource Accounts of the Department for Communities and Local Government for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 836] [Jane Kennedy]; and

   (4) Review and Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 735] [Jane Kennedy].

11 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of—

   (1) Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundations Trust;

   (2) Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;

   (3) Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;

   (4) Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; and

   (5) Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

12 Higher Education,—Report and Accounts of the Arts and Humanities Research Council for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 763] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

13 Life Sentences (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Life Sentence Review Commissioners for 2006–07 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 657] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

14 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts of the British Museum for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 777] [Secretary James Purnell].
15 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 911] [Clerk of the House].

16 National Statistics,—Report of National Statistics for 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7112] [Angela Eagle].

17 Northern Ireland (Sentences),—Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 658] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

18 Office of Communications,—Report and Accounts of the Office of Communications for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 681] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

19 Science and Technology,—Report and Accounts of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 638] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

20 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Certification Officer for 2006–07 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Amendment) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Henry Bellingham from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Edward Garnier.

2 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data: Code of Practice) Order 2007 and draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Investigation of Protected Electronic Information: Code of Practice) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dominic Grieve from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Edward Garnier.

3 Draft Companies (Political Expenditure Exemption) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Laxton, Sandra Osborne and Dr Nick Palmer from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Lyn Brown, Eric Joyce and Sarah McCarthy-Fry.

4 Draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2007,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order in place of Sir Nicholas Winterton.

European Standing Committees

5 European Union Documents No. 9773/07 and No. 9776/07, relating to Migration,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Edward Garnier from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Damian Green.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-xx] [Mr Alan Meale].

2 European Scrutiny,—(1) Conclusions of the European Council and Council of Ministers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed [No. 544-iii];

(2) The European Commission’s Annual Policy Strategy for 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 519-iii]; and

(3) Outcome of the European Council: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 862-ii] [Michael Connarty].

3 Health,—National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 503-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].
4 Liaison.—Annual Report for 2005–06: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Liaison Committee; to be printed [No. 920] [Mr Alan Williams].

5 Public Administration.—(1) The Pensions Bill and the FAS: An Update: Eighth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with Appendices; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 922]; and

(2) Charity Commission: Definition of Public Benefit: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 904-i]
[Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 123; WH, No. 76]
Thursday 12th July 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Implementation of the Carter Review of Legal Aid,—Third Report of the Constitutional Affairs Committee and the Government response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—
(Mr Michael Foster);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 17th July.

[Adjourned at 6 p.m.]
PRAYERS

1 Contingencies Fund, 2006-07,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 2006-07, 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 Frank Roy.)

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Bercow reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement) (Republic of Albania) Order 2007.

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

3 Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Data Retention (EC Directive) Regulations 2007.

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


   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 Documents No. 6801/07 to No. 6809/07, No. 6812/07 to No. 6819/07 and Corrigendum 1, No. 6820/07, No. 6821/07, No. 6823/07 and No. 7863/07 to No. 7867/07, Council Opinions on the updated Stability and Convergence Programmes of each Member State except Austria and the Czech Republic; and supports a prudent interpretation of the Stability and Growth Pact which takes into account the level of debt, the economic cycle and public investment.

   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 Offender Management Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

   The Lords agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by this House to the Whitehaven Harbour Bill [Lords].

   The Lords communicate that their Standing Order No. 74 relating to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments has been amended as follows: In paragraph (1), leave out from the words ‘but excluding any Order in Council’ to the end and insert the words ‘but excluding any remedial order or draft remedial order under Schedule 2 to the Human Rights Act 1998, and any draft order proposed to be made under Part 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 and any subordinate provisions order made or proposed to be made under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001; and’; and

   The Lords have made a further Amendment to their Standing Order No. 74 in paragraph (2) to leave out the words ‘any statutory instrument made by a member of the Scottish Executive or by the National Assembly for Wales’ and insert the words ‘any statutory instrument made by the Scottish Ministers or otherwise under an Act or Act of the Scottish Parliament or by the Welsh Ministers’.

7 Offender Management Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Offender Management Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 147].

   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Offender Management Bill be printed [Bill 147-EN].
8 Opposition Day [17th 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.

Investigation of alleged corruption overseas.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the Serious Fraud Office’s (SFO) ongoing investigation into the sale by BAE Systems plc of a military air traffic control system to Tanzania and into payments made to third parties in South Africa and other arms-related inquiries; notes with concern the consequences for the role of the Attorney General of the decision to terminate the SFO investigation into BAE Systems plc and Saudi Arabia and its implications for parliamentary accountability; believes serious damage has been done to the reputation of British business and to the credibility of the Government’s campaign against corruption in the developing world; urges the Government to cooperate fully with the United States Department of Justice inquiry into corruption allegations concerning BAE Systems plc and with other international organisations; and calls for increased parliamentary accountability concerning the Government’s dealings with the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia—(Dr Vincent Cable);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘supports the Government’s stance against international corruption; welcomes the action it is taking to tackle it; and recognises that the decision to discontinue the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) investigation into BAE Systems plc and Saudi Arabia was taken by the Director of the SFO alone for reasons of national and international security’, instead thereof.—(Vera Baird.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Roger Williams: 46.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Dave Watts: 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Dave Watts: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Mr Roger Williams: 45.

So the Question 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 stance against international corruption; welcomes the action it is taking to tackle it; and recognises that the decision to discontinue the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) investigation into BAE Systems plc and Saudi Arabia was taken by the Director of the SFO alone for reasons of national and international security.

Fair taxation of the wealthy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the growing gap in wealth and income inequality since 1997; calls for the publication of Office of National Statistics wealth inequality data since 2003; regrets that the complexities of the tax system allow wealthy individuals to utilise tax loopholes; notes with alarm the increasing number of wealthy individuals who are non-domiciled for tax purposes; recognises the increasing burden that this places on middle-income families who are disproportionately affected by, in particular, stamp duty and inheritance tax thresholds, given that these thresholds have not been recently reassessed to reflect large increases in house prices; and proposes the tax system be amended to ensure that the wealthiest individuals pay their fair share—(Dr Vincent Cable);

An Amendment was proposed the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that since 1997, the Government has undertaken a comprehensive programme of reform to the tax system, which has encouraged saving and rewarded enterprise, reduced child poverty, supported hard-working families and provided security for all in old age, and welcomes the fact that these reforms strike the right balance between encouraging enterprise and investment, maintaining the UK’s international competitiveness and delivering a modern and fair tax system, in which all pay their fair share of tax’, instead thereof.—(Andy Burnham.)
And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr Paul Burstow 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, Dan Rogerson, Mr Jeremy Browne: 55.
Tellers for the Noes, Siobhain McDonagh, Claire Ward: 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);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Claire Ward, Siobhain McDonagh: 274.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Rogerson, Mr Jeremy Browne: 61.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House notes that since 1997, the Government has undertaken a comprehensive programme of reform to the tax system, which has encouraged saving and rewarded enterprise, reduced child poverty, supported hard-working families and provided security for all in old age, and welcomes the fact that these reforms strike the right balance between encouraging enterprise and investment, maintaining the UK’s international competitiveness and delivering a modern and fair tax system, in which all pay their fair share of tax.
9 Partnerships,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 6th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.
10 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Amendment of Schedule 7 to the Government of Wales Act 2006) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.
11 Animals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.
12 Criminal Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Community Order (Review by Specified Courts) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.
13 Health,—Ordered, That Mr Stewart Jackson be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr Lee Scott be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
14 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Greg Clark be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Angela Browning be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
15 Treasury,—Ordered, That Mr Brooks Newmark and Mr David Gauke be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr Graham Brady and Mr Philip Dunne be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
16 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of Ruislip-Northwood and others for legislation to give stronger protection for gardens in planning law was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mark Tami.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.
APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 13th July 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 16th July 2007:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Contingencies Fund, 2006-07,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 910] [Jane Kennedy].

4 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of—
   (1) the Crown Estate;
   (2) the Department for Culture, Media and Sport;
   (3) the Department for Education and Skills; and
   (4) the Water Services Regulation Authority
for 2006-07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 817, 847, 772 and 855] [Jane Kennedy].

5 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory; and
   (2) the UK Intellectual Property Office
for 2006-07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 644 and 803] [Clerk of the House].

6 Health,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2006–07, on Audiology Services [by Command] [Cm. 7140] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; and
   (2) South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust
for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 787] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

9 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Coal Health Compensation Schemes; and
   (2) Transforming logistics support for fast jets
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 608 and 825] [Clerk of the House].

10 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) NHS Direct;
   (2) the Mental Health Act Commission; and
   (3) the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (Special Health Authority)
for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 649, 778 and 702-I and -II] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
11 Police,—Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to Scottish Ministers for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 713] [The Prime Minister].

12 Science and Technology,—Report and Accounts of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 720] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Rosie Cooper from the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mrs Anne McGuire.

2 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement) (Republic of Albania) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hilary Armstrong, Mr Michael Clapham and Julie Morgan from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Clive Ellford and Sarah McCarthy-Fry.


4 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Paul Beresford from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution David Maclean.

5 Draft Data Retention (EC Directive) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Campbell, Meg Hillier and Mrs Sharon Hodgson from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Jame Reed and Mr Dave Watts.

6 Draft Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Act 2006 (Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Liz Blackman, Mr David Chaytor, Rosie Cooper and Joan Walley from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey, Rob Marris, Albert Owen and Mr Frank Roy.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Documents No. 6801/07, No. 6802/07, No. 6803/07, No. 6804/07, No. 6805/07, No. 6806/07, No. 6807/07, No. 6808/07, No. 6809/07, No. 6810/07, No. 6811/07, No. 6812/07, No. 6813/07, No. 6814/07, No. 6815/07, No. 6816/07, No. 6817/07, No. 6818/07, No. 6819/07 and Corrigendum 1, No. 6820/07, No. 6821/07, No. 6823/07, No. 7863/07, No. 7864/07, No. 7865/07, No. 7866/07 and No. 7867/07, relating to Stability and Convergence Programmes,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Coffey and Julia Goldsworthy from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Breed and Mary Creagh.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Equality: Sixth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 468] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) Sustainable Schools: Are we building schools for the future? Seventh Report from the Education and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 6th December and 24th January [No. 140-I and -II]; and

(2) Creative Partnerships and the Curriculum: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Barry Sheerman].
3 Human Rights.—(1) _The human rights of older persons in healthcare:_ Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 578-I and -II]; and
(2) _Counter-terrorism policy and human rights:_ 28 days, intercept and post-charge questioning: Nineteenth Report from the Committee, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 556-I and -II]
[Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Science and Technology.—(1) _Investigating the Oceans:_ Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 470-v]; and
(2) _Renewable Energy Technologies:_ Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Phil Willis].

5 Standards and Privileges.—Conduct of _Mr George Galloway:_ Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with Appendices and Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 26th June; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 909-I, -II and -III] [Sir George Young].

6 Trade and Industry.—_The role of the Minister for Trade Promotion and Investment:_ Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 923-i]
[Mr Peter Luff].

[No. 125.]
Tuesday 17th July 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill Committee,
(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
(2) a Memorandum.
Memorandum to lie upon the Table and be published.

3 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords].—Mr Jim Hood reported from the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] Committee,
(1) That it had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
(2) That it had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow.
Minutes of proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Amendment) Order 2007.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2007.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Amess reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment etc.) (General Qualifications Bodies) (Alteration of Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2007.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.


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

8 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2007.

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

9 Fifteenth Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Cummings reported from the Fifteenth Delegated Legislation Committee the Motion in Respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Ms Harriet Harman.

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

10 European Standing Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 9773/07, Commission Communication on the application of the EU Global Approach to Migration to the Eastern and South-Eastern Regions Neighbouring the European Union and No. 9776/07, Commission Communication on circular migration and mobility partnerships between the European Union and third countries; and supports the Government’s position that the expansion of the Global Approach to Migration provides an opportunity to assess progress so far as well as explore and clarify the concepts of circular migration and mobility partnerships.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords insist on their Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill to which this House has disagreed; they disagree to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of the Lords Amendments and they propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

12 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill,—Lords Reasons for insisting on their Amendments and disagreeing with Amendments proposed by this House, and Amendments in lieu to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 148].

13 European Union (Information, etc.) Bill [Lords].—The European Union (Information, etc.) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 149].

14 Pensions 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 Pensions Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 16th January and 18th April 2007 (Pensions Bill (Programme) and Pensions 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. 15 to 24, 1, 12 to 14, 28, 2 to 11, 25 to 27, 29 to 73.
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 Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

15 Pensions Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Pensions Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 and 16 were disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Amendment (a) be made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 16 disagreed to—(Dr Tony Wright);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 305.

So the Question was negatived.

Lords Amendment No. 17.

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 Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, Mr Stewart Jackson: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 18 to 24 were 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 Mike O’Brien);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Jenny Willott, Paul Rowen: 68.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

It being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Questions to be disposed of at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Lords Amendments Nos. 12 to 14, 28 and 73 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 11, 25 to 27 and 29 to 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. 1, 12 to 24, 28 and 73.

That Danny Alexander, Mr Wayne David, Natascha Engel, Mr James Plaskitt and Mr Nigel Waterson be members of the Committee.

That Mr James Plaskitt be 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.
16 Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 19th June 2007 (Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraph 2 shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading 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.—(Helen Goodman.)

17 Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliament (Joint Departments) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mark Tami reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

18 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Companies (Political Expenditure Exemption) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved—(Mark Tami).—It was agreed to.

19 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit) (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mark Tami).—It was agreed to.

20 Pensions Bill.—Mr James Plaskitt reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Pensions Bill. That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 1, 16 to 18, 23 and 24 for the following Reason:—

Because they would involve charges on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 12 to 14 and 73 for the following Reason:—

Because they would alter provisions relating to taxation, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 19 to 21 for the following Reason:—

Because they make provision connected with that made by Lords Amendments Nos. 17 and 18, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 15 for the following Reason:—

Because it is inappropriate to replace the Secretary of State as the manager of the Financial Assistance Scheme with the Board of the Pension Protection Fund.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 22 for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons consider that the prohibition on the purchase of annuities may have undesirable effects.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 28 for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons consider that imposing an obligation on the Secretary of State to arrange for post-legislative scrutiny is unnecessary.
The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

21 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mark Tami.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gambling Act 2005 (Incidental Non-Commercial Lotteries) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2040); and


dated 14th July 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

2 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) and (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1975), dated 10th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2038), dated 16th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].


Other Papers:

5 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Reports and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and Horserace Totalisator Board for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

6 Commissioners for Revenue and Customs,—Report of the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office for 2006–07 [by Act] [The Solicitor General]

7 Constitutional Reform,—Report of the Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 Criminal Justice,—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 5th April 2006 to 4th April 2007 [by Act] [The Solicitor General].


10 Enterprise,—Accounts of the Competition Appeals Tribunal and Competition Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 769] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

11 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Paper, entitled The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 7169] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of—

(i) HM Prison Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 717] [Secretary Jack Straw];

(ii) the Defence Analytical Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 785] [Secretary Des Browne].
(iii) the Defence Bills Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 760] [Secretary Des Browne];

(iv) the Defence Transport and Movements Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 749] [Secretary Des Browne];

(v) the National Weights and Measures Laboratory, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 648] [Mr Secretary Hutton]; and

(vi) the Office for National Statistics, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 627] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Serious Fraud Office for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 597] [Jane Kennedy].

13 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Army Base Repair Organisation; and

(2) Defence Aviation Repair Agency

for 2006-07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 596 and 565] [Clerk of the House].

14 Health and Social Care,—(1) Reports and Accounts of—

(i) Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;
(ii) Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;
(iii) Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(iv) Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;
(v) Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;
(vi) Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;
(vii) Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;
(viii) Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(ix) South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 1st May 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(x) Stockport NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;
(xi) the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;
(xii) the Sheffield Children’s NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(xiii) the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust for 1st November 2006 to 31st March 2007; and
(xiv) University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust for 2006-07;

(2) Report and Financial Statements of the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust for 1st June 2006 to 31st March 2007; and

(3) Report of South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, incorporating South Devon Healthcare NHS Trust, for 2006-07 and Accounts for 1st to 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

15 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in England for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 930] [Clerk of the House].

16 Ministers for Women,—Paper, entitled Priorities for the Ministers for Women [by Command] [Cm. 7183] [Ms Harriet Harman].

17 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Helping people from workless households into work [by Act]; to be printed [No. 609] [Clerk of the House].

18 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts for 2006-07 of—
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(1) Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];

(2) the Health and Social Care Information Centre, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 878]; and

(3) the National Patient Safety Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 724]

[Secretary Alan Johnson].

19 National Loans,—Accounts of—

(1) the Consolidated Fund; and

(2) the National Loans Fund

for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 927 and 929] [Clerk of the House].

20 National Lottery,—Report and Financial Statements of the UK Film Council Group and Lottery for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 714] [Secretary James Purnell].

21 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Resource Accounts of the Electoral Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 925] [Clerk of the House].


23 Water Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Consumer Council for Water for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 744] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Margaret Moran from the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] Committee and nominated in substitution Martin Linton.

2 Draft Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Amendment) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dai Havard and Mr Don Touhig from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Mr Fraser Kemp.

3 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Pete Wishart and Mr Anthony Wright from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Stewart Hosie, Eric Joyce and John Robertson.

4 Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment etc.) (General Qualifications Bodies) (Alteration of Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Richard Burden, Clive Efford, Andrew Mackinlay, Albert Owen, Mr Gordon Prentice and Mr Simon Simon from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Caborn, Paul Clark, Ann Clwyd, Mr David Drew, David Lepper and Derek Wyatt.

5 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data: Code of Practice) Order 2007 and draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Investigation of Protected Electronic Information: Code of Practice) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Emily Thornberry from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Richard Burden.

6 Motion in respect of the Electoral Commission in the name of Ms Harriet Harman.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Keith Vaz from the Fifteenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Motion) and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Cunningham.
European Standing Committees

7 European Union Documents No. 9773/07 and No. 9776/07, relating to Migration,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Drew and Mrs Sharon Hodgson from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Ian Lucas and Martin Salter.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) The Constitutional Role of the Attorney General: Fifth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 306];

(2) The Creation of the Ministry of Justice: Sixth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 466]; and

(3) Ministry of Justice: Aims and Objectives: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 938-i]

[Mr Alan Beith].

2 Defence,—The Upkeep of Drill Halls: Memorandum laid before the Defence Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill, —Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

4 Environmental Audit, —Personal Carbon Allowances: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 900-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Foreign Policy Aspects of the Detention of Naval Personnel by the Islamic Republic of Iran: Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 880]; and

(2) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 795-iii]

[Mike Gapes].

6 International Development,— (1) DFID’s Programme in Vietnam:

(i) Eighth Report from the International Development Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 25th April and 12th June [No. 732]; and

(ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee;

(2) Prospects for sustainable peace in Uganda:

(i) Ninth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 4th July [No. 853]; and

(ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; and

(3) DFID Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 936-i]

[Malcolm Bruce].

7 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Scotland Office Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 943-ii]; and

(2) The petrochemicals business in Grangemouth: further evidence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

8 Trade and Industry,—The work of the Office of Fair Trading: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 591-ii] [Mr Peter Luff].

9 Treasury,—(1) The efficiency programme in the Chancellor’s departments: Eighth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 483]; and

(2) Are you covered? Travel insurance and its regulation: Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Committee, Session 2006–07. Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 953]

[John McFall].
10 Welsh Affairs.—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee, to be printed [No. 281-xvi]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee, to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 125; WH, No. 77]
Tuesday 17th July 2007.
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 1.57 p.m.]

