BY virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Tuesday the 6th day of November 2007, to be then here holden.
J O U R N A L S
OF THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS

Session 2007–2008

[No. 1.]
Tuesday 6th November 2007.
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 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.

5 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 take forward policies to respond to the rising aspirations of the people of the United Kingdom; to ensure security for all; and to entrust more power to Parliament and the people.
   My Government’s programme will meet people’s aspirations for better education, housing, healthcare and children’s services, and for a cleaner environment.
   My Government is committed to raising educational standards and giving everyone the chance to reach their full potential.
   A Bill will be introduced to ensure that young people stay in education or training until age 18, and to provide new rights to skills training for adults.
   Draft legislation will be brought forward to reform apprenticeships.
   Available and affordable housing is one of my Government’s main priorities.
   Legislation will be introduced to create a new Homes and Communities Agency that will deliver more social and affordable housing, and promote regeneration.
There will also be a Bill to reform the planning system, providing for quicker and more transparent decision-making.

My Government is committed to providing a healthcare system organised around the needs of the patient.

Legislation will be introduced to create a stronger health and social care regulator with a remit to ensure clean and safe services and high-quality care.

A Bill will be brought forward to reform the regulation of human embryology and to ensure that Britain remains at the forefront of medical research.

My Government wants all children to have the best possible start in life.

There will be a Bill to improve services for vulnerable children and young people, including those in care.

My Government will bring forward proposals to help people achieve a better balance between work and family life.

Legislation will be introduced to enable unclaimed money in dormant bank accounts to be used for youth facilities, financial inclusion and social investment.

A Bill will place a duty on every employer to contribute to good quality workplace pensions for their employees.

My Government is committed to protecting the environment and to tackling climate change, both at home and abroad.

A Bill will be brought forward to make the United Kingdom the first country in the world to introduce a legally binding framework to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

My Government will introduce legislation to provide clean, secure and affordable supplies of energy.

There will be legislation to tackle congestion and improve public transport.

Alongside measures to meet rising aspirations, my Government will take further action to create stronger communities and tackle terrorism.

Legislation to reform the criminal justice system will continue to be taken forward, with the aim of protecting the public and reducing re-offending.

My Government will publish a draft Bill on citizenship.

My Government will seek a consensus on changes to the law on terrorism so that the police and other agencies have the powers they need to protect the public, whilst preserving essential rights and liberties.

My Government will pursue policies to secure a stable and strong economy, with low inflation, sound public finances, and high levels of employment.

Legislation will be brought forward to protect depositors and ensure confidence in the banking system.

A Bill will be introduced to reduce regulatory burdens on business.

My Government is committed to openness and accountability, and to a strong Parliament able to hold the Government properly to account.

Proposals will be brought forward to renew the constitutional settlement and strengthen the relationship between the Government, Parliament and the people.

My Government will bring forward proposals on the regulation of party finance and expenditure.

Members of the House of Commons

Estimates for the public services will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons

My Government will continue to work closely with the devolved administrations in the interests of all the people of the United Kingdom.

My Government will continue to work to build a prosperous and secure European Union, better able to respond to the challenges of globalisation. Legislation will be brought forward to enable Parliament to approve the European Union Reform Treaty.

Reducing global poverty will be a high priority for my Government, with renewed efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to visiting Uganda later this month for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

My Government will continue to work with the Government of Iraq to deliver security, political reconciliation and economic reconstruction.
My Government will continue to support the Government of Afghanistan as it tackles extremism, instability and the narcotics trade.

My Government will continue to work with the United Nations, G8 and European Union to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction, including addressing international concerns over Iran's nuclear intentions.

My Government will maintain Britain's strong commitment to reaching a lasting peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians.

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.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

And it being 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 six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

(Appended at 10.06 p.m.)