[No. 126.]
Wednesday 18th July 2007.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:
   That the draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 5th June, should be approved.
   The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and directed her to report the same, without Amendment:
   Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Friday 19th October.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2007.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Frank Cook reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Seventh Replenishment) Order 2007.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Verification of Information Passport Applications Etc. (Specified Persons) Order 2007.
   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 agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by this House to the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill [Lords].
   The Lords agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by this House to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].
8 Statistics and Registration Service Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [9th July], relating to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 12, 13, 15, 20, 67 to 70 and 72, does not insist on its Amendments Nos. 15B and 15C, but proposes Amendments (a), (b) and (c) to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement with Lords Amendment:—(Angela Eagle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Wayne David, Mark Tami: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 190.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.—Ordered, That the period on the expiry of which proceedings on the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill shall lapse in pursuance of paragraph (13) of Standing Order No. 80A shall be extended by the period of seven days.—(Secretary Jack Straw.)

10 Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [17th July] relating to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10; does not insist on its Amendments Nos. 10K to 10N in lieu but disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 10P and 10Q in lieu of those Amendments, and proposes Amendments (a), (b) to (j)) to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 10P and 10Q.—(Secretary Jack Straw);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Siobhain McDonagh: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 188.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Offender Management 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 Offender Management Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 11th December 2006 and 28th February 2007 (Offender Management Bill (Programme) and Offender Management 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. 6, 22, 11, 14, 4, 1 to 3, 5, 7 to 10, 12, 13, 15 to 21, 23 to 56.

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—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

12 Offender Management Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Offender Management Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 6.

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, Claire Ward, Mr Bob Blizzard: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
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):

Political Parties.—That the draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved.

Ayes: 295.
Noes: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.

Offender Management Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Offender Management Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 22.
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, Claire Ward, Mr Bob Blizzard: 286.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Richard Benyon: 159.
So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 11 was disagreed to.
An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 11 disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 14, 4, 1 to 3, 5 and 7 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 8 was disagreed to.
An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 8 disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 9 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 10 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment Nos. 12 and 13 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 15 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 16.
Amendments ((a) to (g)) were made to the Lords Amendment.
Lords Amendment No. 16, as amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 21 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 23 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 24 to 34 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 35.
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out the words '5(1) or (3)(c)'.—(Mr David Hanson.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Claire Ward: 266.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Richard Benyon: 127.
So the Question was agreed to.

It being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Questions to be disposed of at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].
Lords Amendment No. 35, as amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 38 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 36, 37 and 39 to 56 were agreed to.
An Amendment ((a)), consequential to Lords Amendment No. 47, was made to the Bill.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83 (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. 6, 9, 12, 13, 22, 23 and 38.

That Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr David Hanson 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—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

15 European Communities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement) (Republic of Albania) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

16 Electronic Communications,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Data Retention (EC Directive) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

17 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Terrorism (Northern Ireland) Act 2006 (Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

18 Electoral Commission,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) and Order [11th July]. That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will appoint as Electoral Commissioners—

(1) Maxwell Marshall Caller CBE for the period ending on 31st December 2011;

(2) Henrietta Campbell CB for the period ending on 31st December 2011;

(3) Ian Maxwell Kelsall OBE with effect from 19th January 2008 for the period ending on 31st December 2012; and

(4) John McCormick with effect from 19th January 2008 for the period ending on 31st December 2012—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of the House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.

19 Stability and Convergence Programmes,—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. 6801/07 to No. 6809/07, No. 6812/07 to No. 6819/07 and Corrigendum 1, No. 6820/07, No. 6821/07, No. 6823/07 and No. 7863/07 to No. 7867/07, Council Opinions on the Updated Stability and Convergence Programmes of each Member State except Austria and the Czech Republic; and supports a prudent interpretation of the Stability and Growth Pact which takes into account the level of debt, the economic cycle and public investment—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

20 Financial Assistance for Industry,—Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Hutton relating to Financial Assistance to Industry shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(Alison Seabeck.)

21 Offender Management 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 Offender Management Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 6, 9, 12 and 13 for the following Reason:

Because it is an essential feature of Part 1 of the Bill that the commissioning function in Clause No. 3(2) is exercised by the Secretary of State.
The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments No. 22 for the following Reason:—
Because the ordinary affirmative procedure provided for by Clause No. 33 is sufficient to enable Parliament to consider the reasons for making an order under Clause No. 12.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 23 and 38 for the following Reason:—
Because the proposed report is unnecessary as Part 1 of the Bill has been fully debated in Parliament.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

22 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of the Taunton constituency and others against the Council Tax was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

23 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 Seven o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes to Nine o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Energy Conservation,—Ecodesign for Energy-Using Products Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2037), dated 14th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

2 Biological Standards,—Report and Accounts of the National Biological Standards Board for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 891] [Clerk of the House].

3 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of—
(i) Forensic Science Northern Ireland, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 689] [Mr Secretary Woodward]; and
(ii) the Defence Vetting Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 774] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
(2) Resource Accounts of the Teachers’ Pensions Scheme (England and Wales) for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 872] [Jane Kennedy].

4 Greenwich Hospital,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 879] [Secretary Des Browne].

5 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(2) City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(3) Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(4) County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust for 1st February 2007 to 31st March 2007;
(5) Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(6) Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(7) Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(8) Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(9) Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(10) Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(11) Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(12) Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 1st June 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(13) Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust for 1st May 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(14) Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(15) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(16) South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 1st May 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(17) Southend University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 1st June 2006 to 31st March 2007;
(18) the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07;
(19) University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07; and
(20) Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, incorporating East Somerset NHS Trust for 2006–07
[by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Housing,—Report and Accounts of the Stonebridge Housing Action Trust for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

7 Immigration and Asylum,—Report and Accounts of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 757] [Clerk of the House].

8 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for 1st July 2005 to 30th June 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 843] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

9 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Paper, entitled World Class Skills: Implementing the Leitch Review of Skills in England [by Command] [Cm. 7181] [Secretary John Denham].

10 Land Registration,—Report and Accounts of the Land Registry for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 764] [Secretary Jack Straw].

11 Licensing (Alcohol Education and Research),—Report and Accounts of the Alcohol Education and Research Council for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 868] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games [by Act]; to be printed [No. 612] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of—
   (1) Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and
   (2) NHS Professionals, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 601] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 710] [Secretary James Purnell].

15 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 709] [Secretary James Purnell].

16 Parliamentary Commissioner,—(1) Report of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman for 2006–07; and
   (2) Resource Accounts of the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 838 and 839] [Clerk of the House].
17 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 659] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

18 Prisons,—Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7163] [Secretary Jack Straw].

19 Public Lending Right,—Report and Accounts of the Public Lending Right for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor Generalthereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 761] [Secretary James Purnell].

20 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [4th July] from residents of Christchurch, Dorset against the closure of the Jobcentre Plus office in Christchurch [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

21 Treaty Series (No. 16, 2007),—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 [by Command] [Cm. 7178] [Secretary David Miliband].

22 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 733] [Secretary Jack Straw].

23 Work and Pensions,—Paper, entitled In work, better off: next steps to full employment [by Command] [Cm. 7130] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Motion relating to Financial Assistance to Industry in the name of Mr Secretary Hutton:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Motion to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Hilary Armstrong, Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mark Fisher, Mr John Greenway, Charles Hendry, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Andrew Mackinlay, Anne Main, Lembit Opik, Mr Gordon Prentice, Alison Seabeck, Mr Siôn Simon, Mr Richard Spring, Keith Vaz and Mr Anthony Wright.

2 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Sheridan from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert N. Wareing.

3 Draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Seventh Replenishment) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Desmond Turner from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Miller.

4 Draft Verification of Information in Passport Applications Etc. (Specified Persons) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Graham Stringer from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Dai Havard.

Grand Committees

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 24th July; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Lembit Opik and Lynda Waltho from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Alistair Carmichael, Rob Marris and Mr Tom Watson.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 13401/06 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 13388/06, on Soil Protection.

7 European Union Document No. 10516/07, relating to Asylum, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Sustainable Schools: Are we building schools for the future?: Memoranda laid before the Education and Skills Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

   (2) Defra’s Departmental Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 957]; and
   (3) Correspondence with Defra: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 41-xxx];
   (2) The European Commission’s Annual Policy Strategy 2008: Thirty-second Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 519-I and -II];
   (3) Disclosure of Committee’s internal working papers: First Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 955]; and
   (4) Ministerial Correspondence: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Russia:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 405-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mike Gapes].

5 International Development,—DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People and Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border:
   (1) Tenth Report from the International Development Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 26th April, 12th June, 20th June, 21st June and 4th July [No. 645-I and -II]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) The delays in administering the 2005 Single Payment Scheme in England: Fifty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 893];
   (2) Jobcentre Plus: Delivering effective services through personal advisers: Fifty-sixth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 312]; and
   (3) Reducing reliance on landfill: Fifty-seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 212]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007: Eighth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 948] [Andrew Miller].

8 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

9 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xxiv] [David Maclean].
10 Transport,—(1) *Passengers’ Experience of Air Travel*: Eighth Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 435].

(2) *The Ports Industry in England and Wales: Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07*: Ninth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 954]; and

(3) *The draft Local Transport Bill*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 692-v]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody]

11 Treasury,—*The appointment of the Chair of the Statistics Board*: Ninth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 934-I and -II] [John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions,—(1) *Benefits Simplification*: Seventh Report from the Work and Pensions Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 2nd May [No. 463-I and -II]; and

(2) *The Social Fund: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07*: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 941] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 126; WH, No. 78]
Wednesday 18th July 2007.

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 5.28 p.m.

[No. 127.]
Thursday 19th July 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope reported certain Memoranda from the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.


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 their Amendments to the Statistics and Registration Service Bill to which this House has disagreed and they agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by this House to the words so restored to the Bill.

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

Rating (Empty Properties) Act 2007
Appropriation (No. 2) Act 2007
Finance Act 2007
Mental Health Act 2007
Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007
Vehicle Registration Marks Act 2007
Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007
Parliament (Joint Departments) Act 2007
Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007
Whitehaven Harbour Act 2007

5 Adjournment (Zimbabwe).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Michael Foster);
And it being Six o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half-past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd July.
[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Highways,—Draft Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

2 Legal Services Commission,—Draft Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

3 Police,—Draft Police Reform Act 2002 (Standard Powers and Duties of Community Support Officers) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Education,—(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2001); and

5 Mental Capacity,—(1) Court of Protection Fees Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1745), dated 16th July 2007; and
(2) Public Guardian (Fees, etc) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2051), dated 26th June 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


Other Papers:

7 Communications,—Third Report on the Secretary of State's functions by the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform and the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act], to be printed [No. 594] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Constitutional Reform,—Report of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Ombudsman for 25th September 2006 to 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].
9 Criminal Justice and Court Services.—Report and Accounts of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 781] [Secretary Ed Balls].

10 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall.—Report and Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for 2006–07 [by Act] [Angela Eagle].

11 Education.—Report and Accounts of the Training and Development Agency for Schools for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 758] [Secretary Ed Balls].

12 Forestry.—Report and Accounts of Forest Research for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 653] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

13 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Accounts of the Royal Naval Museum for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 945] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Product Accounts of National Savings and Investments for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 686] [Kitty Ussher];

(3) Report and Accounts of National Savings and Investments for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 639] [Kitty Ussher];

(4) Report and Accounts of the Defence Communication Services Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 456] [Secretary Des Browne];

(5) Report and Accounts of the Defence Medical Education and Training Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 811] [Secretary Des Browne];

(6) Report and Accounts of the Football Licensing Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 804] [Secretary James Purnell];

(7) Report and Accounts of the Royal Parks for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 925] [Secretary James Purnell];

(8) Report and Resource Accounts of the Assets Recovery Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 786] [Jane Kennedy];

(9) Report and Resource Accounts of the Forestry Commission Great Britain/England for 2006–07 and Accounts of Forest Enterprise England Agency for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 871] [Jane Kennedy];

(10) Report and Resource Accounts of the Northern Ireland Court Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 894] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(11) Resource Accounts of the Department for International Development for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 896] [Jane Kennedy].

14 Government Trading Funds.—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency; and

(2) Fire Service College

for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 800 and 581] [Clerk of the House].

15 Health and Social Care.—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07; and

(2) King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 1st December 2006 to 31st March 2007

[by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
16 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Accounts of the Wool Textile Industry for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 944] [Clerk of the House].

17 Justices of the Peace,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Court Administration for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 797] [Secretary Jack Straw].

18 Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the Valuation Tribunal Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 798] [Clerk of the House].

19 London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games,—Report and Accounts of the Olympic Delivery Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 741] [Secretary James Purnell].

20 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 886] [Secretary James Purnell].

21 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Monitor: The Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts;

(2) the Appointments Commission incorporating the NHS Appointments Commission;

(3) the National Health Service Litigation Authority;

(4) the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse; and

(5) the NHS Business Services Authority
for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 780, 722, 908, 816 and 887] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

22 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 577] [Secretary James Purnell].

23 National Lottery,—(1) Financial Report and Accounts for 1st April 2006 to 30th November 2006 of the—

(i) Community Fund;

(ii) Millennium Commission; and

(iii) New Opportunities Fund; and

(2) Report and Accounts for 2006–07 of the—

(i) Big Lottery Fund; and

(ii) National Lottery Commission,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 829, 828, 827, 865 and 826] [Secretary James Purnell].


25 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Report of the Electoral Commission for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 851] [Clerk of the House].

26 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure 2006–07: Provisional Outturn [by Command] [Cm. 7156] [Andy Burnham].

27 Science and Technology,—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Economic and Social Research Council, and

(2) Natural Environment Research Council
for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 687 and 691] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
28 Social Security Administration,—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 considering prescription for nasopharyngeal cancer due to exposure to wood dust [by Command] [Cm. 7162] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Jamie Reed and Martin Salter from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ian Lucas and Dr Desmond Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration,—

(1) The Centre of Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 958-i]; and

(2) Charities and Public Benefit: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 127; WH, No. 79]

Thursday 19th July 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Report of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into anti-semitism and the Government response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 24th July.

[Adjourned at 5.26 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Children Act 2004 Information Database (England) Regulations 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fourteenth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hugh Bayley reported from the Fourteenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 3, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007. 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 documents No. 13401/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection, and No. 13388/06, Draft Directive establishing a framework for the protection of soil and amending Directive 2004/35/EC; and supports the Government’s aim of ensuring that any new EU obligations in respect of the protection of soils and their functions are evidence-based, proportionate and cost effective and take full account of the principles of subsidiarity and better regulation, particularly in respect of Member States’ existing national legislation.

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:

Parliamentary Constituencies (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to reduce the number of parliamentary constituencies; amend the rules governing the number of electors in each constituency; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Bill to which this House has disagreed and they agree without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of those Amendments.

6 Childcare Provision (Wales) Bill,—The Order for reading the Childcare Provision (Wales) Bill a second time on Friday 19th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

7 New Members make Affirmation,—

Virendra Kumar Sharma, Esquire, Member for Ealing, Southall, made the Affirmation required by law.

Philip Wilson, Esquire, Member for Sedgefield, made the Affirmation required by law.

8 Standards and Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House—

(i) approves the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 909); and

(ii) accordingly suspends Mr George Galloway, Member for Bethnal Green and Bow, from the service of the House from Monday 8th October for a period of eighteen sitting days, and in calculating that period paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 12 (House not to sit on certain Fridays) shall not apply—(Mr Michael Foster); Mr George Galloway, Member for Bethnal Green and Bow, having wilfully disregarded the authority of the Chair, was named by Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Disorderly conduct).

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 44 (Order in debate), That Mr George Galloway be suspended from the service of the House—(Ms Harriet Harman)—It was agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr George Galloway be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr Speaker then directed Mr George Galloway to withdraw from the House:—And he withdrew accordingly.

And the Question being again proposed;

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House—

(i) approves the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 909); and

(ii) accordingly suspends Mr George Galloway, Member for Bethnal Green and Bow, from the service of the House from Monday 8th October for a period of eighteen sitting days; and in calculating that period paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 12 (House not to sit on certain Fridays) shall not apply.

9 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 10th July 2007 (Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration and 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.—(Mr Wayne David)

10 Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

11 Criminal Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Amendment) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 21st May, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

12 Investigatory Powers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data: Code of Practice) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

13 Investigatory Powers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Investigation of Protected Electronic Information: Code of Practice) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

14 Passports.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Verification of Information in Passport Applications Etc. (Specified Persons) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

15 Access to Justice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Revised Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

16 Industrial Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

17 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

18 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.
19 International Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Seventh Replenishment) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

20 Disabled Persons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment etc.) (General Qualifications Bodies) (Alteration of Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

21 Global Approach to 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 Documents No. 9773/07, Commission Communication on the application of the EU Global Approach to Migration to the Eastern and South-Eastern Regions Neighbouring the European Union and No. 9776/07, Commission Communication on circular migration and mobility partnerships between the European Union and third countries; and supports the Government’s position that the expansion of the Global Approach to Migration provides an opportunity to assess progress so far as well as explore and clarify the concepts of circular migration and mobility partnerships—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

22 Sittings in Westminster Hall,—Ordered, That, on Thursday 26th July, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Wayne David.)

23 Delegated Legislation,—Ordered, That the Home Information Pack (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007, No. 1667) and the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 8) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007, No. 1668) be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

24 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Mr John Brunige and others of like disposition against proposed development plans for housing in Kettering was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

25 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.36 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 20th July 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gambling Act 2005 (Gaming Machines) (Definitions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007, No. 2082), dated 18th July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary James Purnell].


3 Trade Marks,—(1) Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2076); and (2) Trade Marks (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2077), dated 18th July 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 23rd July 2007:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Animals,—Zoonoses and Animal By-Products (Fees) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2074), dated 17th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

5 Corporation Tax,—(1) Insurance Companies (Overseas Life Assurance Business) (Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2088),

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(2) Insurance Companies (Overseas Life Assurance Business) (Excluded Business) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2086); and


7 Income Tax,—Income Tax (Pay as You Earn) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2069), dated 20th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

8 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2068), dated 20th July 2007; and


10 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2085), dated 20th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Other Papers:

11 Administration of Justice,—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Court Service Investment Account for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 963] [Clerk of the House].

12 Animals,—(1) Review of Controls on Imports of Animal Products for 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7179] [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and
(2) Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain for 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7153] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

13 Atomic Energy Authority,—Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 966] [Clerk of the House].

14 Communities and Local Government,—Paper, entitled Homes for the Future: more affordable, more sustainable [by Command] [Cm. 7191] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

15 Covent Garden Market,—Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

16 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Report 2007 for the Ministry of Defence [by Command] [Cm. 7098] [Secretary Des Browne].

17 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Paper, entitled The Reform Treaty: The British Approach to the European Union Intergovernmental Conference, July 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7174] [Secretary David Miliband].

18 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Financial Statement of the Security and Intelligence Agencies for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 700] [Jane Kennedy];
(2) Report and Accounts for 2006–07 of the—
(i) Disposal Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 705] [Secretary Des Browne];
(ii) Government Car and Despatch Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 846] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];
(iii) Ministry of Defence, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 697] [Jane Kennedy];
(iv) Office of Fair Trading, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 532] [Jane Kennedy].
(v) Planning Inspectorate, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 589] [Secretary Hazel Blears]; and
(vi) Service Children’s Education, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 779] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
(3) Resource Accounts for 2006–07 of the—
(i) Foreign and Commonwealth Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 856] [Jane Kennedy]; and
(ii) Postal Services Commission, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 882] [Jane Kennedy].

19 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2006–07; and
(2) Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 1st February 2007 to 31st March 2007
[by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

20 Hearing Aid Council,—Report and Accounts of the Hearing Aid Council for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 962] [Clerk of the House].

21 Horserace Betting and Olympic Lottery,—Accounts of the Olympic Lottery Distribution Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 964] [Cl erk of the House].

22 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Paper, entitled The Handling of Complaints in the Criminal Justice System [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

23 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) London Thames Gateway Development Corporation; and
(2) Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation
for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 902 and 776] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

24 Museums and Galleries,—Reports and Accounts of the—
(1) Imperial War Museum;
(2) National Gallery;
(3) National Maritime Museum;
(4) National Portrait Gallery;
(5) Natural History Museum;
(6) Victoria and Albert Museum; and
(7) Wallace Collection
for 2006–07, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 625, 711, 633, 792, 899, 859 and 919] [Secretary James Purnell].

25 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) HM Revenue and Customs: Management of large business Corporation Tax; and
(2) Reducing the Cost of Complying with Regulations: The Delivery of the Administrative Burdens Reduction Programme, 2007
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 614 and 615] [Clerk of the House].

26 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 965] [Clerk of the House].

27 Natural Environment and Rural Communities,—Report and Accounts of the Commission for Rural Communities for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 921] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

28 Police Reform,—Report and Accounts of the Independent Police Complaints Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 885] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].
29 Postal Services.—Report and Accounts of the Consumer Council for Postal Services for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 883] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

30 Public Processions (Northern Ireland).—Report and Financial Statements of the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 830] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

31 Terrorism.—Report of the Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in Northern Ireland for 2006 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

32 Transport.—Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

33 United Arab Emirates (No. 1, 2007).—Treaty, done at London on 7th December 2006, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Arab Emirates on Judicial Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7185] [Secretary David Miliband].

34 Utilities.—Report of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 823] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne.

2 Draft Children Act 2004 Information Database (England) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Caborn, Ann Clwyd, Ms Gisela Stuart and Dr Rudi Vis from the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flieto, Keith Hill, Kerry McCarthy and Joan Walley.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Documents No. 13401/06 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 13388/06, relating to Soil Protection.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Huhne, Mr Michael Meacher and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Sarah McCarthy-Fry.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—Strategic Export Controls: 2007 Review: First Joint Report from the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees, being the Fourteenth Report from the Defence Committee, the Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Eleventh Report from the International Development Committee, and the Tenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committees relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 7th December and 1st and 15th March [No. 117] [Roger Berry].

2 Education and Skills.—(1) The future sustainability of the higher education sector: international aspects:

(i) Eighth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 29th January, 19th and 26th February, 7th and 21st March, 23rd April and 16th May and this day [No. 285-I and -II]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published; and

(2) Post-16 Skills: Ninth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 21st and 26th February, 26th and 28th March, 14th and 21st May, and 4th and 20th June [No. 333-I and -II] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
PRAYERS

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

1 National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the National Trust (Northern Ireland) Bill, and the same were agreed to.

2 Broads Authority Bill,—Mr David Taylor reported from the Committee on the Broads Authority 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. 961].

3 Broads Authority Bill,—Mr David Taylor reported from the Committee on the Broads Authority 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 thereto.

4 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Motion relating to Financial Assistance to Industry in the name of Mr Secretary Hutton.

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

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of policing reform in Northern Ireland (progress to date), referred to it on 12th July.

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 insist on an Amendment to the Pensions Bill to which this House has disagreed; they do not insist on another Amendment to which this House has disagreed but propose Amendments in lieu thereof; and they do not insist on their remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Offender Management Bill to which this House has disagreed; they agree to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of certain of those Amendments; they agree to the Amendments made by this House to certain of their Amendments, and they agree to the consequential Amendment made by this House.

7 Pensions Bill,—Lords Reason for insisting on one of their Amendments to the Pensions Bill and Lords Amendments in lieu of a Lords Amendment to which this House has disagreed to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 152].
8 Criminal Damage (Graffiti).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for offences relating to graffiti; and for connected purposes: And that James Duddridge, Mr Neil Turner, John Hemming, Daniel Kawczynski, Ian Lucas, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Roger Williams, Sammy Wilson, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Richard Burden and Lynne Jones do prepare and bring it in.

9 Criminal Damage (Graffiti) Bill.—James Duddridge accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for offences relating to graffiti; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 150].

10 Opposition Day [18th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Government’s handling of the penal system.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House considers that the Government’s management of the prison system has become a national disgrace; believes that the Government by ignoring official projections of the prison population and failing to plan for sufficient capacity has allowed jails to become overcrowded, reconviction rates to rise and the Probation Service to become overstretched; further considers that the Government’s resort to releasing prisoners early, including violent offenders, without risk assessment or accommodation checks is wholly unacceptable; notes that many of those released under the scheme have previously been refused release on Home Detention Curfew and that others have already re-offended when they should have been in custody; is concerned that offenders are also being transferred early to open prisons from which they can and do abscond at any time and that over 4,000 offenders released early on electronic tags have re-offended, committing over 1,000 violent crimes; further believes that the modest additional prison capacity announced by the Government will be insufficient; and calls upon the Government to halt the End of Custody Licence scheme and take immediate steps to ensure adequate prison capacity, the proper treatment and rehabilitation of offenders, and the safety of the British public—(Nick Herbert); 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 record of the Government which has since 1997 cut crime, reformed the penal system, invested in record prison places, created a legislative framework which provides tough and effective sentences, introduced risk assessment and offender management systems, introduced and seen ever increasing numbers of offenders complete accredited programmes, enabled record numbers of offenders to pay back to the community through unpaid work, ensured that offenders in the community who pose a risk to the public are recalled to custody, radically reformed the youth justice system and brought the prison and probation services together under the National Offender Management Service with a renewed focus on protecting the public and reducing re-offending’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Jack Straw.) And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Alan Campbell: 355.

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, Steve McCabe: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the record of the Government which has since 1997 cut crime, reformed the penal system, invested in record prison places, created a legislative framework which provides tough and effective sentences, introduced risk assessment and offender management systems, introduced and seen ever increasing numbers of offenders complete accredited programmes, enabled record numbers of offenders to pay back to the community through unpaid work, ensured that offenders in the community who pose a risk to the public are recalled to custody, radically reformed the youth justice system and brought the prison and probation services together under
the National Offender Management Service with a renewed focus on protecting the public and reducing re-offending.

Policy on Global Poverty.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House reaffirms the cross-party commitment to increase the aid budget to 0.7 per cent. of gross national income by 2013; recognises the ability of effectively organised aid to contribute to sustainable economic development in low income countries; acknowledges the need to avoid imposing over-prescriptive conditions on aid; supports the wider use of tracking surveys and independent accounting as well as increased independent scrutiny of the United Kingdom’s aid budget to make the ultimate destination of aid payments more transparent; welcomes the suggestion that donors should work together in partnership trusts to ensure coordination of bilateral aid budgets in each recipient country; and urges the Government to work towards the unilateral removal by the EU of trade barriers against low income countries—(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 ‘acknowledges the Government’s global leadership on international development; welcomes the Government’s stated objective to increase the aid budget to 0.7 per cent. of gross national income by 2013; further welcomes the widespread support which this policy has secured; further acknowledges the centrality of effectively delivered aid to low income countries’ sustainable economic development; welcomes the Government’s untying of aid, supports the United Kingdom Government’s moves to establish an independent evaluation mechanism and its increased focus on aid effectiveness, results and impact; and acknowledges that the UK Government is working at the multilateral and bilateral levels to remove the trade barriers which developing countries face and to help them take advantage of new market opportunities through the provision of aid for trade’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Alexander.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr Andrew Robathan 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, Jeremy Wright, Mr Stewart Jackson: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Liz Blackman: 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 Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House acknowledges the Government’s global leadership on international development; welcomes the Government’s stated objective to increase the aid budget to 0.7 per cent. of gross national income by 2013; further welcomes the widespread support which this policy has secured; further acknowledges the centrality of effectively delivered aid to low income countries’ sustainable economic development; welcomes the Government’s untying of aid, supports the United Kingdom Government’s moves to establish an independent evaluation mechanism and its increased focus on aid effectiveness, results and impact; and acknowledges that the UK Government is working at the multilateral and bilateral levels to remove the trade barriers which developing countries face and to help them take advantage of new market opportunities through the provision of aid for trade.

11 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan);

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 Security Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

13 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 3, Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions
and Savings) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—

(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

14 Children and Young Persons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Children Act 2004 Information Database (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan).

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).

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 (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

16 Soil Protection.—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. 13401/06 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection, and No. 13388/06, Draft Directive establishing a framework for the protection of soil and amending Directive 2004/35/EC; and supports the Government’s aim of ensuring that any new EU obligations in respect of the protection of soils and their functions are evidence-based, proportionate and cost effective and take full account of the principles of subsidiarity and better regulation, particularly in respect of Member States’ existing national legislation—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

17 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 25th July—

(1) the Speaker shall put the Questions on:

(a) the Motion in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to Standing Orders Etc. (Machinery of Government Changes); and

(b) the Motion in the name of Mr Nicholas Brown relating to the Modernisation of the House

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 of the House in the name of the Prime Minister relating to the draft legislative programme may continue, though opposed, for three hours or until Seven o’clock, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

18 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) the constituents of Banbury and other users of Britain’s inland waterways against proposed reductions to the grant to British Waterways;

(2) persons living in the vicinity of the Derwent Valley against development of an open cast coal site at Skons Park;

(3) constituents of Leicester South and other users of Britain’s inland waterways against proposed reductions to the grant to British Waterways;

(4) the people of the City of Durham against proposed development of the green space at Elvet Waterside, Durham City;

(5) Mrs Vicki Tomlin and others of like disposition against the proposed relocation of Prison Service staff from Crown House, Corby;

(6) residents of the Borough of Havering and others against the lack of a pedestrian crossing on Western Road, Havering;

(7) residents of the Borough of Havering and others against the proposed ending of the support for the Post Office Card Account;

(8) constituents of North-West Leicestershire and other users of Britain’s inland waterways against proposed reductions to the grant to British Waterways;

(9) Cheryl Oldroyd, residents of Canvey Island and others against proposals to erect a mobile telephone mast on the High Street, Canvey Island;

(10) Tracy Taplin, residents of Canvey Island and others against the lack of a baby changing unit at Canvey Island’s shopping centre;

(11) residents of the London Borough of Lewisham and others against any deterioration of services at sub-post offices in Forest Hill; and
(12) residents of Teeside and others against the voucher scheme under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1999 were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan)

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

[Adjourned at 11.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Road Traffic.—Draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

2 Taxes,—Draft Tax Avoidance Schemes (Penalty) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Corporation Tax,—(1) Friendly Societies (Modification of the Corporation Tax Acts) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2134);

(2) Group Relief for Overseas Losses (Modification of the Corporation Tax Acts for Non-resident Insurance Companies) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2147);

(3) Insurance Companies (Tax Exempt Business) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2145); and


5 Income Tax,—(1) Employment Income (Meaning of Securities) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2130); and


6 National Health Service.—National Health Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2054), dated 16th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

9 Access to Justice.—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 716] [Secretary Jack Straw].

10 British Library.—Report and Accounts of the British Library for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 793][Secretary James Purnell].
11 Cabinet Office,—Paper, entitled The future role of the third sector in social and economic regeneration: final report [by Command] [Cm. 7189] [Edward Miliband].

12 Children,—Report and Accounts of the Office of the Children’s Commissioner for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 918] [Secretary Ed Balls].

13 Courts,—Report and Accounts of Her Majesty’s Court Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 602] [Secretary Jack Straw].

14 Crime and Disorder,—Report and Accounts of the Youth Justice Board for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 841] [Secretary Jack Straw].

15 Criminal Appeal,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Cases and Review Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 771] [Secretary Jack Straw].

16 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Responses to—

(1) the Fifth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2006–07, on New Media and the Creative Industries [by Command] [Cm. 7186] [Secretary James Purnell]; and

(2) the NAO Review of the Experiences of UK Nationals affected by the Indian Ocean Tsunami [by Command] [Cm. 7184] [Tessa Jowell].

17 Disability Rights Commission,—Report and Accounts of the Disability Rights Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 864] [Mr Secretary Hain].

18 Energy,—Report and Accounts of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 850] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

19 European Union,—Paper, entitled Prospects for the European Union in 2007: The Portuguese Presidency, July to December 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7177] [Secretary David Miliband].

20 Gangmasters (Licensing),—Report and Accounts of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 663] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

21 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Departmental Report and Accounts of the Department of Trade and Industry for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 584] [Jane Kennedy];

(2) Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of—

(i) Jobcentre Plus, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 712] [Mr Secretary Hain];

(ii) the Defence Storage and Distribution Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 586] [Secretary Des Browne];

(iii) the Disability and Carers Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 805] [Mr Secretary Hain];

(iv) the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Services, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 753] [Secretary David Miliband];

(v) the Housing Corporation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 801] [Secretary Hazel Blears];

(vi) the Insolvency Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 752] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(vii) the Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 624] [Secretary Des Browne];

(viii) the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 582] [Secretary Alan Johnson];

(ix) the Pension Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 721] [Mr Secretary Hain];

(x) the Rent Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No 684] [Mr Secretary Hain].
(xi) the Royal Marines Museum, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 970] [Clerk of the House];

(xii) the Royal Navy Submarine Museum, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 971] [Clerk of the House];

(xiii) the Treasury Solicitor’s Department, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 675] [The Solicitor General];

(xiv) the Tribunals Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 914] [Secretary Des Browne]; and

(xv) the Veterans Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 806] [Jane Kennedy];

(xvi) UK Trade and Investment, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 950] [Jane Kennedy]; and

Report and Combined Resource Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 588] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(4) Reports and Resource Accounts for 2006–07 of—

(i) HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 857] [Jane Kennedy];

(ii) Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 870] [Jane Kennedy];

(iii) the Central Office of Information, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 893] [Jane Kennedy];

(iv) the Department for Work and Pensions, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 875] [Jane Kennedy];

(v) the Government Actuary’s Department, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 869] [Jane Kennedy];

(vi) the House of Commons: Members, with the Report of the Audit Committee and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 832] [Clerk of the House];

(vii) the Judicial Pensions Scheme, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 873] [Jane Kennedy];

(viii) the National Archives, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, together with the fourth Report of the Advisory Council on National Records and Archives [by Act]; to be printed [No. 874] [Jane Kennedy];

(ix) the National School of Government, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 924] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(x) the Small Business Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 860] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

22 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of—

(1) the Central Office of Information;

(2) the Driving Standards Agency; and

(3) the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency

with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 953, 662 and 824] [Clerk of the House].

23 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of the—

(1) Commission for Social Care Inspection, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 794] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Healthcare Commission, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 913] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

24 Horserace Betting and Olympic Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Olympic Lottery Distributor for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 661] [Secretary James Purnell].

25 House of Commons (Administration),—Resource Accounts of the House of Commons: Administration for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 831] [The Speaker].

26 House of Commons Members Fund,—Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for 1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 949] [Clerk of the House].
27 Learning and Skills,—Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of—
   (1) the Adult Learning Inspectorate; and
   (2) the Learning and Skills Council
   with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [Nos. 667 and 840] [Secretary John Denham].

28 Lord Chancellor,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Lord Chancellor (Modifications
   of Functions) Order 2007 [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

29 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts of the National Museum of Science and
   Industry for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
   [by Act], to be printed [No. 877] [Secretary James Purnell].

30 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Ministry of Defence: Leaving the Services; and
   (2) Staying the course: The retention of students in higher education
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 618 and 616] [Clerk of the House].

31 National Health Service,—Report and Accounts of the NHS Institute for Innovation and
   Improvement for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General
   thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 833] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

32 National Health Service Reform and Healthcare Professions,—Report and Accounts of the
   Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence for 2006–07, with the Report of the
   Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 699] [Secretary
   Alan Johnson].

33 Natural Environment and Rural Communities,—Report and Accounts of the Joint Nature
   Conservation Committee for 2006–07 [by Act][Secretary Hilary Benn].

34 Nursing and Midwifery,—Report and Accounts of the Nursing and Midwifery Council for
   2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory
   Instrument]; to be printed [No. 931] [Secretary Jack Straw].

35 Pensions,—Report and Accounts of the Pensions Regulator for 2006–07, with the Report of
   the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 762] [Mr
   Secretary Hain].

36 Private Security Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Security Industry Authority for
   2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
   be printed [No. 819] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

37 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Twentieth, Twenty-third, Twenty-fifth and
   Twenty-sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by
   Command] [Cm. 7152] [Angela Eagle].

38 Science and Technology,—Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of the—
   (1) Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils, with the Report of
   the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 636] [Mr
   Secretary Hutton];
   (2) Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, with the Report of
   the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 637] [Mr
   Secretary Hutton], and
   (3) Research Councils' Pension Scheme, with the Report of the Comptroller and
   Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 969] [Clerk of the House].

39 Social Security,—Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Social Fund
   for 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7161] [Mr Secretary Hain].

40 Strategic Export Controls,—Report on United Kingdom Strategic Export Controls for 2006
   [by Command] [Cm. 7141] [Secretary David Miliband].

41 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report and Resource Accounts of the Advisory,
   Conciliation and Arbitration Service for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller
   and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 620] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

42 Transport,—Paper, entitled Delivering a Sustainable Railway [by Command] [Cm. 7176]
   [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
Papers withdrawn:

43 Lord Chancellor,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Lord Chancellor (Modifications of Functions) Order 2007 [laid 16th April].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 24th July; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Broads Authority Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Opposed Bill Committee on the Broads Authority Bill; to be published [Mr David Taylor].

3 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Towards effective sentencing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 621-v].
   (2) The work of the Ministry of Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 987-i]; and
   (3) Party funding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 2nd June 2006, in the last Session of Parliament; to be printed [No. 988-i]
   [Mr Alan Beith].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Public Confidence in Broadcasting: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 968-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence,—(1) The work of Defence Estates: Fifteenth Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and the Memorandum reported and ordered to be published on 15th May [No. 535];
   (2) UK operations in Iraq:
      (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 727-ii]; and
      (ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (3) Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Draft Climate Change Bill,—Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 16th and 22nd May, 5th, 13th and 19th June and 5th July [No. 542-I and -II]; [Dr Desmond Turner].

7 Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill,—Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissue and Embryos Bill, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 5th, 13th and 19th June, and 17th July [No. 630-I and -II] [Mr Phil Willis].

8 Environmental Audit,—(1) Personal Carbon Allowances: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 900-iii];
   (2) Trade, Development and Environment: The Role of the FCO: Memorandum containing the Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee; to be published; and
   (3) The EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons for the future: Letter from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; to be published
   [Mr Tim Yeo].

9 Home Affairs,—The Work of the Home Office 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 980-i] [Mr David Winnick].

10 Public Administration,—(1) Skills for Government: Ninth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 93]; and
   (2) Freedom of Information: Administrative Impact: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 984-i]
   [Dr Tony Wright].

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Tuesday 24th July 2007.

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.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Report of the Investigation into the disturbances at Harmondsworth and Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centres.—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 25th July 2007, of the Investigation into the disturbances at Harmondsworth and Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centres.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

2 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 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords], for which disagreement they assign their Reasons; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Amendments made by this House.

3 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—Lords Reasons for disagreeing to certain Commons Amendments to the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 153].
4 Dance Teachers (Qualifications and Regulation) Bill,—The Order for reading the Dance Teachers (Qualifications and Regulation) Bill a second time on Friday 19th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

5 Milk (Pricing),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer further powers on the Office of Fair Trading and the Competition Commission to investigate the prices of milk paid by retailers to producers; and for connected purposes: And that Daniel Kawczynski, Tim Farron, Mr Stephen Crabb, Ann Winterton, Sir Nicholas Winterton, Lembit Öpik, Mr Roger Williams, Mr Christopher Fraser, David T. C. Davies, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger and Hon Nicholas Soames do prepare and bring it in.

6 Milk (Pricing) Bill,—Daniel Kawczynski accordingly presented a Bill to confer further powers on the Office of Fair Trading and the Competition Commission to investigate the prices of milk paid by retailers to producers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 151].

7 Pensions Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [24th July], relating to the Pensions Bill:

Lords Amendments Nos. 22B, 22C and 22D were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 28

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment No. 28, but proposes Amendments (a) and (b) to the Bill in lieu of that Amendment.—(Mr Mike O’Brien.)