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Wednesday 31st October 2007

1 Agriculture.—Agricultural Land Tribunals (Rules) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3105), dated 25th October 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2 Immigration.—Asylum Support (Prescribed Period following Appeal) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3102), dated 30th October 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3 Merchant Shipping.—(1) Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Control of Noise at Work) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3075); and


Thursday 1st November 2007

5 Animals.—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 6) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3142), dated 31st October 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Environmental Protection,—Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3106), dated 30th October 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

8 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Carcinogens and Mutagens) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3100), dated 29th October 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Friday 2nd November 2007

9 British Nationality.—(1) British Nationality (British Overseas Territories) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3139); and

(2) British Nationality (General and Hong Kong) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3137),
dated 26th October 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


(2) Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3135), dated 30th October 2007; and

(3) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3132), dated 30th October 2007,

with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Monday 5th November 2007


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 6th November 2007:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

13 Companies.—Company and Business Names (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3152) [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

14 Criminal Law.—Draft Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Additional Authorities) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

16 National Health Service.—(1) Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3146);

(2) Scarborough and North East Yorkshire Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3145);

(3) South Tees Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3147), and

(4) York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3144),
dated 31st October 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
Other Papers:

17 Government Resources and Accounts,—Accounts of the Fleet Air Arm Museum for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 23] [Clerk of the House].

18 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 6th November 2007, concerning a contingent liability for an indemnity for members of the independent inquiry into access to healthcare for people with learning difficulties [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

19 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Housing Market Renewal; and

(2) The cancellation of Bicester Accommodation Centre

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 20 and 19] [Clerk of the House].

20 National Savings Bank,—Accounts of the National Savings Ordinary Deposits for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 24] [Clerk of the House].

21 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: Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 6) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3142); and

(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: Company and Business Names (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3152)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

European Standing Committees

1 European Union Document No. 6145/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Emissions from Road Transport and Inland Waterways,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr David S. Borrow, Tony Cunningham, Mr Quentin Davies, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Adam Holloway, Susan Kramer, Mr John Leech, Anne Moffat, Helen Southworth, Graham Stringer and Jeremy Wright.

Private Business

2 Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel),—Rosemary McKenna reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had appointed seventeen 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, Colm 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.

3 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, David Hamilton, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Jim McGovern, Anne Moffat, Mr Michael Moore, David Mundell, Sandra Osborne, Mr Alan Reid, John Robertson, Mr Mohammed Sarwar and Jim Sheridan.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Public Service Content: First 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. 36-I and -II] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Welsh Affairs.—Globalisation and its impact on Wales: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 34-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 2.]

Wednesday 7th November 2007.

The House met at half-past Eleven 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 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill,—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Jack Straw, Secretary Des Browne, Mr Secretary Hutton, Secretary Ed Balls, Mr Secretary Woodward, Mr James Plaskitt and Mrs Anne McGuire, 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 and second time without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills) and Order [4th July 2007]; and ordered to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill be printed [Bill 3–EN].

3 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill,—Secretary Jack Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Jacqui Smith, Secretary Alan Johnson, Mr Secretary Hutton, Secretary Ed Balls, Mr Secretary Woodward and Mr David Hanson 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 and second time without Question put, and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee in respect of Clauses Nos. 10 to 129 and Schedules Nos. 5 to 23, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80A (Carry-over of bills) and Order [8th October 2007]; and ordered to be printed [Bill 1].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill be printed [Bill 1–EN].
4 European Communities (Finance) Bill.—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary David Miliband, Secretary Hilary Benn, Andy Burnham, Jane Kennedy, Mr Jim Murphy, Angela Eagle and Kitty Ussher presented (under Standing Order No. 50 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to amend the definition of 'the Treaties' and 'the Community Treaties' in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 so as to include the decision of 7th June 2007 of the Council on the Communities' system of own resources: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

*Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the European Communities (Finance) Bill be printed [Bill 2–EN].*

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

*Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—*(Tony Cunningham.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

6 Adjournment.—*Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—*(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.47 p.m.

APPENDIX I

*Papers presented or laid upon the Table:*

**Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1 Education,—Draft Regional Learning and Skills Councils Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


3 Employment and Training,—Industrial Training (Film Industry Training Board for England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3148), dated 31st October 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

4 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Nursing and Midwifery Council (Election Scheme) (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3134), dated 29th October 2007 [by Order], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Immigration,—(1) Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (Procedure) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3170), dated 6th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw], and

(2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] to be printed [No. 28] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

6 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3169), dated 7th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 17th May 2007, made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].
Other Papers:

8 National Lottery—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2006-07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 15] [Secretary Des Browne].

9 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.)—Reports of the Independent Monitoring Commission—
   (1) Sixteenth; and
   (2) Seventeenth
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 17 and 18] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

10 Osteopaths—Report and Accounts of the General Osteopathic Council for 2006-07 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

11 Pastoral Measure—Report and Accounts of the Churches Conservation Trust for 2006-07 [by Measure] [Secretary James Purnell].