8 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):

Immigration,—That the draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved.

Ayes: 285.

Noes: 52.

So the Question was agreed to.

Children and Young Persons,—That the draft Children Act 2004 Information Database (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.

Ayes: 277.

Noes: 186.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Financial Assistance to Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [18th July] and Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay, by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industrial Development Act 1982, in respect of post office network change to 2011, a sum exceeding £10 million and up to £465 million to Post Office Ltd—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

10 Statistics Board,—Resolved, That this House endorses the nomination of Sir Michael Scholar KCB for appointment as Chair of the Statistics Board.—(Angela Eagle.)

11 Home Affairs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 121 (Nominations of select committees), Mr John Denham be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Keith Vaz be added—(Ms Harriet Harman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Sir Nicholas Winterton: 85.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 Standing Orders Etc. (Machinery of Government Changes),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, with effect from the beginning of the next session of Parliament, the following amendments and related provisions be made in respect of Standing Orders.
A SELECT COMMITTEES RELATED TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

That Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended in the Table in paragraph (2) as follows—

(i) leave out items 2, 5, 12 and 14;

(ii) insert, in the appropriate places, the following items:

| Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform | Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform |
| Children, Schools and Families | Department for Children, Schools and Families |
| Innovation, Universities and Skills | Ministry of Justice (including the work of staff provided for the administrative work of courts and tribunals, but excluding consideration of individual cases and appointments, and excluding the work of the Scotland and Wales Offices and of the Advocate General for Scotland); and administration and expenditure of the Attorney General’s Office, the Treasury Solicitor’s Department, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Serious Fraud Office (but excluding individual cases and appointments and advice given within government by Law Officers) |

(iii) in item 9, in column 2, leave out all the words after ‘Home Office’.

B RELATED PROVISIONS

(1) That all proceedings of the House and of its select committees in this Parliament in respect of the Constitutional Affairs Committee shall be deemed to have been in respect of the Justice Committee.

(2) That all proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee in this Parliament shall be deemed to have been proceedings of the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee.

(3) That for the purposes of Standing Order No. 122A (Term limits for chairmen of select committees) the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee, the Children, Schools and Families Committee, the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee and the Justice Committee shall be deemed to be the same committees as the Trade and Industry Committee, the Education and Skills Committee, the Science and Technology Committee and the Constitutional Affairs Committee respectively.

C LIASON COMMITTEE


D EUROPEAN STANDING COMMITTEES

That Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees) be amended, by leaving out in the Table in paragraph (6)

(i) in respect of European Standing Committee B, ‘Department for Constitutional Affairs’ and inserting ‘Ministry of Justice’; and

(ii) in respect of European Standing Committee C, ‘Trade and Industry; Education and Skills’ and inserting ‘Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform; Innovation, Universities and Skills; Children, Schools and Families’—(Mr Bob Blizzard),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Mr Alan Campbell: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Pete Wishart, Hywel Williams: 25.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 Modernisation of the House,—Ordered, That Mr Jack Straw and Paddy Tipping be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Ms Harriet Harman and Chris Bryant be added.—(Claire Ward)
Adjournment (Draft legislative programme).—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.

Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 26th July, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he has notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) concerned users of Fort Augustus Post Office against the Government’s proposed Post Office closure programme;
(2) professional nursery staff, parents and others against the Government’s new Code of Practice concerning nursery education funding;
(3) employees and supporters of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs Office in Newport against the proposed closure of the Office;
(4) residents of Croydon and others for improved capacity and policing on the 367 bus route in south London;
(5) residents in the community of Handley Hill in Winsford, Cheshire, against proposals for the closure of Handley Hill Primary School;
(6) residents and users of the A264 Langton Road, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, for additional measures to improve the safety of the road at Heathgate Corner; and
(7) Michelle Evans, Town Mayor of Burton Latimer, and others against Northampton County Council’s decision to end the school bus service from Burton Latimer to Latimer Community Arts College

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

Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) students at Bitterne Park Secondary School, the constituents of Southampton Itchen and others for government support for the organisation ‘Stop the Traffik’;
(2) constituents of Devizes and other users of Britain’s inland waterways against proposed reductions to the grant to British Waterways;
(3) residents across West Cumbria and others against the introduction of Capture, Assess and Treat and Support centres in Cumbria; and
(4) professionals in the nursery sector, concerned parents, and members of the public against the Government’s Code of Practice on the provision of free nursery places

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.24 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Draft Legislative Reform Order:

1 Local Government.—Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007, with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Value Added Tax.—(1) Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2163), dated 25th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle]; and
(2) Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2173), dated 25th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Education.—Education (Individual Pupil Information) (Prescribed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2050), dated 17th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].


10 Income Tax.—(1) Individual Savings Account (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2119); and


Other Papers:

14 Administration of Justice.—Accounts of Funds in Court England and Wales for 1st March 2006 to 31st August 2007, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 972] [Clerk of the House].

15 Care Standards.—Report and Accounts of the General Social Care Council for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 783] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

16 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment.—Report, Financial Statements and Accounts of CABE for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 822] [Secretary James Purnell].

17 Coal Industry.—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 942] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

18 Companies.—Report to the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform by the Professional Oversight Board for 2006–07 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

19 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, dated 25th July 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].
20 Energy,—Statement of the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 960] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

21 Environment,—Accounts for 2006–07 of the—
(1) Environment Agency Active Pension Fund; and
(2) Environment Agency Closed Pension Fund
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 888 and 889] [Clerk of the House].

22 Foreign Compensation,—Report of the Foreign Compensation Commission for 2005–06 [by Command] [Cm. 7188] [Secretary David Miliband].

23 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2006–07 of—
(i) the Criminal Records Bureau, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 852] [Secretary Jacqui Smith];
(ii) the Equal Opportunities Commission, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 784] [Mr Secretary Hutton];
(iii) the Highways Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 666] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];
(iv) the Identity and Passport Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 775] [Secretary Jacqui Smith];
(v) the Marine Fisheries Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 810] [Secretary Hilary Benn];
(vi) the Rural Payments Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 952] [Secretary Hilary Benn];
(vii) the State Veterinary Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 821] [Secretary Hilary Benn];
(viii) the United Kingdom Debt Management Office and Debt Management Account, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 989] [Clerk of the House];
(ix) West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 967] [Secretary Hazel Blears]; and
(x) Wilton Park, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 743] [Secretary David Miliband];
(2) Report and Financial Statements of the Design Council for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 935] [Secretary John Denham]; and
(3) Report and Resource Accounts for 2006–07 of the—
(i) Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 876] [Jane Kennedy];
(ii) Cabinet Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 897] [Jane Kennedy];
(iii) Department for Constitutional Affairs, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 861] [Jane Kennedy]; and
(iv) Deputy Prime Minister’s Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 837] [Jane Kennedy].

24 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of Companies House for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 768] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

25 Health and Social Care,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Birmingham Children’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for the period 1st February 2007 to 31st March 2007; and
(2) the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust for the period 1st November 2006 to 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

26 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 650] [Clerk of the House].
27 Insolvency.—Accounts of the Insolvency Act 1986 for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 973] [Clerk of the House].

28 Intelligence Services.—(1) Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee on Rendition; and
(2) Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee on Rendition
[by Command] [Cmns. 7172 and 7171] [The Prime Minister].

29 Marshall Aid Commemoration.—Report and Accounts of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 974] [Clerk of the House].

30 National Health Service.—Report and Accounts of NHS Blood and Transplant for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 759] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

31 National Loans.—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 2004–05, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 990] [Clerk of the House].

32 National Lottery.—(1) Accounts of the National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 975] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Report and Accounts of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 654] [Secretary James Purnell].

33 Northern Ireland.—Report and Accounts of the Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 947] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

34 Police (Northern Ireland).—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Policing Board for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 842] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

35 Prevention of Terrorism.—Government Reply to the Second Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation [by Command] [Cm. 7194] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

36 Public Petitions.—Observations by—
(1) the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Petition [9th July] from Mrs Maureen Lowson and others for increased provision of free cash machines; and
(2) the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [18th May] from Councillor William Powell and others of like disposition against the excessive use of the National Lottery for the funding of the 2012 Olympics [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

37 Report of the Investigation into the disturbances at Harmondsworth and Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centres.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report of the Investigation into the disturbances at Harmondsworth and Campsfield House Immigration Removal Centres [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 946] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

38 Social Security Administration.—Accounts of the Social Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 977] [Clerk of the House].

39 Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 976] [Clerk of the House].

40 Teaching and Higher Education.—Report and Financial Statements of the General Teaching Council for England for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 807] [Secretary Ed Balls].

41 Treasury Solicitor.—Accounts of the Crown’s Nominee for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 937] [Jane Kennedy].
42 Utilities,—Report and Accounts of Energywatch for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 688] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

43 Water,—Memorandum of Understanding between the Environment Agency and the Water Services Regulation Authority, dated 20th June 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

44 Water Industry,—Memorandum of Understanding between the Consumer Council for Water and the Water Services Regulation Authority, dated 26th June 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Papers withdrawn:

45 Health and Social Care,—Report and Accounts of the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust for 1st November 2006 to 31st March 2007 [laid 17th July].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Local Government Finance—Supplementary Business Rate: Seventh Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 719]; and

(2) Local Government Finance—Council Tax Benefit: Eighth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 718] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 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. 41-xxxii]; and

(2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: The Middle East: Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 363] [Mike Gapes].

4 Health,—(1) The Electronic Patient Record: Sixth Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 422-I and -III]; and

(2) Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Health: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 991] [Mr Kevin Barron].

5 Science and Technology,—(1) Chairman of the Medical Research Council: Introductory Hearing: Eighth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 746]; and

(2) International Policies and Activities of the Research Councils: Ninth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 9th May [No. 472-I and -II] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Standards and Privileges,—Conduct of Mr Gregory Campbell: Seventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 992] [Sir George Young].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda, to be printed [No. 82-xxv] [David Maclean].

8 Transport,—The draft Local Transport Bill: Ninth Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda, and Memoranda submitted to the Committee’s inquiry into The Transport Innovation Fund; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 692] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Work and Pensions,—Departmental Annual Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 940-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr. Sadiq Khan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 9th October, pursuant to Order [23rd July].

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]

[No. 131.]

Thursday 26th July 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Pensions Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they agree to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of that Amendment.

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

Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007
Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007
Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007
Offender Management Act 2007
Pensions Act 2007

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—(Siobhain McDonagh);

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

4 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the London Boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth, Croydon, Lewisham and others against the decision to close the 24 hour emergency mental health clinic at the Maudsley Hospital in Camberwell; and

(2) residents of the Borough of Havering and others for the establishment of St. George’s Day as a national public holiday for all in England

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

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Bob Blizzard.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half-past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 8th October, pursuant to Resolution [16th May].

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure [by Act], to be printed [No. 998] [Clerk of the House].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2083), dated 19th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

4 Customs,—Export Control (Iran) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2170), dated 25th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 Customs and Excise,—Postal Packets (Revenue and Customs) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2195), dated 26th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

6 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs and Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2154), dated 23rd July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

7 Excise,—(1) Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Reliefs for Electricity Generation) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2191); and

8 Family Proceedings,—(1) Family Procedure (Adoption) (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2189), dated 23rd July 2007; and
   (2) Family Proceedings (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2187), dated 23rd July 2007; and
   (3) Family Proceedings Fees (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2175), dated 24th July 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

9 Income Tax,—(1) Capital Allowances (Energy-saving Plant and Machinery) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2165); and


11 Medicines,—(1) Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2179); and
   (2) Medicines for Human Use (Administration and Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2178), dated 24th July 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


13 Social Security,—(1) Child Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2150); and

14 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—(1) Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2176); and

15 Tax Credits,—Child Tax Credit (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2151), dated 23rd July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].
26th July 2007

Other Papers:

16 Chelsea Hospital,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Hospital Chelsea for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 995] [Clerk of the House].

17 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 951] [Clerk of the House].

18 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy,—Report of the UK Climate Change Programme for 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


20 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 950] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

21 Environment,—Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 834] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

22 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—(1) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Response to recommendations contained in the Report of the Independent Investigation: breach of data security in the VFS online UK visa application facility, operated through VFS websites in India, Nigeria and Russia; and

(2) Report of the Independent Investigation: breach of data security in the VFS online UK visa application facility, operated through VFS websites in India, Nigeria and Russia [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

23 Governance of Britain,—Paper, entitled The Governance of Britain: A Consultation on the Role of the Attorney General [by Command] [Cm. 7192] [The Solicitor General].

24 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong: 1st January to 30th June 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7180] [Secretary David Miliband].

25 Income Tax,—(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Individual Savings Account (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2119); and

(2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Personal Equity Plan (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2120) [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].

26 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Inspection of the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland conducted by HM Inspectorate of the Crown Prosecution Service [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

27 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Improving the disposal of public sector Information, Communication and Technology Equipment [by Act]; to be printed [No. 531] [Clerk of the House].


(2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Disablility Awards) Order 2007;

(3) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 2007; and

(4) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay and Allowances) (No. 3) Order 2007, dated 25th July 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

29 Overseas Territories,—Liberia (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2138), dated 25th July 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

30 Police (Northern Ireland),—Review of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland under Section 61 (4) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].
31 Police Reform,—Report by the Independent Police Complaints Commission entitled, Police Road Traffic Incidents: A Study of Cases Involving Serious and Fatal Injuries [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

32 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—(1) First Report from the Speaker’s Committee, Session 2006–07; and
   (2) Second Report from the Speaker’s Committee, Session 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 996 and 997] [The Speaker].

33 Procedure,—Government Response to the First Report from the Procedure Committee, Session 2006–07, on Public Petitions and Early Day Motions [by Command] [Cm. 7193] [Ms Harriet Harman].

34 Superannuation,—(1) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2007 (No.2); and
   (2) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2007 (No. 2) [by Act] [Edward Miliband].

35 United Nations,—(1) Iran (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2132); and
   (2) Lebanon (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2131),
   dated 25th July 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

papers withdrawn:


37 Income Tax,—(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Individual Savings Account (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2119); and
   (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Personal Equity Plan (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2120)
   [laid 25th July].

APPENDIX II

1 Human Rights,—Highly Skilled Migrants: Changes to the Immigration Rules: Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 993] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

2 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Keith Vaz reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

3 Transport,—(1) The Eddington Transport Study: Memoranda laid before the Transport Committee; to be published [No. 458-i]; and
   (2) Driver and Vehicle Licensing in Northern Ireland: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 97-i]
   [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Defence,—Ordered. That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee of Session 2005–06 be laid upon the Table.

2 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill,—The Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

3 Criminal Justice and Immigration 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 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill:

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee
2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 30th October 2007.

3. The Public Bill 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 the 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—

(Claire Ward),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Sadiq Khan: 294.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 188.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Criminal Justice and Immigration 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 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session—

(Siobhain McDonagh),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Sadiq Khan: 296.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 183.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill [Money],

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

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by virtue of the Act 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, and
(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Siobhain McDonagh)—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from professionals in the nursery sector, concerned parents, and members of the public against the new code of practice governing the nursery sector was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.]

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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 July 2007

1 Treaty Series (No. 17, 2007),—Protocol, done at Geneva on 18th March 2004, on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research [Cm. 7190] [Secretary David Miliband].

Monday 30th July 2007

2 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Cohabitation: The Financial Consequences of Relationship Breakdown [Cm. 7182] [Secretary Jack Straw].


Friday 10th August 2007

4 Welsh Affairs,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on Welsh Prisoners in the Prison Estate [Cm. 7195] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Wednesday 15th August 2007

5 Treaty Series (No. 35, 2006),—Index to Treaty Series 2006 [Cm. 7198] [Secretary David Miliband].

Friday 17th August 2007

6 European Communities (No. 7, 2007),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Beijing on 30th October 2003, on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and the People’s Republic of China, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7202] [Secretary David Miliband].

7 European Communities (No. 8, 2007),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Helsinki on 9th September 2006, on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of Korea, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7203] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 European Communities (No. 9, 2007),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 12th December 2006, on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and the Kingdom of Morocco, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7201] [Secretary David Miliband].

9 European Communities (No. 10, 2007),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 13th July 2004, on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and the State of Israel, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7200] [Secretary David Miliband].

10 European Communities (No. 11, 2007),—Co-operation Agreement, done at Kiev on 1st December 2005, on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7199] [Secretary David Miliband].
Monday 20th August 2007

11 Immigration,—Paper, entitled Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2006 [Cm. 7197] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Wednesday 22nd August 2007

12 Treaty Series (No. 18, 2007),—Exchange of Notes, done at Brussels on 21st March and 7th June 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium amending the Agreement of 29th May 1991 relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf under the North Sea between the Two Countries [Cm. 7204] [Secretary David Miliband].

13 Treaty Series (No. 19, 2007),—International Convention, done at London on 5th June 2003 and 20th May 2004, for the Safety of Life at Sea [Cm. 7205] [Secretary David Miliband].

Friday 31st August 2007

14 Treaty Series (No. 20, 2007),—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 [Cm. 7206] [Secretary David Miliband].

Monday 3rd September 2007

15 Cape Verde (No. 1, 2007),—Agreement, done at Praia on 9th January 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7207] [Secretary David Miliband].

16 Treaty Series (No. 21, 2007),—Agreement, done at London on 10th July 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Special Court for Sierra Leone on the Enforcement of Sentences of the Special Court for Sierra Leone [Cm. 7208] [Secretary David Miliband].

Monday 17th September 2007

17 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc),—Sixteenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Thursday 20th September 2007

18 Human Rights,—Government Reply to the Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2006–07, on Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights: 28 days, intercept and post-charge questioning [Cm. 7215] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Friday 21st September 2007

19 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on Foreign Policy Aspects of the Detention of Naval Personnel by the Islamic Republic of Iran [Cm. 7211] [Secretary David Miliband].

Monday 24th September 2007

20 United States of America (No. 1, 2007),—Treaty, done at London and Washington on 21st and 26th June 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7213] [Secretary David Miliband].

Wednesday 26th September 2007

21 Treaty Series (No. 22, 2007),—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 [Cm. 7218] [Secretary David Miliband].

Tuesday 2nd October 2007

22 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Office Minute, concerning proposed contingent liabilities relating to any legal action taken against the Counsel to the Rosemary Nelson Inquiry in consequence of any action or omission in relation to the Inquiry [Mr Secretary Woodward].
Friday 5th October 2007

23 Treaty Series (No. 23, 2007),—Agreement, done at Paris on 18th June 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic Making Amendments to the Additional Protocol to the Sangatte Protocol on the Establishment of Bureaux Responsible for Controls on Persons Travelling by Train between the United Kingdom and France, and to the Agreement Concerning the Carrying of Service Weapons by French Officers on the Territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [Cm. 7219] [Secretary David Miliband].

24 Treaty Series (No. 24, 2007),—Constitution, done at Venice on 19th October 1953, of the International Organization for Migration [Cm. 7220] [Secretary David Miliband].

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 July 2007


Monday 30th July 2007


27 Education,—(1) Education (Specified Work and Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2117), dated 19th July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ed Balls]; and


Tuesday 31st July 2007


Wednesday 1st August 2007


31 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 4) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2133), dated 25th July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].


33 Food,—(1) Eggs and Chicks (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2245), dated 26th July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and


34 Maintenance of Dependants,—(1) Magistrates’ Courts (Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2267),

(2) Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (United States of America) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2005); and


Thursday 2nd August 2007


38 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Flexible Working (Eligibility, Complaints and Remedies) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2256), dated 31st July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Friday 3rd August 2007


Monday 6th August 2007

43 Education,—Education (National Curriculum) (Science at Key Stage 4) (England) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2241), dated 26th July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ed Balls].


Tuesday 7th August 2007


Wednesday 8th August 2007

47 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2331), dated 7th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].


49 Education,—(1) Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2282), dated 31st July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ed Balls]; and
(2) Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2263), dated 27th July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary John Denham].


51 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Criminal Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2317), dated 26th July 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].

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55 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of West Sussex) (Borough of Worthing) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2322), dated 7th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Friday 10th August 2007


57 Ecclesiastical Law,—(1) Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2340); and


59 Road Traffic,—Drivers’ Hours (Goods Vehicles) (Milk Collection) (Temporary Exemption) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2370), dated 10th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Monday 13th August 2007

61 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2375), dated 10th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].
62 Consumer Protection.—Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2400), dated 14th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].


64 Excise.—Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Sulphur-free Diesel) (Hydrogenation of Biomass) (Reliefs) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2406), dated 13th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Angela Eagle].


68 Commons.—Commons Registration (General) (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2404), dated 13th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].


71 Food.—Charges for Residues Surveillance (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2439), dated 14th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

72 Legal Services Commission.—(1) Community Legal Service (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2444); (2) Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2442); (3) Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2443); and (4) Community Legal Service (Funding) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2441), dated 9th August 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Jack Straw].


76 Clean Air.—(1) Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2460); and

Tuesday 28th August 2007

77 Animals,—Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export Restrictions) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2489), dated 24th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

78 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2466), dated 20th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

79 Social Security,—Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2470), dated 22nd August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].

Wednesday 29th August 2007


82 Social Security,—Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit) (Pilot Scheme) (Supplementary) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2474), dated 23rd August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].


Thursday 30th August 2007


Friday 31st August 2007

86 Corporation Tax,—(1) Sale and Repurchase of Securities (Amendment of Instruments) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2484); and


88 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Manufactured Overseas Dividends) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2487); and
(2) Manufactured Interest (Tax) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2488); and

89 Insolvency (Scotland),—Insolvency (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2537), dated 29th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].

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92 Companies,—Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2541), dated 3rd September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].

93 Income Tax,—Income Tax (Qualifying Child Care) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2478), dated 30th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].


(2) Tax Credits (Child Care Providers) (Miscellaneous Revocation and Transitional Provisions) (England) Scheme 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2481), dated 28th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ed Balls]; and


Tuesday 4th September 2007


96 Medicines,—Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2539), dated 30th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

97 Pensions,—Financial Assistance Scheme (Halting Annuityisation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2533), dated 29th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].

98 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Staffordshire) (Staffordshire Moorlands and East Staffordshire) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2534); and

(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Solihull) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2535), dated 30th August 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Wednesday 5th September 2007


Thursday 6th September 2007

103 Agriculture,—Porcine Semen (Fees) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2586), dated 30th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].


105 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2544); and
(2) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2553), dated 1st September 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Friday 7th September 2007


107 Children and Young Persons.—Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Review of Inclusion in the PoCA List and Review of Section 142 Directions) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2620), dated 5th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].


109 Companies.—Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 4 and Commencement No. 3 (Amendment)) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2607), dated 6th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].

110 Education.—New Woodlands School Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2599), dated 26th August 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ed Balls].

111 Environmental Protection.—Pet Cemeteries (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2596), dated 5th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].


113 Mental Capacity.—Public Guardian (Fees, etc) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2616), dated 4th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].


116 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Court Funds (Amendment No 2) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2617), dated 7th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].

Monday 10th September 2007

118 Companies,—Companies (Fees for Inspection and Copying of Company Records) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2612), dated 6th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].


122 Housing,—Houses in Multiple Occupation (Specified Educational Establishments) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2601), dated 5th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hazel Blears].

123 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2590), dated 4th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Tuesday 11th September 2007


128 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2593), dated 5th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hazel Blears].

129 Road Traffic,—Motor Cycles Etc. (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2656), dated 8th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Wednesday 12th September 2007


Thursday 13th September 2007

131 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Worcestershire) (District of Wyre Forest) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2684), dated 11th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Friday 14th September 2007

132 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2712), dated 13th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].
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Tuesday 18th September 2007


Wednesday 19th September 2007


Friday 21st September 2007

135 National Health Service.—(1) County of Durham and Darlington National Health Service Foundation Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2742);
   (2) Lincolnshire Partnership National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2743);
   (3) Portsmouth City Teaching Primary Care Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2744);
   (4) South Downs Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2746); and
   (5) Surrey and Sussex Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2745),
   dated 16th September 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Monday 24th September 2007

136 Education.—Harringey Sixth Form Centre (Governing Body) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2741), dated 16th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ed Balls].

Tuesday 25th September 2007


139 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2801), dated 24th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].

Wednesday 26th September 2007


141 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Staffordshire) (Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stafford) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2797), dated 20th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Thursday 27th September 2007

142 Food.—(1) Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2790);
   (2) Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2785); and
   (3) Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Lid Gaskets) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2786),
   dated 19th September 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Alan Johnson].
Friday 28th September 2007

143 Companies.—Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2826), dated 27th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Tuesday 2nd October 2007


147 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Gloucestershire) (Cheltenham, Cotswold, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2837), dated 27th September 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

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Friday 5th October 2007

149 Road Tra... Community Drivers’ Hours and Working Time (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2904), dated 4th October 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8th October 2007:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

150 Constitutional Law.—Draft Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Powers of District and JP Courts) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

151 Defence.—(1) Draft Armed Forces (Redress of Individual Grievances) Regulations 2007; and (2) draft Armed Forces (Service Complaints Commissioner) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].


153 Police.—Draft Police Reform Act 2002 (Standard Powers and Duties of Community Support Officers) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


155 Climate Change Levy.—Climate Change Levy (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2903), dated 8th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

156 Education.—Castle Hill Primary School (Change to School Session Times) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2877), dated 29th September 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

157 Housing.—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Amendment Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2871), dated 2nd October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

159 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit (Local Housing Allowance and Information Sharing) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2868); (2) Housing Benefit (Local Housing Allowance, Miscellaneous and Consequential) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2870); (3) Housing Benefit (State Pension Credit) (Local Housing Allowance and Information Sharing) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2869), and (4) Social Security (Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2875), dated 2nd October 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

160 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Amendment List No. 13 to Air Publication 3392 Volume 7 (First Edition); and (2) Amendment List No. 18 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

161 Draft Human Tissues and Embryos Bill,—Government Response to the Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Human Tissues and Embryos Bill, Session 2006–07, on the Human Tissues and Embryos (Draft) Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7209] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

162 Economic Affairs,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the House of Lords Committee on Economic Affairs, Session 2006–07, on Apprenticeships [by Command] [Cm. 7228] [Secretary John Denham].

163 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Home Office for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1006] [Jane Kennedy].


165 Journals,—General Index to the Journals of the House of Commons, commencing with Volume 247 (1990–91) and ending with Volume 256 (1999–2000); to be printed [The Speaker].

166 Judicature (Northern Ireland),—Annual Report of the Northern Ireland Court Service for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

167 Medicines,—Reports of the Commission on Human Medicines, the Advisory Board on the Registration of Homoeopathic Products, the British Pharmacopoeia Commission, the Herbal Medicines Advisory Committee, the Independent Review Panel for Advertising and the Independent Review Panel for Borderline Products for 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

168 Natural Environment and Rural Communities,—Report and Accounts of Natural England for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 745] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


170 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2006–07: Tax Credits: Getting it Wrong? [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1010] [Clerk of the House].

171 Pensions and Yeomanry,—Amendment 40, Change 2 to the Army Pensions Warrant 1977 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

172 Public Petitions,—Observations by—(1) the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Petition [25th July] from employees and supporters of Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs Office in Newport against the proposed closure of the Office; (2) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [11th July] from residents of the constituency of Broxbourne and others against the scaling back of health care provision at Chase Farm Hospital and across the County of Hertfordshire;
(3) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [12th July] from pupils of Aycliffe Drive Primary School in the Dacorum district of Hertfordshire against inadequate consultation by the West Hertfordshire Hospitals Trust;

(4) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [25th July] from residents across West Cumbria and others against the introduction of Capture, Assess and Treat and Support centres in Cumbria;

(5) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [24th July] from residents of the Borough of Havering and others against the lack of a pedestrian crossing on Western Road, Havering;

(6) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th July] from residents and users of the A264 Langton Road, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, for additional measures to improve the safety of the road at Heathgate Corner; and

(7) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th July] from residents of Croydon and others for improved capacity and policing on the 367 bus route in south London

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

173 Serious Organised Crime and Police,—Accounts of the Serious Organised Crime Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1016] [Clerk of the House].

174 Severn Bridges,—Report and Accounts for Severn River Crossing plc for 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

175 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—(1) Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export Restrictions) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2489);

(2) Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2331);

(3) Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2373); and

(4) Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2712)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

European Standing Committees

1 European Union Document No. 11326/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to a new EU-Africa Strategic Partnership, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

2 European Union Document No. 11724/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Financial Management, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Government Responses to the Committee’s Fifth Report on 14–19 Diplomas, Sixth Report on The Work of Ofsted and Eighth Report on The future sustainability of the higher education sector: international aspects, of Session 2006–07; Fifth Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 1033]; and

(2) Creative Partnerships and the Curriculum:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1034-i]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].
Tuesday 9th October 2007

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

PRAYERS.

1 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope reported certain Memoranda from the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill Committee. Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

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

Greater London Authority Bill,—The Lords agree to the Greater London Authority Bill, with Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Greater London Authority Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Greater London Authority Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 158].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Greater London Authority Bill be printed [Bill 158–EN].

4 Ports (Regulation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the activities which can be undertaken in UK ports; to place certain duties on harbour authorities; and for connected purposes: And that Anne Moffat, Jim Sheridan, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr David Hamilton, Mr John MacDougall, Mr David Anderson, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Jim Devine, Dr Gavin Strang and Nigel Griffiths do prepare and bring it in.

5 Ports (Regulation) Bill,—Anne Moffat accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the activities which can be undertaken in UK ports; to place certain duties on harbour authorities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 154].

6 Adjournment (Defence procurement),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Michael Foster);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
7 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of Tunstall for safety measures on the road between Tunstall Church and Tunstall School car park was presented and read, 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—(Claire Ward);

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

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.08 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2 Immigration,—Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

3 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

4 Transport,—Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

7 Energy,—Report and Accounts of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1001] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on Global Security: The Middle East [by Command] [Cm. 7212] [Secretary David Miliband].

9 Pre-Budget Report,—Paper, entitled Meeting the aspirations of the British people: 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review [by Command] [Cm. 7227] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

10 Treasury,—Paper, entitled Business rate supplements: a White Paper [by Command] [Cm. 7230] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

11 Treaty Series (No. 25, 2007),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 5th and 16th April 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic on Chemical Weapon Destruction at Shchuch’ye [by Command] [Cm. 7222] [Secretary David Miliband].
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1 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Local Government Finance: Council Tax Benefit: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 1037];

(2) The Housing Green Paper: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1038-i];

(3) Existing Housing and Climate Change: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1040]; and

(4) Ordnance Survey: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1039] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Constitutional Affairs,—The Work of the Ministry of Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 987-ii] [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Crossrail Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed [No. 235-xxi] [Mr Alan Meale].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Self-regulation of the press: Replies to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1041] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence,—(1) UK operations in Afghanistan: Government Response to the Thirteenth Report of the Committee, Session 2006–07: Thirteenth Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 1024];

(2) Strategic Lift: Government Response to the Eleventh Report of the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fourteenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1025];


(4) The Future of NATO and European Defence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 707-ii];

(5) Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(6) UK operations in Iraq: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

6 Environmental Audit,—Trade Development and Environment—the Role of the FCO: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fifth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 1046] [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Home Affairs,—The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Proposals: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1020-i] [Keith Vaz].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) Investigating the Oceans: Tenth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 1st May [No. 470-I and -II];

(2) The Funding of Science and Discovery Centres: Eleventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 11th July [No. 903-I and -II];

(3) 2007: A Space Policy: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Fifth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1042];

(4) Chairman of the Medical Research Council: Introductory Hearing: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1043].
(5) International Policies and Activities of the Research Councils: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1044];

(6) Scientific developments relating to the Abortion Act 1967: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(7) Legacy Report: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Phil Willis].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Europe moves East: the impact of the ‘new’ EU Member States on UK business: Eleventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 592]; and

(2) Implementation of the Report of the Women and Work Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 400-iv]

[Mr Peter Luff].

10 Treasury,—(1) The 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review: prospects and processes: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Seventh Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1027];

(2) Unclaimed assets within the financial system: Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Eighth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1028]; and

(3) Financial stability and transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 999-ii]

[John McFall].

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Tuesday 9th October 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mark Tami.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 134.]

Wednesday 10th October 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Microgeneration and Local Energy Bill,—Dr Alan Whitehead, supported by John Austin, Lorely Burt, Colin Challen, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Drew, Dr Ian Gibson, Julia Goldsworthy, Chris Huhne, Alan Simpson, David Taylor and Mr Mike Weir presented a Bill to make further provision in relation to microgeneration; to promote local energy provision and energy efficiency; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 155].

2 Fixed Term Parliaments Bill,—David Howarth, supported by Mr David Heath, Simon Hughes, Chris Huhne, Danny Alexander, Lynne Featherstone, Paul Rowen, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Nick Clegg and Norman Baker presented a Bill to fix the date of the next general election and all subsequent general elections; to forbid the dissolution of Parliament otherwise than in accordance with this Act; to allow the House of Commons to change the day of the week on which a general election is held; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 157].
3 Opposition Day [19th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Department for Children, Schools and Families.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the facts that fewer than half the nation’s schools are good according to the measure preferred by Ministers, that 40 per cent. of children leave primary school without having reached the standard in reading, writing and arithmetic demanded by the Government and that more than a million young people are not in education, employment or training; and therefore calls for an improvement in the leadership and culture of the Department for Children, Schools and Families to make it a stronger and more effective voice for better education—(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 ‘commends the real and substantial improvements achieved over the past decade in educational standards and welcomes the Government’s commitment to a world class education for all; applauds the unprecedented investment in education over this period, so that per pupil revenue spending has increased nationally by £1,840 per pupil (66 per cent.) in real terms between 1997–98 and 2007–08 and that by 2010–11 there will have been a seven fold increase in real terms in capital investment since 1996–97; acknowledges the proportion of pupils achieving the required standard in English at age 11 increased from 63 per cent. in 1997 to 80 per cent. in 2007 and in maths from 62 per cent. to 77 per cent.; further acknowledges that the proportion of pupils achieving five good GCSEs (at A*–C grades) increased from 45.1 per cent. in 1997 to 58.5 per cent. in 2006 and from just 35.6 per cent. to 45.3 per cent. for those achieving five good GCSEs including English and maths; notes that in 1997 there were 616 schools where less than 25 per cent. of pupils achieved five good GCSEs and that this number fell to 47 in 2006; welcomes the proposal to raise the participation age for education or training to 18 years; further welcomes the launch of the first five Diplomas as a key step towards this objective; and further commends the 10 Year Youth Plan and the creation of the Department for Children, Schools and Families, bringing together strategic leadership for all services to drive up standards, tackle poverty and ensure all children and young people have a safe, secure and happy childhood; instead thereof—(Secretary Ed Balls);

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 231.
Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Frank Roy: 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 commends the real and substantial improvements achieved over the past decade in educational standards and welcomes the Government’s commitment to a world class education for all; applauds the unprecedented investment in education over this period, so that per pupil revenue spending has increased nationally by £1,840 per pupil (66 per cent.) in real terms between 1997–98 and 2007–08 and that by 2010–11 there will have been a seven fold increase in real terms in capital investment since 1996–97; acknowledges the proportion of pupils achieving the required standard in English at age 11 increased from 63 per cent. in 1997 to 80 per cent. in 2007 and in maths from 62 per cent. to 77 per cent.; further acknowledges that the proportion of pupils achieving five good GCSEs (at A*–C grades) increased from 45.1 per cent. in 1997 to 58.5 per cent. in 2006 and from just 35.6 per cent. to 45.3 per cent. for those achieving five good GCSEs including English and maths; notes that in 1997 there were 616 schools where less than 25 per cent. of pupils achieved five good GCSEs and that this number fell to 47 in 2006; welcomes the proposal to raise the participation age for education or training to 18 years; further welcomes the launch of the first five Diplomas as a key step towards this objective; and further commends the 10 Year Youth Plan and the creation of the Department for Children, Schools and Families, bringing together strategic leadership for all services to drive up standards, tackle poverty and ensure all children and young people have a safe, secure and happy childhood.

Home Information Packs and Stamp Duty.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the growing concern over the effect of Home Information Packs (HIPs) on a fragile housing market; observes that the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors has warned that the introduction of HIPs has already led to a downturn in the market for both four and three bedroom homes; recalls that the
Government was warned against introducing HIPs from across the housing industry; is concerned that none of the revised secondary legislation for HIPs was scrutinised or debated by the House before its implementation; calls for Home Information Packs to be scrapped and Energy Performance Certificates to be implemented separately; and asserts that ending stamp duty for first time buyers up to £250,000 would do far more to help home buyers and sellers—(Grant Shapps);

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 ongoing reform of the home buying and selling process should revolve around the interests of the consumer and environmental sustainability; considers that the most important thing for the housing market is macroeconomic stability including sound public finances; therefore further believes that unfunded tax cuts including on stamp duty would be irresponsible; further believes that increased house building to deliver more affordable homes is essential to help first time buyers; further considers that the introduction of Home Information Packs and Energy Performance Certificates can improve the process of home buying and selling for consumers and provide them with vital information about the energy efficiency of homes and practical suggestions about how to cut fuel bills and reduce carbon emissions; and notes that the Government continues to work with industry to consider further reform of the home buying and selling process in order to maximise the benefits for consumers', instead thereof.—(Yvette Cooper.)

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 Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 166.


So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House believes that the ongoing reform of the home buying and selling process should revolve around the interests of the consumer and environmental sustainability; considers that the most important thing for the housing market is macroeconomic stability including sound public finances; therefore further believes that unfunded tax cuts including on stamp duty would be irresponsible; further believes that increased house building to deliver more affordable homes is essential to help first time buyers; further considers that the introduction of Home Information Packs and Energy Performance Certificates can improve the process of home buying and selling for consumers and provide them with vital information about the energy efficiency of homes and practical suggestions about how to cut fuel bills and reduce carbon emissions; and notes that the Government continues to work with industry to consider further reform of the home buying and selling process in order to maximise the benefits for consumers.


5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of Youth Offending in Northern Ireland be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 23rd October 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)).—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

6 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from a British citizen against the unfairness of the Family Justice System in England and Wales was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

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

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2937); and
(2) Criminal Defence Service (General) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2936),
dated 9th October 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

2 Social Security,—Social Security (Claims and Information) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2911), dated 8th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

3 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council (Listed Tribunals) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2951), dated 9th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

4 Government Resources and Accounts,—Statement of Accounts of Returning Officers’ Expenses, England and Wales for—
(1) 2002–03; and
(2) 2003–04,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 881 and 959] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Inspection of the Department of the Environment [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

6 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty-seventh to Thirty-fourth, the Thirty-sixth to Fortieth and the Forty-third to Forty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7216] [Angela Eagle].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward Garnier, Mr David Hanson, Mr David Heath, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Virenda Sharma and Lynda Waltho members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee.

2 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill

(1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Burrowes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Harry Cohen, Maria Eagle, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr David Hanson, Mr David Heath, Mr Philip Hollobone, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Sadiq Khan, Alun Michael, Mr Virenda Sharma, Mr Charles Walker, Lynda Waltho and Philip Wilson.

3 Draft Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Bone, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Clive Efford, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr David Kidney, Susan Kramer, Mr John Leech, Martin Linton, Joan Ryan, Helen Southworth, Ian Stewart, Dr Howard Stoate, Mark Tami, Ms Dari Taylor, Ms Rosie Winterton and Jeremy Wright.