12 Prisons—Explanatory Memorandum to the Prison (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3149) [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers withdrawn:


14 Prisons—Explanatory Memorandum to the Prison (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3149) [laid 2nd November].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

European Standing Committees

1 European Union Document No. 14498/07, relating to Economic Partnership Agreements, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

2 European Union Document No. COM (2007) 598, relating to The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs—(1) The UK Government’s ‘Vision for the Common Agricultural Policy: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2006-07: 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. 48]; and
   (2) Flooding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 49-i]
   [Mr Michael Jack].

2 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. 16-i]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee: to be published
   [Michael Connarty].

3 Foreign Affairs—(1) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2006-07: First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 50]; and
   (2) Global Security: Russia: Second Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 51]
   [Mr Mike Gapes].

4 Home Affairs—The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Proposals: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 43-i] [Keith Vaz].

5 Public Accounts—Helping individuals understand and complete their tax forms: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 47-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
6 Transport,—The Public Private Partnership and London Underground: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 45-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

7 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Additional Learning Needs:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 44-i]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published; and

   (2) Globalisation and its impact on Wales: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

8 Work and Pensions,—The best start in life? Alleviating deprivation, improving social mobility and eradicating child poverty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 42-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In accordance with the provisions 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 Jim Hood, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Eric Illsley, 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 the present Session.

[No. 3.]

Thursday 8th November 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords].—The Speaker laid upon the Table a certificate by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office that, in respect of the following Bill brought from the House of Lords, the Agents, pursuant to Standing Order 188A (Suspension of bills), have deposited in the Private Bill Office declarations signed by them, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Session, viz.: Transport for London Bill [Lords].


The Bill was read the first and second time and committed.

3 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill,—Secretary Ruth Kelly, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary David Miliband, Secretary Hazel Blears, Andy Burnham, Tessa Jowell and Mr Tom Harris, presented a Bill to make provision amending, and supplementary to, the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 12th November and to be printed [Bill 4].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill be printed [Bill 4–EN].

4 Crossrail Bill,—Secretary Ruth Kelly, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Hilary Benn, Mr Secretary Hutton, Ms Harriet Harman, Secretary Hazel Blears and Secretary James Purnell, 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 Public Bill Committee, pursuant to Order [23rd October 2007]; and ordered to be printed [Bill 5].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Crossrail Bill be printed [Bill 5–EN].
5 Sale of Student Loans Bill.—Secretary John Denham, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Ed Balls, Andy Burnham, Jane Kennedy, Huw Irranca-Davies, Ian Pearson and Bill Rammell, presented a Bill to enable the sale of rights to repayments of student loans; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 12th November and to be printed [Bill 6].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Sale of Student Loans Bill be printed [Bill 6–EN].

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

Debate to be resumed on Monday 12th November.

7 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That Mr Adrian Bailey, Roger Berry, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Mark Hunter, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Peter Luff, Anne Moffat, Mr Anthony Wright and Richard Younger-Ross be members of the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Children, Schools and Families.—Ordered, That Mrs Annette Brooke, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr David Chaytor, Mr John Heppell, Fiona Maclaggart, Mrs Maria Miller, Mr Andrew Pelling, Joan Ryan, Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr Andy Slaughter, Mr Graham Stuart, Lynda Waltho and Stephen Williams be members of the Children, Schools and Families Committee.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Communities and Local Government.—Ordered, That David Wright be discharged from the Communities and Local Government Committee and Jim Dobbin be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Mr Edward Vaizey be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Gregory Barker be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Mrs Madeleine Moon and Mr Jamie Reed be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Dr Gavin Strang and Paddy Tipping be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 European Scrutiny.—Ordered, That Mr Wayne David and Nia Griffith be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr Adrian Bailey and Keith Hill be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Innovation, Universities and Skills.—Ordered, That Adam Afriyie, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Gordon Marsden, Bob Spink, Ian Stewart, Graham Stringer, Dr Desmond Turner, Mr Phil Willis and Mr Bob Wilson, be members of the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 International Development.—Ordered, That Joan Ruddock be discharged from the International Development Committee and Mr Stephen Crabb be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Joint Committee on Human Rights.—Ordered, That Nia Griffith and Mark Tami be discharged from the Joint Committee on Human Rights and John Austin and Mr Virendra Sharma be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills.—Ordered, That Mark Tami be discharged from the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills and Mr Quentin Davies be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
17 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That Stephen Pound be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Kate Hoey be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Chris Bryant, Ian Lucas, Mr Iain Wright and Derek Wyatt be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Nigel Griffiths, Keith Hill, Geraldine Smith and Phil Wilson be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

19 Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Jim McGovern be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr David Hamilton be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

20 Treasury.—Ordered, That Angela Eagle be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Nick Ainger be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

21 Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Wayne David be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Alun Michael be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

22 Work and Pensions.—Ordered, That Natascha Engel be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Tom Levitt be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

23 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 12th November.

[Adjourned at 6.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Paper:

3 Identity Cards,—Paper, entitled Identity Cards Scheme Cost Report: November 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers withdrawn:

4 Education,—Draft Regional Learning and Skills Councils Regulations 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [laid 7th November].

APPENDIX II
General Committees

Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook as an additional Chairman of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—(1) National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 27-I];
(2) Modernising Medical Careers: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 25-II]; and
(3) Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2007: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 26-I]
[Mr Kevin Barron]

2 Transport,—Galileo: Recent Developments: First Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 53] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
[No. 4.]

Monday 12th November 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Insurance Contributions Bill.—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Hain, Andy Burnham, Jane Kennedy, Angela Eagle and Kitty Ussher presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the upper earnings limit for national insurance contributions (including in particular provision about the upper accrual point). And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the National Insurance Contributions Bill be printed [Bill 7–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 6th 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 Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

3 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 2007 shall be treated as if it were an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees).—(Mr Tom Watson.)

4 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 15th November, proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to International Development may continue, though opposed, for three hours or until six o’clock, whichever is later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

5 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Mr Brian Jenkins be discharged from the Committee on Standards and Privileges and Paddy Tipping be added.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

6 Justice,—Ordered, That Keith Vaz and Jeremy Wright be discharged from the Justice Committee and Rosie Cooper, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Humfrey Malins, Alan Michael, Dr Nick Palmer and Mr Virendra Sharma be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Regulatory Reform,—Ordered, That Alison Seabeck and Ms Angela C. Smith be discharged from the Regulatory Reform Committee and Mr Quentin Davies and Phil Wilson be added.—(Liz Blackman, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Commercial use of public information (Mr Mark Todd).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th November 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Health Care and Associated Professions.—European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3101), dated 1st November 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 12th November 2007:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Health Care and Associated Professions.—(1) General Dental Council (Constitution) (Amendment) Order of Council 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3172); and (2) General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) (Amendments in Relation to Undertakings) Rules Order of Council 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3168), dated 5th November 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Local Government.—Stebbing Green (Revocation of Parish Council Byelaws) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3156), dated 5th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

8 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (Borough of Watford) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3181), dated 7th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

9 Young Offender Institutions.—Young Offender Institution (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3220), dated 10th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

10 Health.—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2006–07, on the Electronic Patient Record [by Command] [Cm. 7264] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

11 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Managing risk in the Overseas Territories;

(2) Local labour market analysis; and

(3) Sustainable employment: supporting people to stay in work and advance [by Act; to be printed [Nos. 4, 33 and 32] [Clerk of the House].

12 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: Young Offender Institution (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I. 2007, No. 3220), dated 10th November 2007; and (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: Prison (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I. 2007, No. 3149), dated 1st November 2007 [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Coastal Towns: the Government's Second Response: First 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. 69]; and
   (2) Existing Housing and Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No 70-i]
   [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Human Rights,—(1) Government Response to the Committee’s Eighteenth Report of Session 2006–07: The Human Rights of Older People in Healthcare: 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. 72];
   (2) The Human Rights of Adults with Learning Disabilities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 73-i]; and
   (3) The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts,—The compensation scheme for former Icelandic water trawlermen: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 71-i][Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Mr Barry Sheerman reported from the Children, Schools and Families Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

Tuesday 13th November 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills,—The Order of 16th October 2007, relating to the Broads Authority Bill, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read;
   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 and second time.
   Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

2 Private Bills,—The Order of 24th October 2007, relating to the London Local Authorities and Transport for London, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read;
   London Local Authorities and Transport for London,—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.