4 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Republic of Tajikistan) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Clive Betts, Tony Cunningham, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mark Hunter, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Michael Moore, Julie Morgan, Mr Jim Murphy, John Penrose, Paddy Tipping and Mr Neil Turner.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations and Orders to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Ian Cawsey, Yvette Cooper, Paul Holmes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Julie Morgan, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Lee Scott, Grant Shapps, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Mr John Spellar, Mr Graham Stuart, Andrew Stunell, Mr Charles Walker and Mr Dave Watts.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 6145/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Emissions from Road Transport and Inland Waterways, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Creative Partnerships and the Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee, to be printed [No. 1034-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

(2) **British Waterways: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07:** Fifth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1059]; and

(3) **Flooding:** Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1060-i]

[Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 41-xxxiv], and

(2) **Ministerial Correspondence:** Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—**Developments in the European Union:** Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 166-sv] [Mike Gapes].

5 Human Rights,—(1) **Human Trafficking: Update:** Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1056]; and

(2) **The Use of Restraint in Secure Training Centres:** Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1057-i]

[Dr Evan Harris].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—**The Northern Ireland Prison Service:** Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 520-vii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) **Estimating and monitoring the costs of building roads in England:** Fifty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 893];

(2) **Pay modernisation: A new contract for consultants in England:** Fifty-ninth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 506];

(3) **Big Science: Public investment in large scientific facilities:** Sixtieth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 521];

(4) **Managing the defence estate:** Sixty-first Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 537];

(5) **Thames Gateway: Laying the foundations:** Sixty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 693];

(6) **HM Treasury: Tendering and benchmarking in PFI:** Sixty-third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 754];

(7) **The management of staff sickness in the Department for Transport and its agencies:** Sixty-fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 791];

(8) **HM Revenue and Customs: Filing of VAT and Company Tax returns:** Sixty-fifth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 548];

(9) **The BBC’s management of risk:** Sixty-sixth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 643]; and

(10) **HM Revenue & Customs: Tax Credits and PAYE:** Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1061-i]

[Mr Alan Williams].

8 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Ms Harriet Harman reported from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons, That she had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

9 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xxvi] [David Maclean].
10 Transport,—(1) The new National Boatmasters’ Licence: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2006–07: Tenth Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 1050];

(2) Novice Drivers: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Eleventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1051];

(3) Passengers’ Experience of Air Travel: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Twelfth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1052];

(4) The draft Local Transport Bill: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Thirteenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1053]; and

(5) Galileo: Recent developments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1055-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—(1) Office of Government Commerce: expenditure and administration in 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 1029-i]; and

(2) Royal Mint Annual Report 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 1030-i]

[John McFall].

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 Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

4 Greater London Authority Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Greater London Authority Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(John Healey);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Michael Fabricant: 165.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 34 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 Tom Brake, John Healey, Chris Mole, Robert Neill and Mr Dave Watts be members of the Committee.

That John Healey be Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

5 Further Education and Training 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 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 21st May 2007 (Further Education and Training 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—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

6 Greater London Authority Bill.—John Healey reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Greater London Authority 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 the Commons do not consider it appropriate that a person should be disqualified from being elected or being Mayor of London or a member of the London Assembly on the basis of the number of times he has previously been elected or been Mayor of London.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 2 for the following Reason:
Because the Commons do not consider it appropriate that the Mayor of London’s final draft budget for a financial year should be capable of being amended by the London Assembly without the broad consensus of agreement required to obtain a two-thirds majority.
The Reasons were agreed to.
Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

7 Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [25th July] relating to the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].
Resolved, That this House does not insist on Commons Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 to which the Lords have disagreed, but proposes Amendments ((a) to (f)) to the Bill in lieu of the Commons Amendments.—(Bill Rammell)

8 Criminal Justice and Immigration 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 8th October 2007 (Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (Programme)) be varied by the substitution in paragraph 2 (time for conclusion of proceedings in Public Bill Committee) for the words ‘Thursday 29th November 2007’—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Mr Jeremy Small against reductions in provision to the North Yorkshire Police Force 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 Dave Watts.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th October.

[Adjourned at 4.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Ministers of the Crown,—Transfer of Functions (Equality) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2914), dated 10th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

3 Plant Health,—Plant Health (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2950), dated 9th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

4 Prisons,—(1) Prison (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2954); and
(2) Young Offender Institution (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2953), dated 10th October 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Social Security,—Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2912), dated 8th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

6 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2922); and

Other Papers:

7 Examiners of Petitioners for Private Bills,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills in respect of certain amendments proposed to the Crossrail Bill [Standing Order] [The Speaker].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Department of Health for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1005] [Jane Kennedy].
9 International Labour Conference.—Paper, entitled International Labour Conference: Presentation of the Convention and two Recommendations adopted at the 95th Session of the International Labour Conference (2006) and the proposed action by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Convention and Recommendations [by Command] [Cm. 7217] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks).—Accounts of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 101] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Home Information Pack (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1667), the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 8) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1668) and the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 9) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2471).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Julie Morgan from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations and Orders) and nominated in substitution Margaret Moran.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 655-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Health,—National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 503-iv] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Home Affairs,—(1) Justice and Home Affairs Issues at European Union Level: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1021]; and

   (2) The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Proposals: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1020-i]

   [Keith Vaz].

4 International Development,—(1) Fair Trade and Development: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Eighth Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 1047];

   (2) Department for International Development’s Programme in Vietnam: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Ninth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1062];

   (3) Prospects for sustainable peace in Uganda: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Tenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1063];

   (4) Cross-departmental Working on Development and Trade: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;

   (5) Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

   (6) Maternal Health: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

   [Malcolm Bruce].

5 Public Administration,—(1) The Pensions Bill and the FAS. An Update: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 1048]; and

   (2) Propriety and Honours: Lessons Learned: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1049-i]

   [Dr Tony Wright].
Thursday 11th October 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at twenty minutes to Three o’clock.

Adjournment (Human Rights Annual Report 2006—Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.39 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Hywel Williams reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007.

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:

Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill.—The Lords agree to the Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill to be considered on Friday 19th October, and to be printed [Bill 159].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill be printed [Bill 159–EN].

4 Disabled Children (Family Support) Bill.—The Order for resuming on Friday 19th October the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd February, That the Disabled Children (Family Support) Bill be read a second time, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

5 Legal Services Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 4th June 2007 (Legal Services Bill [Lords] (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 following order: new Clauses relating to Parts 1 to 4; amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 70; amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 71 to 111; amendments relating to Schedules Nos. 10 to 14; new Clauses relating to Part 6; amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 112 to 161; amendments relating to Schedules Nos. 15 to 24; remaining new Clauses; amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 162 to 214; new Schedules; amendments to Schedules Nos. 16 to 24; remaining proceedings on consideration.

3. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 9 p.m. at this day's sitting.

4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 10 p.m. at this day's sitting.—(Alison Seabeck.)

6 Legal Services Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Legal Services Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC2) (Appeal against public censure)—(Mr Henry Bellingham)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 78 to 80) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 152) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

'(3A) Where “B” is an organisation whose members are carrying on a particular trade or profession for the purposes of which that organisation exists, the provision of relevant services to members for no charge (or by providing an indemnity in respect of unrecovered costs) shall not constitute the provision of relevant services to the public or a section of the public.'—(John Hemming.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 20, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 81 to 84) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 120, line 6, at the end, to insert the words 'with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice'.—(Mr. Jonathan Djanogly.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Liz Blackman: 267.

Another Amendment (No. 102) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 120, line 17, to leave out the word 'first'.—(Mr Kevan Jones.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Liz Blackman: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 129.

Other Amendments (Nos. 104 to 106) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC6) (Licensing authority)—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 85 to 92 and 107) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 153) proposed to the Bill, in page 68, line 37, to leave out the word 'may' and insert the word 'must'.—(Mr Henry Bellingham.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 93) proposed to the Bill, in page 70, line 43, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) The rules must provide for charges payable in relation to a complaint to be reduced or waived (or partly or wholly refunded) where—
(a) the complaint is determined or otherwise resolved in favour of the respondent, and
(b) the ombudsman is satisfied that the respondent took all reasonable steps to try to resolve the complaint under the respondent’s complaints procedures.

(1B) The rules may make provision as to—
(a) the circumstances in which a complaint is to be treated as determined or otherwise resolved in favour of the respondent (which may include circumstances where a complaint is settled, withdrawn or abandoned (or treated as withdrawn or abandoned by virtue of scheme rules));
(b) matters to be taken into account by the ombudsman for the purposes of subsection (1A)(b).

(1C) The respondent’s complaints procedures are the procedures established by the respondent, or which the respondent participates in or is subject to, in accordance with regulatory arrangements (or licensing rules of the Board) made in accordance with section 112.'—(Bridget Prentice.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendments (a) and (b)) made to the proposed Amendment.

Proposed Amendment, as amended, made to the Bill.

It being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], 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. 94 to 98, 108, 109, 99 to 101, 110 to 131, 142, 132 to 139, 143, 140 and 141) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

7 Business of the House.—Ordered. That, at the sitting on Wednesday 17th October, opposition business may be proceeded with, notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c)(i) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), for three hours or until Four o’clock, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)
8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Old Basing and Lychpit, Hampshire, against the increasing volume of non-local through traffic using the village was 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 Bob Blizzard), 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.—(Claire Ward.) And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th October 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:
1 Wildlife,—Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2952), dated 10th October 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15th October 2007:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:
2 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Draft Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007; and (2) draft Regulators Compliance Code for The Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Edward Miliband].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:
3 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 4) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2970), dated 12th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

4 Education,—Toot Hill School (School Day and School Year Regulations) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2921), dated 8th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

5 Income Tax,—Income Tax (Pay as You Earn) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2969), dated 12th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

6 Landlord and Tenant,—Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (England) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2968), dated 10th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:
7 Communications,—Government Response to the First Report from the House of Lords Committee on Communications, Session 2006–07, on The Chairmanship of the BBC [by Command] [Cm. 7236] [Secretary James Purnell].

8 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2006–07, on Caring for Our Collections [by Command] [Cm. 7233] [Secretary James Purnell].

9 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2006–07 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1019] [Secretary Des Browne].

10 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 4) Regulations 2007, (S.I., 2007, No. 2970) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].
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Draft Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Ryan, Helen Southworth and Dr Howard Stoate from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Mr John Spellar.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Badgers and Cattle TB: Final Report of the Independent Scientific Group: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 725-iii] [Mr David Drew].

2 Public Accounts.—(1) BBC Outsourcing: the contract between the BBC and Siemens Business Services: The response of the BBC Trustees to the Committee’s Thirty-fifth Report of Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1067]; and
(2) Improving services for people with dementia: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1068-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Science and Technology.—Scientific developments relating to the Abortion Act 1967: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 1045-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

4 Treasury.—(1) The appointment of the Chair of the Statistics Board: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Ninth Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1065]; and
(2) The 2007 Pre-Budget Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1031-i] [John McFall].

[No. 137.]

Tuesday 16th October 2007.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill.—Ordered, That the promoters of the Broads Authority Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 23rd January 2007, 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).—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

2 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill.—David Taylor reported from the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill Committee:
(1) a Memorandum; and
(2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.
Memoranda (reported on 17th and 19th July, 9th October and this day) to be printed.
Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 156].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee:
(1) That it had come to the following Resolution: That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
(2) certain Memoranda.
Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.
4 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Republic of Tajikistan) Order 2007.

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

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Greater London Authority Bill to which this House has disagreed.

6 Bicycles (Children’s Safety Helmets).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require persons of 17 years and under to wear a safety helmet when riding a bicycle; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Peter Bone, Mr Graham Allen, John Bercow, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Andrew George, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Eric Martlew, Andrew Miller and Sir George Young do prepare and bring it in.

7 Bicycles (Children’s Safety Helmets) Bill.—Mr Peter Bone accordingly presented a Bill to require persons of 17 years and under to wear a safety helmet when riding a bicycle; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 160].

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

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

9 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Ordered, That the Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Dioceses, Pastoral and Missions Measure (House of Commons Paper No. 998), laid before the House on 26th July be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Companies (Cross-Border Mergers) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2974), dated 15th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Food,—Contaminants in Food (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2938), dated 9th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

3 British Library,—Statement of Appointment and Remuneration of the Rt Hon the Lord Fellowes, GCB, GCVO, QSO as a member of the British Library Board [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

4 Economic Affairs,—Paper, entitled The Economic and Fiscal Impact of Immigration: A Cross-Departmental Submission to the House of Lords Select Committee on Economic Affairs [by Command] [Cm. 7237] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

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1 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Republic of Tajikistan) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Joani Ryan.

2 Home Information Pack (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1667), the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 8)(England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1668) and the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 9) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2471).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Yvette Cooper and Mr Elliot Morley from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations and Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth and Mr Iain Wright.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 16th October; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Emissions Trading: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2006-07 on The EU ETS: Eighth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1072];

(2) The Structure and Operation of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change: Ninth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 740]; and

(3) Reducing carbon emissions from UK business: The role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1073-i]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 European Scrutiny,—Intergovernmental Conference for a Reform Treaty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed [No. 1015-ii] [Michael Connarty].

4 International Development,—Maternal Health: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 1073-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 520-viii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Poverty in Scotland: Memoranda laid before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 108-xii].

(2) Effects of tax increases on the Oil Industry: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) Grangemouth: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

7 Standards and Privileges,—Conduct of Mr Martin Salter and Mr Rob Wilson: Eighth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1071] [Sir George Young].

8 Treasury,—Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 999-iii] [John McFall].

[No. 137; WH, No. 85]

Tuesday 16th October 2007.

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—[Ms Diana R. Johnson];

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
PRAYERS

1 Transport for London Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the promoters of the Transport for London Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords on 23rd January 2006 in the previous Session, 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).—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

2 Government Spending (Website) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Government Spending (Website) Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Friday 19th October.

3 Elected Representatives (Prohibition of Deception) Bill,—Adam Price, supported by Lynne Jones, Mr Dai Davies, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, David Taylor, Dr Richard Taylor, Mr Angus MacNeil, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, Hywel Williams and Andrew George, presented a Bill to create offences in relation to the publication of false or misleading statements by elected representatives; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th October and to be printed [Bill 162].

4 Access to Pension Protection Fund Benefits,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the accessing of Pension Protection Fund benefits by people under the age of 50 who are suffering from a terminal illness; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and that Mr Mark Hendrick, Mrs Janet Dean, Barbara Keeley, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Elliot Morley, Jim Dowd, Lynda Waltho, Mr John Heppell, Tom Levitt, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Neil Gerrard and John Mann do prepare and bring it in.

5 Access to Pension Protection Fund Benefits Bill,—Mr Mark Hendrick accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the accessing of Pension Protection Fund benefits by people under the age of 50 who are 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 19th October and to be printed [Bill 161].

6 Opposition Day [20th allotted day: first part].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Government handling of the outbreaks of foot and mouth and bluetongue disease,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the swift action taken by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to impose movement controls when foot and mouth was first confirmed on 3rd August, in contrast to the Government’s failures in 2001; is alarmed that the outbreak originated from a laboratory site financed, licensed and inspected by the Government; notes that warnings about the inadequacies of the facilities at Pirbright were ignored; condemns this negligent approach to biosecurity; urges the Government to accept its responsibility for the situation facing farmers caused by the subsequent controls which for many has been compounded by the outbreak of bluetongue disease; and demands that the regulatory body for facilities using dangerous pathogens should be fully independent of the facilities’ major customers.—(Mr James Paice);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘expresses great sympathy with farmers and the farming industry and acknowledges the difficulties they are facing as a result of the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease and bluetongue; recognises the work that has already been done by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Animal Health, farmers and their representative bodies and others in containing foot and mouth; agrees that the priority for the Government must be to work with the farming industry and others to support the resumption of market activity as quickly as possible; and notes the steps the Government has taken to deal with what happened at the Pirbright laboratory site’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Hilary Benn.)

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, Mr Richard Benyon: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House expresses great sympathy with farmers and the farming industry and acknowledges the difficulties they are facing as a result of the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease and bluetongue; recognises the work that has already been done by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Animal Health, farmers and their representative bodies and others in containing foot and mouth; agrees that the priority for the Government must be to work with the farming industry and others to support the resumption of market activity as quickly as possible; and notes the steps the Government has taken to deal with what happened at the Pirbright laboratory site.

7 Adjournment (Dealing with bullying in schools).—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.

8 Highways.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 19th July, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

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

And the Motion having been made at Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 5) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2984), dated 16th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


Other Papers:

4 Constitution,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the House of Lords Constitution Committee, Session 2006–07, on Relations between the executive, the judiciary and Parliament [by Command] [Cm. 7223] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Education and Inspections,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1002] [Secretary Ed Balls].
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   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Tony Baldry, Mr John Baron, Mr Peter Bone, Mr David S. Borrow, Lorely Burt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Linda Gilroy, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Lembit Opik, Stephen Pound, Alison Seabeck, Mr Andrew Smith, Helen Southworth, Graham Stringer, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr Stephen Timms.

2 Draft Police Reform Act 2002 (Standard Powers and Duties of Community Support Officers) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Colin Challen, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mark Hunter, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Jamie Reed, Andrew Rosindell, Dr Gavin Strang and Dr Alan Whitehead.

3 Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2163):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Colin Burgon, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Ann Coffey, Mr David Crausby, James Duddridge, Mr Philip Dunne, Angela Eagle, Mr Mark Field, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Justine Greening, Anne Moffat, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dan Rogerson, Chris Ruane, Martin Salter and Claire Ward.

4 Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2173):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Danny Alexander, John Battle, Mr Richard Caborn, Ben Chapman, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr David Gauke, Juka Goldsworthy, Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Jane Kennedy, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Tom Watson, Mrs Betty Williams and David Wright.

5 Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure (House of Commons Paper No. 998):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Measure to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Stuart Bell, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tim Farron, Mr Bruce George, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Adam Holloway, Simon Hughes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Robert Key, David Lepper, Anne Main, Sandra Osborne, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Jim Sheridan, Dr Howard Stoate and Emily Thornberry.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Jim Devine, Angela Eagle, Paul Flynn, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Michael Jabez Foster, Justine Greening, Patrick Hall, Mr John Heppell, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Brooks Newmark, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Dan Rogerson, Mr Richard Shepherd, Bob Spink, Claire Ward and David Wright.

7 Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Jim Hood Chairman; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Julian Brazier, Lorely Burt, Frank Dobson, Jim Fitzpatrick, Barry Gardiner, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Kidney, Susan Kramer, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Andrew Pelling, Mark Tami, Joan Walley, Mr Anthony Wright and Jeremy Wright.

8 Draft Tax Avoidance Schemes (Penalty) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr Quentin Davies, Jim Dowd, Bill Etherington, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, Jane Kennedy, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Brooks Newmark, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Sion Simon, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Ian Taylor, John Thurso, Mr Charles Walker, Claire Ward and David Wright.

Grand Committees

9 Northern Ireland Grand Committee:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 23rd October; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Harris, Mr David Lidington, Mr Andrew Mackay, Andrew Rosindell and Mr Tom Watson from the Committee and nominated in substitution Liz Blackman, Philip Davies, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Owen Paterson and Angela Watkinson.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union Document No. 11326/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to a New EU-Africa Strategic Partnership:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock 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: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jon Cruddas, Tony Cunningham, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mark Hunter, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Michael Moore, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Robert Walter and Mr Tim Yeo.

11 European Union Documents No. 13117/07 and Addendum 1 and No. 13118/07 and Addendum 1, relating to Financial Management, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Special Educational Needs: Assessment and Funding: Tenth Report from the Education and Skills Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1077]; and

(2) Sustainable Schools: Are we building schools for the future?: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1078]

[Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 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. 41-xxxv]; and

(2) Consumer protection: sale of timeshare: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1080-i]

[Michael Connarty].