3 Sessional Returns,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Returns for Session 2006–07 of information and statistics relating to—
   (1) Business of the House;
   (2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time (including Programme Motions);
   (3) Sittings of the House;
   (4) Private Bills and Private Business;
   (5) Public Bills;
   (6) Delegated Legislation and Regulatory Reform Orders;
   (7) European Legislation, etc;
   (8) Grand Committees;
   (9) Chairmen’s Panel; and
   (10) Select Committees.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)
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 6th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'but regret the absence of measures in the Gracious Speech to empower professionals responsible for the delivery of health and education services and of measures which would make those services more accountable to patients and parents, deplore the absence of measures to improve public health and reduce health inequalities, regret the lack of a reformed legislative structure for the National Health Service which would reduce central targets and devolve decision-making closer to patients and enable health services to respond to the need for high quality and accessible care; further regret the lack of measures to deal with school discipline, raise standards in literacy, numeracy, science and languages, address under-performance in the primary sector, tackle disadvantage at its roots and provide effective support in the earliest years; and further regret the absence of measures which would deliver the real improvements needed in these and related public services.'.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, Mr Stewart Jackson: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Liz Blackman: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

5 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) the people of Leighton Buzzard, Linslade and surrounding parishes of Eggington, Heath and Reach and Hockliffe relating to planning (Leighton Buzzard);

(2) Councillors Stephen Broadhurst, Michael Jarvis and Edwin Watt-Rufell relating to Post Office closures (Thanet);

(3) Roger Latchford of Birchington in Kent and residents of Thanet relating to Post Office closures (Thanet);

(4) the Community Council and residents of Boat of Garten and vicinity, Inverness-shire, relating to Post Office closures (Boat of Garten);

(5) customers of St John’s Road Post Office and local residents of St John’s Road and surrounding villages relating to Post Office closures (St John’s Road); and

(6) customers of Bidborough Post Office and local residents of Bidborough and surrounding villages relating to Post Office closures (Bidborough)

were presented and read.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.23 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command], to be printed [No. 40] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3 Social Security.—Social Security (Housing Costs and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3183), dated 8th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

4 Broadcasting.—Paper, entitled The BBC’s preparedness for digital switchover: review by the Comptroller and Auditor General presented to the BBC Trust’s Finance and Strategy Committee [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

5 Communities and Local Government.—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, Session 2006–07 on Equality [by Command] [Cm. 7246] [Ms Harriet Harman].

6 Legislative Programme.—Paper, entitled The Government’s Draft Legislative Programme—Taking a wider view [by Command] [Cm. 7248] [Ms Harriet Harman].

7 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 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—On-course horserace betting: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 37-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2006–07:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 61-i]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Environmental Audit.—Are biofuels sustainable?:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 76-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Home Affairs.—The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Proposals: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 43-ii] [Keith Vaz].

5 International Development.—(1) Department for International Development Annual Report 2007:

(i) First 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 10th July 2007 [No. 64-i and -II]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; and

(2) Maternal Health: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 66-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Justice.—Devolution: A Decade On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 75-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

7 Scottish Affairs.—Experience of the Scottish elections: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 78-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].
8 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Peter Luff reported from the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

9 Treasury.—(1) The efficiency programme in the Chancellor’s departments: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 62]; and

(2) Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 56-i]
[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. 34-ii]; and

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

[No. 6.]
Wednesday 14th November 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:

Human Rights.—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a 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 74 (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

(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 appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place;
That the Committee have leave to report from time to time;
That the Reports of the Committee shall be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House;
That the evidence taken by the 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 published.

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 6th 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. Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end to add the words ‘but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech fails to set out a clear vision on the future of economic policy, contains no measures to develop Britain’s competitiveness, includes proposals that will damage enterprise, and does not contain any measures to reduce youth unemployment and to make significant inroads into the number of people on benefits who could work; condemn the absence of measures to ensure real improvements in the public services to give people power over their lives and generate 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, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts: 309.

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 referendum on the United Kingdom’s continued membership of the European Union.’—(Mr Paul Burstow.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Rogerson, Mr Jeremy Browne: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts: 464.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 234.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.
Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's most honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

3 Business of the House,—Ordered, That Private Members' Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 25th January, 1st, 22nd and 29th February; 7th and 14th March; 25th April; 9th and 16th May; 6th, 13th and 20th June and 17th October 2008.—(Tony Cunningham.)