3 International Development,—Cross-departmental Working on Development and Trade: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 1076-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

4 Procedure,—Written Parliamentary Questions: Memorandum laid before the Procedure Committee; to be published [Mr Greg Knight].
5 Public Accounts.—Vehicle Excise Duty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1082-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology.—Scientific developments relating to the Abortion Act 1967: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 1045-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xxvii] [David Maclean].

8 Transport.—Department for Transport Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 1081-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury.—The 2007 Pre-Budget Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1031-ii] [John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions.—Personal Accounts: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 1069-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 138; WH, No. 86]

Wednesday 17th October 2007.

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 5.04 p.m.

[No. 139.]

Thursday 18th October 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee the following Resolution:

That, in the case of the Crossrail Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The Resolution was agreed to.

2 Crossrail Bill,—Sir Peter Soulsby reported from the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Public Bill Committee; and be printed [Bill 163].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill in this Session and in the last Session of Parliament be laid upon the Table.

3 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported certain Memoranda from the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.


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

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

The Lords agree without Amendment to the Amendments in lieu made by this House to the Further Education and Training Bill [Lords].
The Lords disagree to certain Amendments made by this House to the Legal Services Bill [Lords], but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the agreement of this House; they agree to an Amendment made by this House with an Amendment to which they desire the agreement of this House; they disagree to certain other Amendments made by this House, for which disagreement they assign their Reasons; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Amendments made by this House.

6 Legal Services Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendment, Disagreements and Amendments in lieu to the Legal Services Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 164].

7 Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill.—The Order for reading the Safeguarding Runaway and Missing Children Bill a second time on Friday 19th October was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

8 Adjournment (Review of the third sector).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Tony Cunningham);

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

9 Adjournment.—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.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.12 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Stamp Duty Land Tax,—Draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].

Other Papers:

2 Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Consolidated Accounts of the Local Probation Boards for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1003] [Clerk of the House].

3 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Estates Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1004] [Secretary Des Browne].

4 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on Young Black People and the Criminal Justice System [by Command] [Cm. 7214] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the Standards Board for England for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1009] [Clerk of the House].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Government Response to the First Report from the Modernisation Committee, Session 2006–07, on Revitalising the Chamber: The role of the back bench Member [by Command] [Cm. 7231] [Ms Harriet Harman].

7 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 5) Regulations 2007, (S.I., 2007, No. 2984) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1947),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Bacon, Tony Baldry, Mr John Baron, Mr Peter Bone, Mr David S. Borrow, Lorely Burt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Linda Gilroy, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Lembit Opik, Stephen Pound, Alison Seabeck, Mr Andrew Smith, Helen Southworth, Graham Stringer, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr Stephen Timms from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations).

2 Home Information Pack (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1667), the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 8) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1668) and the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 9) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2471),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fraser Kemp from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations and Orders) and nominated in substitution Stephen Hesford.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—First Special Report from the Select Committee on the Crossrail Bill; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 235-I, -II, -III, -IV and -V] [Sir Peter Soulsby].

2 Health,—National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 503-v] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 International Development,—(1) DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees on the Thai-Burma Border: Responses to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Eleventh Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 1070]; and

(2) Cross-departmental Working on Development and Trade: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1076-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

4 Public Administration,—(1) The Business Appointment Rules: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2006–07: Third Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 1087];

(2) The Ministerial Code: the case for independent investigation: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2005–06: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1088]; and

(3) Work of the Ombudsman: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1086-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

5 Trade and Industry,—(1) The work of the Office of Fair Trading: Twelfth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 591];

(2) Restructuring the Post Office Network: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2006–07: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1083]; and

(3) Recent Developments with Airbus: Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report of Session 2006–07: Eighth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1084] [Mr Peter Luff].
Thursday 18th October 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Management and services of the House of Commons—Review of Management and Services of the House of Commons by Sir Kevin Tebbit and 29th Annual Report of the House of Commons Commission).— Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 23rd October.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

Friday 19th October 2007.

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.

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2 The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

3 Motion to sit in private,—Mr Christopher Chope moved, That this 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 Christopher Chope, Sir John Butterfill: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Spink, Philip Davies: 42.

So the Question was negatived.

4 Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Bill.

Lords Amendment Nos. 1 to 7 were agreed to.

5 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1)(Appeals)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up, read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 26th October.

6 Temporary and Agency Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd March, That the Temporary and Agency Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 26th October.

7 Trade Union Rights and Freedoms Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union Rights and Freedoms Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th October.

8 Age-Related Macular Degeneration Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age-Related Macular Degeneration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th October.

9 Cystic Fibrosis (Exemption from Prescription Charges) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd March, That the Cystic Fibrosis (Exemption from Prescription Charges) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 26th October.
10 Termination of Pregnancy Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Termination of Pregnancy Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th October.

11 Land Use (Gardens Protection Etc) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd February, That the Land Use (Gardens Protection Etc) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 26th October.

12 Provision of Palliative Care Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Provision of Palliative Care Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th October.

13 Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telecommunications Masts (Planning Control) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th October.

14 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retail Packaging Recycling Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 26th October.

15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Alison Seabeck);
   And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seven minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 22nd October.
   [Adjourned at 3.07 p.m.

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Bluetongue (Compensation) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2996), dated 17th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) (Information Centre and Compensation Body) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2982), dated 17th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
Monday 22nd October 2007.

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

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1 Electoral Commission (Answer to Address),—The Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of 18th July, praying that Her Majesty would appoint as Electoral Commissioners—

(1) Maxwell Marshall Caller CBE for the period ending on 31st December 2011;

(2) Henrietta Campbell CB for the period ending on 31st December 2011;

(3) Ian Maxwell Kelsall OBE with effect from 19th January 2008 for the period ending on 31st December 2012; and

(4) John McCormick with effect from 19th January 2008 for the period ending on 31st December 2012,

was presented to Her Majesty who was graciously pleased to comply with the request.

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Police Reform Act 2002 (Standard Powers and Duties of Community Support Officers) Order 2007.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Ann Winterton reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2163).

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

4 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2173).

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:

Broads Authority Bill,—The Lords concur with the Order made by this House concerning the Broads Authority Bill set out in the Message of 16th October.

Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Message from this House of 17th October in respect of the Transport for London Bill [Lords], and have come to the following Resolution in respect of the said Bill:

That the promoters of the Transport for London Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords in the previous Session on 23rd January 2006, 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 150A (Suspension of bills).

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:

That the promoters of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, which was originally introduced in this House in Session 2004–05 on 25th January 2005, 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 150A (Suspension of bills).

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords], to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That the promoters of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords on 22nd January 2007, 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 150A (Suspension of bills).

Manchester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords], to which they desire the agreement of this House:
That the promoters of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords on 22nd January 2007, 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 150A (Suspension of bills).

Transport for London (Supplemental Toll Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Transport for London (Supplemental Toll Provisions) Bill [Lords], to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That the promoters of the Transport for London (Supplemental Toll Provisions) Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords on 22nd January 2007, 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 150A (Suspension of bills).

The Lords communicate that their Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee on 17th October reported, pursuant to section 15 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006, a Recommendation that the super-affirmative resolution procedure should apply to the draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2007.

The Lords agree to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 167].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill be printed [Bill 167-EN].

7 Serious Crime Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Serious Crime Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the recovery of costs in relation to authorised monitors.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

8 Serious Crime Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Serious Crime Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Compliance with orders: authorised monitors)—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—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 Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 277.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Angela Watkinson: 204.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC2) (Costs in relation to authorised monitors)—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC3) (Civil recovery management receivers)—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC9) (Incidents involving serious violence: powers to stop and search)—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Sharing of communications data)—(Mr Dominic Grieve)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Hurd, Angela Watkinson: 198.
Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Mr Dave Watts: 273.

Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, after the word ‘satisfied’, to insert the words ‘beyond reasonable doubt’.—(Mr Jeremy Browne.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Rogerson, Mr Roger Williams: 201.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Sadiq Khan: 274.
And it being after Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [12th June], put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 10, 84, 12, 13, 54, 55, 14 to 16, 85, 17 to 22, 56 to 62, 23 to 53 and 86) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision about serious crime prevention orders; to create offences in respect of the encouragement or assistance of crime; to enable information to be shared or processed to prevent fraud or for purposes relating to proceeds of crime; to enable data matching to be conducted both in relation to fraud and for other purposes; to transfer functions of the Director of the Assets Recovery Agency to the Serious Organised Crime Agency and other persons and to make further provision in connection with the abolition of the Agency and the office of Director; to amend the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in relation to certain investigations and in relation to accredited financial investigators, management receivers and enforcement receivers, cash recovery proceedings and search warrants; to extend stop and search powers in connection with incidents involving serious violence; to make amendments relating to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs in connection with the regulation of investigatory powers; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

9 European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Republic of Tajikistan) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 10th July, be approved—(Mr Nicholas Brown).—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 23rd October, 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 Nicholas Brown.)

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 25th October, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motions in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to—
(a) Modernisation of the House of Commons;
(b) Modernisation of the House of Commons (Changes to Standing Orders);
(c) Procedure;
(d) Procedure (Changes to Standing Orders); and
(e) European Standing Committees (Temporary Nomination)
not later than Five 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 Nicholas Brown.)

12 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That—
(1) at the sittings on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th October, 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 Tuesday 30th October, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until a Message has been received from the Lords Commissioners; and
(3) on Tuesday 30th October, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)

13 Education and Skills.—Ordered, That Mr Rob Wilson be discharged from the Education and Skills Committee and Mr Graham Stuart be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Health.—Ordered, That Mr David Amess be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr Robert Syms be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Home Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Richard Benyon be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and David T. C. Davies be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Work and Pensions.—Ordered, That Justine Greening be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Mr Oliver Heald be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Dave Watts);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Defence,—Draft Armed Forces (Redress of Individual Grievances) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Contributions to the Air Travel Trust) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2999), dated 19th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


4 Food,—Contaminants in Food (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2983), dated 16th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Income Tax,—Income Tax (Benefits Received by Former Owner of Property) (Election for Inheritance Tax Treatment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3000), dated 19th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Other Papers:

6 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the NHS Pension Scheme and NHS Compensation for Premature Retirement Scheme for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1007] [Jane Kennedy].

7 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1085] [Clerk of the House].

8 Superannuation,—Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2007 (No. 3) [by Act] [Edward Miliband].

Papers withdrawn:

9 Defence,—Draft Armed Forces (Redress of Individual Grievances) Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 8th October]

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2163),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Crausby, Anne Moffat and Chris Ruane from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Kevan Jones and Rosemary McKenna.

2 Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2173),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Watson and Mrs Betty Williams from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham and Mr Siôn Simon.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government.—Departmental Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 1093-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Home Affairs.—(1) Police Funding: Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1092]; and
   (2) The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Proposals: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1020-iii] [Keith Vaz].

3 Human Rights,—The human rights of adults with learning disabilities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 659-in] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Public Accounts,—Coal health compensation schemes: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts, to be printed [No. 1094-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Trade and Industry,—Industrial action at Royal Mail: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 1089-i] [Mr Peter Luff].

6 Treasury,—The 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1032-i] [John McFall].

PRAYERS.

Tuesday 23rd October 2007.

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

1 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported certain Memoranda from the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee. Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure (House of Commons Paper No. 998). 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 Gaming Duty (Additional Games) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2910). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jim Hood reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of Youth Offending in Northern Ireland referred to it on 10th October. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 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. 11326/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication: From Cairo to Lisbon—The EU-Africa Strategic Partnership, and welcomes the progress being made on development of the strategy in preparation for the December EU-Africa Summit. Resolution to lie upon the Table. 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 agree to the UK Borders Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.
8 UK Borders Bill.—Lords Amendments to the UK Borders Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 168].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the UK Borders Bill be printed [Bill 168-EN].

9 Packaging (Reduction).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a national body to promote and enforce packaging reduction; to make provision for the disposal of packaging by certain retailers; to establish binding targets for the reduction of packaging, and for connected purposes: And that Jo Swinson, Chris Huhne, Susan Kramer, Andrew Stunell, Norman Baker, John Barrett, Jenny Willott, Peter Bottomley, Bob Spink, Derek Wyatt, Mark Lazarowicz and Mrs Sharon Hodgson do prepare and bring it in.

10 Packaging (Reduction) Bill.—Jo Swinson accordingly presented a Bill to establish a national body to promote and enforce packaging reduction; to make provision for the disposal of packaging by certain retailers; to establish binding targets for the reduction of packaging; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 25th October and to be printed [Bill 165].

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

Sustainable Communities Act 2007
Greater London Authority Act 2007
Further Education and Training Act 2007
Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Act 2007.

12 Crossrail Bill (Carry-over),—Ordered, That further proceedings on the Crossrail Bill shall be suspended 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 time and second time; and
(b) the Bill shall be deemed to have been reported from the Select Committee and to have been re-committed to a Public Bill Committee; and
(c) 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 2005–06 or 2004–05 shall be deemed to have complied with or (as the case may be) dispensed with in the next Session.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr Tom Harris.)

13 House of Commons Members' Fund (Discretionary Payments).—Ordered, 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 1957, in the year commencing 1st October 2007 there be appropriated for the purposes of section 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.)

14 House of Commons Members' Fund (Custodian Trustee).—Ordered, That, in pursuance of sections 2(1) and (2) of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939, Capita Trust Company Ltd. be appointed as custodian trustee in the room of the Public Trustee.—(Mr Peter Lilley.)

15 Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 9th, the 11th, the 13th to the 40th and the 43rd to the 45th Reports, and of the First Special Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006-07, and of the Treasury Minutes thereon (Cm. 7076, 7077, 7151, 7152 and 7216).—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) the Sefton Coast Watch Committee for action to protect the Sefton coastal woods; and
(2) the Pullen family for reform of the Family Courts

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.) 

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

[Adjourned at 9.55 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) (Switzerland) Order 2007; and

(2) draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Faroes) Order 2007

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff[s] (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2998), dated 17th October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

3 Education,—(1) Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2979); and

(2) Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Management Committees etc.) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2978),
dated 16th October 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].


Other Papers:

5 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 23rd October 2007, concerning the gifting of equipment to the Government of Uganda [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Pensions Regulator: Progress in establishing its new regulatory approach [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1035] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure (House of Commons Paper No. 998),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Measure) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey.

2 Gaming Duty (Additional Games) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2910),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Jabez Foster from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Chris Ruane.

3 Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson, Mr Edward Leigh and Mr Andrew Pelling from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Bone, Ian Lucas and Sir George Young.
European Standing Committees

4 European Union Document No. 11326/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to a New EU-Africa Strategic Partnership.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jon Cruddas from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Geoffrey Robinson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government.—Refuse Collection: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2006-07. Second Special Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 1095] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Constitutional Affairs.—(1) Draft Sentencing Guidelines: Assaults: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1096-i]; and
   (2) Party Funding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 6th June 2006, in the last Session of Parliament; to be published
   [Mr Alan Beith].

3 Culture, Media and Sport.—Tourism: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 983-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence.—Iraq and Afghanistan: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 1091-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Defra Priorities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1100-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 Environmental Audit.—Reducing carbon emissions from UK business: The role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 1073-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 International Development.—Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 1097-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Public Administration.—Propriety and Honours: Lessons Learned:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration on 13th July 2006, in the last Session of Parliament; to be printed [No. 1049-ii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1049-iii]
   [Dr Tony Wright].

9 Science and Technology.—Science and Innovation Investment Framework 2004–2014: Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 1079-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

10 Trade and Industry.—The UK Construction Industry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 1090-i] [Mr Peter Luff].

[No. 142; WH, No. 88]

Tuesday 23rd October 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]
Wednesday 24th October 2007.

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

PRAYERS

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [22nd 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 which was originally introduced in this House, on 25th January 2005, 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).—(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 [22nd October] as relates to the Bournemouth Borough Council 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 [22nd October] as relates to the Manchester City Council 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 [22nd October] as relates to the Transport for London (Supplemental Toll Provisions) 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 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:

The Lords agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Serious Crime Bill [Lords].

6 Grandparents (Rights of Access),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give grandparents rights of access to their grandchildren in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Ian Cawsey, Nick Anger, John Bercow, Jeff Ennis, Mr Roger Gale, Mr John Heppell, Shona McIsaac, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley, Laura Moffatt, Kali Mountford and Mrs Linda Riordan do prepare and bring it in.

7 Grandparents (Rights of Access) Bill,—Mr Ian Cawsey accordingly presented a Bill to give grandparents rights of access to their grandchildren 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 26th October and to be printed [Bill 166].

8 Legal Services Bill [Lords] (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 Legal Services Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 4th June and 15th October 2007 (Legal Services Bill [Lords] (Programme) and Legal Services Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2))—

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. Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

9 Legal Services Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [18th October] relating to the Legal Services Bill [Lords].

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House does not insist on Commons Amendment No. 4 to which the Lords have disagreed, disagrees to Lords Amendment No. 4A proposed in lieu of that Amendment and proposes Amendments ((a) to (c)) to the Bill in lieu thereof—(Bridget Prentice);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Bob Blizzard: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Angela Watkinson: 145.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 10, to which the Lords have disagreed, and agrees to Lords Amendment No. 10A instead thereof.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 11, to which the Lords have disagreed, and agrees to Lords Amendments Nos. 11A and 11B instead thereof.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 12, to which the Lords have disagreed, and agrees to Lords Amendment No. 12A instead thereof.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 13, to which the Lords have disagreed, and agrees to Lords Amendment No. 13A instead thereof.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 14, to which the Lords have disagreed, and agrees to Lords Amendments Nos. 14A and 14C instead thereof.

Resolved, That this House disagrees to Lords Amendment No. 15A but proposes an Amendment ((a)) in lieu thereof.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House does not insist on Commons Amendments Nos. 74 to 77 and 81 to 88, to which the Lords have disagreed, but proposes Amendments ((a) to (l)) in lieu of Commons Amendments Nos. 74 to 77 and 81 to 88—(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 [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Alison Seabeck: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, John Hemming, Mr Jeremy Browne: 50.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Local Government and Public Involvement in 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 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 22nd January and 17th May 2007 (Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill (Programme) and Local Government and Public Involvement in 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 four 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. Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.
11 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 47 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 48.
An Amendment (aa) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the word ‘six’ and insert the word ‘twelve’, instead thereof.—(Alistair Burt.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Michael Fabricant: 205.
Tellers for the Noes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Sadiq Khan: 283.
So the Question was negatived.
The Lords Amendment was agreed to.
Lords Amendment Nos. 49 to 174 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 175.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(John Healey);
And it being four 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 Question on the remaining Lords Amendments.
Lords Amendments Nos. 176 to 251 were agreed to.

12 Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 9th October, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Siobhain McDonagh: 287.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr John Baron: 155.
So the Question was agreed to.

13 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Police Reform Act 2002 (Standard Powers and Duties of Community Support Officers) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 8th October, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

14 Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Gaming Duty (Additional Games) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2910), dated 8th October 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th October, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

15 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2163), dated 25th July 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25th July, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

16 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2173), dated 25th July 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25th July, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

17 EU-Africa Strategic Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 11326/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication: From Cairo to Lisbon—The EU-Africa Strategic Partnership, and welcomes the progress being made on development of the strategy in preparation for the December EU-Africa Summit—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.
Adjournment. — Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Customs and Excise,—Paper, entitled Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man on Customs and Excise and associated matters [by Command] [Cm. 7238] [Jane Kennedy].

2 House of Commons Commission,—Report of the House of Commons Commission on the nomination of a Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards; to be printed [No. 1096] [The Speaker].