4 Licensing,—Ordered, That the Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th June, in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Tony Cunningham.)

5 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Rebecca Anderson on behalf of the customers of Carrington Post Office, Nottingham relating to Post Office closures (Nottingham) was presented and read.

6 Adjournment.

Subject: HM Submarine A-Vary (John McDonnell).

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 thirteen minutes past Eight o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.13 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Education,—Draft Regional Learning and Skills Councils Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Family Proceedings,—(1) Children (Allocation of Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 468); and


dated 10th November 2007 [by Order], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

4 Road Traffic,—M25 (Junction 14, Terminal 5 Spur Roads) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3233), dated 12th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

5 Treaty Series (No. 27, 2007),—First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7258] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Crossrail Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of the Crossrail Bill; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Crossrail Bill Committee: Mr Brian Binley, Tom Brake, Lyn Brown, Jon Cruddas, Mr Mark Field, Barry Gardiner, Andrew Gwynne, Stephen Hammond, Mr Tom Harris, Susan Kramer, Mr Jim McGovern, Chris Ruane, Mr Lee Scott, Anne Snelgrove, Sir Peter Soulsby, Mark Tami and Jeremy Wright.

2 Draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First 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 Bacon, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Kidney, Susan Kramer, Mr John Leech, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Malcolm Moss, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mark Tami, Dr Desmond Turner, Ms Rosie Winterton and Jeremy Wright.

3 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 and the draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules to the Second 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: Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr David Crausby, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Linda Gilroy, Mr David Heath, Stephen Hesford, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Alan Milburn, Margaret Moran, Bridget Prentice, Mr Don Touhig and Mrs Betty Williams.

4 Draft Armed Forces (Redress of Individual Grievances) Regulations 2007 and draft Armed Forces (Service Complaints Commissioner) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third 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: Peter Bottomley, Richard Burden, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Stephen Crabb, James Duddridge, Paul Farrelly, Nick Harvey, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Frank Roy, Bob Russell, Dr Howard Stoate, Derek Twigg and Dr Rudi Vis.

5 Draft Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Powers of District and JP Courts) Order 2007:

(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 Crispin Blunt, David Cairns, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Nigel Griffith, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Philip Hollobone, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mark Lazarowicz, Ann McKechnie, Sandra Osborne, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Frank Roy, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr Ben Wallace.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth 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 John Baron, Lorely Burt, Jeremy Corbyn, Jim Dobbin, Jim Dowd, Mr David Drew, Charles Hendry, Keith Hill, Dr Brian Iddon, Daniel Kawczynski, Anne Main, Lembit Opik, John Penrose, Stephen Pound, Alison Seabeck, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Paul Truswell.
Grand Committees

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five additional Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, viz: Mr David Anderson, Mr Adrian Bailey, John Battle, Liz Blackman, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Rosie Cooper, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mary Creagh, Philip Davies, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Eric Joyce, Mark Lancaster, Rob Marris, Greg Mulholland, Dan Norris, Owen Paterson, Stephen Pound, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Chris Ruane, Mr Ben Wallace and Angela Watkinson.

8 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee: Mr John Baron and Angela Watkinson.

European Standing Committees

9 The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 6145/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 on Emissions from Road Transport and Inland Waterways.

10 European Union Documents No. 13112/07 and Addenda 1, No. 13113/07 and No. 13237/1/07, relating to Global navigation satellite system and the European Institute of Technology has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 European Union Document No. 11625/07, relating to Reforming Europe for the 21st Century: opinion of the European Commission, pursuant to Article 48 of the Treaty on European Union on the Conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States convened to revise the Treaties has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

12 European Union Document No. 13832/07, relating to Insolvency and second chances, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit.—Environmental Labelling:

   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Environmental Information of the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 83-i]; and

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

   [Mr Tim Yeo].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Flooding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 49-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 16-ii];

   (2) Intergovernmental Conference for a Reform Treaty: Third Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-iii];

   (3) Conclusions of the European Council and Council of Ministers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 86-i]; and

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

   [Michael Connarty].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Scrutiny of the draft Queen's Speech: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons, to be printed [No. 81-i] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

5 Public Accounts.—The budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts, to be printed [No. 85-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
6 Select Committee (Choice of Chairman).—Mr Phil Willis reported from the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

7 Statutory Instruments.—(1) First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-i]; and

(2) First Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 39-i]

[David Maclean].