3 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the House of Lords Committee on Science and Technology, Session 2006–07, on Personal Internet Security [by Command] [Cm. 7234] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

4 Standards and Privileges,—Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for 2006–07 [by Standing Order]; to be printed [No. 1012] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Tax Avoidance Schemes (Penalty) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Quentin Davies and Mr Ian McCartney from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Dr Ian Gibson and Dr Stephen Ladyman.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Creative Partnerships and the Curriculum:
   (i) Eleventh Report from the Education and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1034]; and
   (ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (2) Post-16 Skills: Government Response to the Committee’s Ninth Report of Session 2006–07: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1101]; and
   (3) The Work of the Education and Skills Committee: Eighth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1102]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Badgers and cattle TB: Final Report of the Independent Scientific Group: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 725-iv] [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. 41-xxviii]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Michael Connarty].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Committee; to be printed [No. 520-ix] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

5 Public Accounts,—Helping people from workless households into work: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1105-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Scientific developments relating to the Abortion Act 1967: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee; to be printed [No. 1045-iii] [Mr Phil Willis].
7 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 82-xxviii]; and
(2) Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 83-iv];
[David Maclean].

8 Transport,—Department for Transport Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 1104-i];[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Work and Pensions,—(1) Full employment and world class skills: responding to the challenges: Eighth Report from the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 939]; and
(2) The best start in life? Alleviating deprivation, improving social mobility and eradicating child poverty:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1069-i]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Terry Rooney].

Wednesday 24th October 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 5.09 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee:
(1) certain Memoranda, and
(2) That the Committee had gone through the Bill, in respect of Clauses Nos. 1 to 9 and Schedules Nos. 1 to 4, and, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A and Order [8th October], had directed him to report the Bill, as so far amended, to the House.
Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.
Bill, as so far amended in the Public Bill Committee, to lie upon the Table.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Tax Avoidance Schemes (Penalty) Regulations 2007.
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 Amendments made by this House to the Legal Services Bill [Lords].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the First Report of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons on Revitalising the Chamber: the role of the back bench Member (House of Commons Paper No. 337) and approves the proposals for changes in the procedures and practices of the House set out in the Government’s response to the report (Cm. 7231), including the proposals for topical questions—(Ms Harriet Harman);
And it being Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [22nd October], proceeded to put the Questions to be disposed of that hour.
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 6, at the end to add the words ‘but excluding the proposed acceptance of the Committee’s recommendation 35, as set out in paragraph 31 of the Government’s response, that the use of handheld devices to keep up to date with emails should be permitted in the Chamber.’—(Sir Nicholas Winterton.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ann Winterton, Miss Ann Widdecombe: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevan Jones, Sir Peter Soulsby: 74.

So the Question was negatived.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the First Report of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons on Revitalising the Chamber: the role of the back bench Member (House of Commons Paper No. 337) and approves the proposals for changes in the procedures and practices of the House set out in the Government’s response to the report (Cm. 7231), including the proposals for topical questions.

Modernisation of the House of Commons (Changes to Standing Orders).—Ordered, That in the next Session of Parliament the following amendments to the Standing Orders, and new Orders, shall have effect:

(A) Topical debates

The following new Standing Order:

Topical debates

(1) A Minister of the Crown may indicate that proceedings on a motion, That the House has considered a specified matter, being a matter of regional, national or international importance, are to be conducted as a topical debate.

(2) A topical debate shall last for not more than one and a half hours, at which time the motion, unless previously disposed of, shall lapse.

(3) A topical debate shall be opened by a Minister of the Crown who, when called by the Speaker, may speak for up to ten minutes.

(4) A Member speaking on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition, when called by the Speaker, may speak for up to ten minutes either immediately following the Minister at the start of the debate or immediately before the Minister at its conclusion.

(5) A Member nominated by the leader of the second largest opposition party, when called by the Speaker, may speak for up to six minutes either at the start of the debate or before the Member speaking on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition or the Minister, as the case may be, at its conclusion.

(6) Members speaking under paragraphs (3), (4) or (5), when speaking at the start of the debate, shall be permitted to speak for an extra minute for each intervention they accept up to the same number as the number of minutes allocated to them to speak.

(7) The Speaker may direct any Member speaking under paragraphs (3), (4) or (5) to resume his seat when he has spoken for the period provided for in those paragraphs and paragraph (6).

(8) Time limits on speeches by other Members may be announced by the Speaker under Standing Order No. 47 (Time limits on speeches).

(B) General debates

(i) The following amendment to Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House):

Line 31, at end insert ‘, or that the House has considered a specified matter,’

(ii) The following new Standing Order:

Amendments to motions to consider specified matters

Where, in the opinion of the Speaker, a motion, That this House has considered a specified matter, is expressed in neutral terms, no amendment to it may be tabled.

(C) Emergency debates

The following amendments to Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration):

Line 4, leave out ‘to move the adjournment of the House for purpose of discussing’ and insert ‘that the House should debate’

Line 7, leave out ‘discussed’ and insert ‘debated’
Line 15, leave out from ‘made’ to the end of the paragraph and insert—
‘(a) the debate shall be held on a motion that the House has considered the specified
matter; and
(b) the Speaker shall announce either—
(i) the length of the debate and the time at which it is to be held; or
(ii) that he will make such a statement at a later named hour during that sitting.
(2A) Proceedings in respect of a debate under this order may last not more than three
hours and, at the conclusion of the time allocated to them, pursuant to paragraph
(2)(b) of this order, the motion, unless otherwise disposed of, shall lapse.
Line 23, leave out ‘to propose to move the adjournment of the House under the provisions of’ and insert ‘make an application under’
Line 43, leave out paragraph (6)
Line 49, at beginning insert, ‘If the Speaker announces that the debate will take place
on the same day as the application is made, ‘
Line 49, leave out from ‘postponed’ to the end of line 52, and insert ‘as the result of
that announcement, may continue, following the conclusion of proceedings on
that debate, for the same time beyond the moment of interruption as that taken
by the debate, and’
Line 54, leave out from ‘business’ to the end of the paragraph.

(D) Time limits on speeches
(i) Repeal of Standing Order No. 47 (Short speeches)
(ii) The following new Standing Order:

\textit{Time limits on speeches}

47.—(1) The Speaker may announce that he intends to call Members to speak in a
debate, or at certain times during that debate, for no longer than any period he
may specify, and he may at any time make subsequent announcements varying the
terms of an announcement under this paragraph.
(2) Whenever the Speaker has made an announcement under paragraph (1), he may,
subject to paragraph (4), direct any Member (other than a Minister of the Crown,
a Member speaking on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition, or not more than
one Member nominated by the leader of the second largest opposition party) who
has spoken for that period to resume his seat forthwith.
(3) The Speaker may announce, at or before the commencement of any debate
(other than a topical debate) in respect of which he has made or intends to make
an announcement under paragraph (1), that speeches by a Minister of the Crown, Members speaking on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition, and
not more than one Member nominated by the leader of the second largest
opposition party shall be limited to twenty minutes and he may direct any such
Member who has spoken for that period to resume his seat forthwith.
(4) In relation to any speech, the Speaker shall add to any period specified
(a) under paragraph (1) of this order—
   (i) one minute if one intervention is accepted, plus the time taken by that
   intervention;
   (ii) two minutes if two or more interventions are accepted, plus the time taken
   by the first two such interventions;
(b) under paragraph (3) of this order, one minute for each intervention accepted up
to a maximum of fifteen minutes.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

6 Procedure,—\textit{Resolved, That this House welcomes the First Report of the Procedure
Committee on Public Petitions and Early Day Motions (House of Commons Paper No.
513); and approves the proposals for changes in the procedures and practices of the
House set out in the Government’s response to the report in Cm. 7193.—(Mr Dave
Watts.)

7 Procedure (Changes to Standing Orders),—\textit{Ordered, That the following amendments to
Standing Orders be made, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of
Parliament:
(1) In Standing Order No. 154 (Time and manner of presenting petitions):
   (i) line 5, leave out from ‘be’ to the end of line 6 and insert ‘presented’
   (ii) line 10, leave out from the word ‘conclusion’ to the end of line 19
   (iii) line 20, leave out ‘(a) and (1)(b)’.
(2) In Standing Order No. 156 (Printing of petitions and of ministerial replies)
(i) line 4, leave out the words ‘ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed’ and insert the words ‘published in the Official Report’
(ii) line 7, leave out from the word ‘be’ to the end of line 9 and insert ‘published in the Official Report.’—(Mr Dave Watts.)

8 European Standing Committees (Temporary Nomination).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of the House of 7th July 2005 relating to European Standing Committees (Temporary Nomination) shall continue to have effect in the next Session of Parliament.—(Mr Dave Watts);
The Question was amended, in line 4, at the end, by adding the words ‘for a period not longer than three months.’—(Michael Connarty.)

Ordered, That the Order of the House of 7th July 2005 relating to European Standing Committees (Temporary Nomination) shall continue to have effect in the next Session of Parliament for a period not longer than three months.

9 Modernisation of the House,—Ordered, That Mr Paul Burstow be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Simon Hughes be added.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

10 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 29th October, proceedings on the Motion for the adjournment of the House in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Burma 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 Dave Watts.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 29th October. [Adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Additional Authorities) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].
2 National Lottery,—Draft Payments into the Olympic Lottery Distribution Fund etc. Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Immigration,—Accession (Worker Authorisation and Worker Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3012), dated 23rd October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].
5 Plant Health,—Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3013), dated 22nd October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

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6 Children, Schools and Families,—Review of Section 58 of the Children Act 2004 [by Command] [Cm. 7232] [Secretary Ed Balls].
7 Constitutional Affairs,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2006-07, on Freedom of Information: Government’s proposals for reform [by Command] [Cm. 7187] [Secretary Jack Straw].
8 Governance of Britain,—Papers, entitled—
(1) The Governance of Britain: Judicial Appointments [by Command] [Cm. 7210] [Secretary Jack Straw].
(2) The Governance of Britain: Managing Protest around Parliament [by Command] [Cm. 7233] [Secretary Jacqui Smith]; and
(3) The Governance of Britain: War powers and treaties: Limiting Executive powers [by Command] [Cm. 7239] [Secretary Jack Straw].

9 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Armouries for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1008] [Secretary James Purnell].

10 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the English Sports Council Grant in Aid and Lottery for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 818] [Secretary James Purnell].

11 Pensions,—Report and Accounts of the Pension Protection Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1018] [Mr Secretary Hain].

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1 Culture, Media and Sport,—DCMS Annual Report 2007 and Responsibilities of the Secretary of State: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1099-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Developments in the EU: Memoranda laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be published;
(2) Global Security: Iran: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(3) Overseas Territories: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Mike Gapes].

3 Health,—Our NHS Our Future: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 1106-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Public Administration,—Propriety and Honours: Lessons Learned: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 1049-iv] [Dr Tony Wright].

5 Treasury,—(1) Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 999-iv]; and
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The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Second Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, The EU Emissions Trading Scheme: Lessons for the Future, and the Eighth Report from the Committee, Emissions Trading: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tom Watson.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned.

[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS

1 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Grand Committee do lie upon the Table.

2 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on Standards and Privileges be printed [No. 439].

3 UK Borders 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 UK Borders Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 5th February 2007 (UK Borders 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—(Ms Diana R. Johnson):—It was agreed to.

4 UK Borders Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the UK Borders Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 18 were agreed to.

   Lords Amendment No. 19.
   An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 10, at the end to add the words—

   '(c) record in documentation when staff and the Agency depart from the code and the reasons for such departure, and

   (d) inform the Office of the Children’s Commissioner in the relevant constituent part of the United Kingdom on each occasion when it has departed from the code.'.—(Damian Green.)

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 182.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Frank Roy: 268.

   So the Question was negatived.

   The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

5 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That on Tuesday 30th October, the House shall meet at 11.30 a.m.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

6 Adjournment (Burma),—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.

7 Taxes,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Tax Avoidance Schemes (Penalty) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 24th July, be approved—(Alison Seabeck):—It was agreed to.

8 Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure (House of Commons Paper No. 998), 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—(Alison Seabeck):—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

   (1) Mrs Catherine McDermott and residents of South Yorkshire for stiffer penalties for hit-and-run offences, and
(2) Linda White and other residents of Wellingborough including the Parish of our Lady of Our Sacred Heart, Wellingborough, for the repeal of the Abortion Act 1967 were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 26th October 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Feed (Corn Gluten Feed and Brewers Grains) (Emergency Control) (England) (Revocation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3007); and
(2) Feed (Specified Undesirable Substances) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3008),
dated 22nd October 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (EEA States) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3014), dated 22nd October 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hain].

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Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Criminal Law,—Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3076), dated 23rd October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Other Papers:

4 Climate Change,—Paper, entitled Taking Forward the UK Climate Change Bill: The Government Response to Pre-Legislative Scrutiny and Public Consultation [by Command] [Cm. 7225] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

5 Criminal Justice,—Report and Accounts of the Parole Board for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1022] [Secretary Jack Straw].


7 House of Commons Members’ Fund,—Report by the Government Actuary on the Valuation of the House of Commons Members’ Fund as at 30th September 2006 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 985] [Clerk of the House].

8 Isle of Man,—Account for 2005-06 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] [Jane Kennedy].

9 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Arts Council England grant-in-aid and lottery for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1103] [Secretary James Purnell].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(i) [12th July] from the constituents of South West Hertfordshire and other users of Britain’s inland waterways;
(ii) [24th July] from:
(a) the constituents of Banbury and other users of Britain’s inland waterways;
(b) the constituents of Leicester South and other users of Britain’s inland waterways; and
(c) the constituents of North-West Leicestershire and other users of Britain’s inland waterways; and
(iii) [25th July] from the constituents of Devizes and other users of Britain’s inland waterways;
(2) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [26th July] from residents of the London Boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth, Croydon, Lewisham and others against the decision to close the 24 hour emergency mental health clinic at the Maudsley Hospital in Camberwell; and

(3) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [9th October] from the residents of Tunstall for safety measures on the road between Tunstall Church and Tunstall School car park

[by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

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Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Departmental Annual Report 2007:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 1093-ii]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1093]

[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Public Accounts,—The retention of students in higher education: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1074-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Science and Technology,—(1) Scientific developments relating to the Abortion Act 1967: Twelfth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 9th October [No. 1045-I and -II]; and

(2) The Last Report: Thirteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 9th October [No. 1108]

[Mr Phil Willis].

4 Trade and Industry,—Implementation of the Report of the Women and Work Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Trade and Industry Committee; to be printed [No. 400-v] [Mr Peter Luff].

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Tuesday 30th October 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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 and a Measure 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 a Measure, and for proroguing this present Parliament.

The Royal Assent was given to the following Acts and Measure:—

Serious Crime Act 2007

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Legal Services Act 2007

UK Borders Act 2007


And afterwards Her Majesty’s Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord President of the Council (in pursuance of Her Majesty’s Command), as follows:

My Government has pursued policies aimed at meeting the challenges which the United Kingdom faces at home and abroad.
A stable economy is the foundation of a fair and prosperous society. My Government has secured low inflation, sound public finances and high employment.

My Government has taken further action to provide strong, secure and stable communities, and to address the threat of terrorism.

My Government has put victims at the heart of the criminal justice system, supported the police and all those responsible for the public’s safety, and proceeded with the development of identity cards.

Legislation has been brought forward for the next stage of reform of the criminal justice system, giving the police and local authorities new powers to protect the public from violent offenders and anti-social behaviour.

Legislation has been enacted to make it easier to prosecute organisations when their gross negligence leads to death.

Legislation has been enacted to improve the way that offenders are managed and supervised.

Legislation has been enacted to give law enforcement agencies new powers to combat serious and organised crime.

An Act has been passed to improve the administration of justice by reforming the tribunal system, the qualifications for judicial appointment and the enforcement of judgements.

An Act has been passed to reform the regulation and delivery of legal services to enable greater competition and innovation in the sector and to better serve the public and consumer interest.

My Government has worked, including with European Union partners, to deliver international action on climate security, and access to the sustainable and affordable energy supplies necessary for our prosperity and security.

My Government has published a draft Bill on climate change to create a long-term legal framework to reduce the United Kingdom’s carbon dioxide emissions up to 2050 and beyond.

My Government has continued to invest in and reform the public services in order to improve further their effectiveness and to help the most vulnerable members of society.

Legislation has been enacted to simplify the benefits system for those whose health affects their capacity for work, to reform the welfare system, and to reduce poverty.

Legislation has been brought forward to improve the system of child maintenance, and to provide assistance to people suffering from mesothelioma who are ineligible under the current scheme.

An Act has been passed to provide for long-term reform of pensions.

Legislation has been enacted to provide for free off-peak local bus travel anywhere in England for older and disabled people.

My Government’s programme of educational reform has continued to raise standards in schools to help all children achieve their full potential.

An Act has been passed to reform the further education system so that it can better equip people with the skills that they and the economy need.

My Government has continued to modernise and reform healthcare—ensuring that patients get a better service—whilst retaining the founding principles of the National Health Service.

An Act has been passed to provide a better framework for treating people with mental disorders.

Draft legislation has been published to reform the regulation of human embryology.

A draft Bill has been published to tackle road congestion and to improve public transport.

My Government has published proposals to reform the planning system.

An Act has been passed to provide for improved arrangements for consumer advocacy and handling of consumer complaints against utility companies and estate agents.

My Government has also continued its programme of reform to provide institutions that better serve a modern democracy, and has worked to build a consensus on reform of the House of Lords.

My Government has published a Draft Legislative Programme.
Legislation has been enacted to provide for reform of local government and enhanced powers for the Mayor and Assembly for London.

Legislation has been enacted to create an independent board to promote and safeguard the production and publication of official statistics that serve the public good.

Other important measures have been enacted.

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.

My Government has secured the restoration of devolution in Northern Ireland, and worked closely with the cross-party administration since May 2007. I am grateful to Lords and Members of the House of Commons for their essential contribution to this process in passing two Acts under emergency procedures and a Justice and Security Act for Northern Ireland.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to pay a State visit to the United States of America in May 2007 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown Settlement. We were also pleased to visit the Netherlands in February 2007 and Belgium in July 2007. We were pleased to receive the President of Ghana and Mrs Kufuor in March 2007.

My Government remains committed to peace in the Middle East. It has continued to work to find a lasting settlement between Israel and the Palestinians based on two states existing alongside each other in peace and security, to support the new Iraqi Government in its efforts to build an enduring constitutional settlement, and to assist the Government of Afghanistan.

My Government has worked with the United Nations and European Union partners to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction, including addressing international concerns over North Korea and Iran, and to promote good governance.

My Government has worked to build an effective and globally competitive European Union and to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

My Government has continued to contribute to a modern and inclusive United Nations and worked to achieve a new World Trade agreement.

My Government has maintained and strengthened its focus on Africa, and has secured increased international support for a resolution to the crisis in Darfur.

My Government has continued to work to foster a strong partnership between Europe and the United States of America 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.

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 Tuesday, the sixth day of this instant November, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the sixth day of November.

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Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Education,—Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3009), dated 22nd October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary Ed Balls].


Other Papers:

5 European Communities (No. 12, 2007).—Agreement, done at Brussels on 25th July 2007, on the participation of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the European Economic Area, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7240] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled Community Restorative Justice Ireland: Report of a pre-inspection of schemes in Belfast and in the North-West with a view to accreditation under the Government’s Protocol for Community Based Restorative Justice [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

7 Public Petitions. —Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [9th October] from the residents of Tunstall for safety measures on the road between Tunstall Church and Tunstall School car park [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Reserve Forces, —Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 56(1) of that Act, dated 30th October [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

9 Transport. —Paper, entitled Towards a Sustainable Transport System: Supporting Economic Growth in a Low Carbon World [by Command] [Cm. 7226] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

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1 Environmental Audit, —(1) Beyond Stern: From the Climate Change Programme Review to the Draft Climate Change Bill: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07. Ninth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 1110]; and

(2) Reducing carbon emissions from UK business: The role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1073-iii]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Tim Yeo].

2 Trade and Industry, —(1) The Future of UK Manufacturing: Public Procurement: Thirteenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1109]; and

(2) Trade with India: One Year On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1107-i]

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