8 Transport.—Ticketing on Public Transport: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 84-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury.—HM Treasury: administration and expenditure in 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 57-i] [John McFall].

MEMORANDUM
Westminster Hall.—In pursuance of paragraph (13) of Standing Order No. 10, the Speaker has approved 28th February, 13th March, 24th April, 15th May, 19th June and 10th July 2008 as days when the business to be taken in Westminster Hall shall be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.

[No. 7.]
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—Secretary Hazel Blears, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Des Browne, Secretary Hilary Benn, Mr Secretary Hutton, Yvette Cooper and Mr Iain Wright presented a Bill to establish the Homes and Communities Agency and make provision about it; to abolish the Urban Regeneration Agency and the Commission for the New Towns and make provision in connection with their abolition; to regulate social housing; to enable the abolition of the Housing Corporation; to make provision about sustainability certificates, landlord and tenant matters, building regulations and mobile homes; to make further provision about housing; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 19th November and to be printed [Bill 8].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Housing and Regeneration Bill be printed [Bill 8–EN].

2 Health and Social Care Bill.—Secretary Alan Johnson, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Jacqui Smith, Secretary Des Browne, Mr Secretary Hutton, Mr Secretary Hain, Secretary Hazel Blears, Secretary Ed Balls, Mr Secretary Woodward and Mr Ben Bradshaw presented a Bill to establish and make provision in connection with a Care Quality Commission; to make provision about health care (including provision about the National Health Service) and about social care; to make provision about reviews and investigations under the Mental Health Act 1983; to establish and make provision in connection with an Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator and make other provision about the regulation of the health care professions; to confer power to modify the regulation of social care workers; to amend the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984; to provide for the payment of a grant to women in connection with pregnancy; to amend the functions of the Health Protection Agency; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 19th November and to be printed [Bill 9].

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

3 Immigration (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of immigration—[Mr Liam Byrne]; And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

5 International Development,—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of international development.—(Mr Secretary Alexander.)

6 Crossrail Bill,—Ordered, That the Crossrail Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Daedalus airfield (Peter Viggers).

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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 19th November.

[Adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Papers:

2 Charities,—Accounts of the National Army Museum for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 27] [Clerk of the House].

3 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Accounts of the Royal Air Force Museum for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 31] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11] [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and

(3) Treasury Minute, dated 15th November 2007, directing the application of certain amounts as Appropriations in Aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2008 [by Act] [Andy Burnham].

4 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 15th November 2007, concerning a contingent liability for an indemnity for members of the independent inquiry into the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Chief Executive Exit Decision Review [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Justice,—Paper, entitled Working Together to Cut Crime and Deliver Justice: A Strategic Plan for 2008–2011 [by Command] [Cm. 7247] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Railways and Transport Safety,—Accounts of the British Transport Police for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2] [Clerk of the House]

7 Supply Estimates,—Winter Supplementary Estimates and New Estimates for Central Government for 2007–08 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 29] [Andy Burnham].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill 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 Hard, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Sadiq Khan, Alun Michael, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mr Charles Walker, Lynda Waltho and Phil Wilson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Modernising Medical Careers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 25-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 International Development,—Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 65-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

3 Public Administration,—(1) Ethics and Standards: The Regulation of Conduct in Public Life: Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 88];
(2) Skills for Government: Government Response to the Ninth Report of Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 89];
(3) Machinery of Government: Government Response to the Seventh Report of Session 2006–07: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 90];
(4) Whitehall Confidential? The Publication of Political Memoirs: Government Response to the Fifth Report of Session 2005–06: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 91]; and
(5) Work of the Cabinet Office:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 92-i]; and
(ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 7; WH, No. 1]

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 20th November.

[Adjourned at 5.07 p.m.]
[No. 8.]


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

PRAYERS.

1. Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 105].

2. First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals Regulations 2007.

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


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4. European Communities (Finance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Communities (Finance) 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 Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 312.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Jeremy Wright: 215.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5. European Communities (Finance) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the European Communities (Finance) Bill:

   **Committal**

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

   2. Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and Third Reading

   3. Proceedings in Committee and any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed at one day's sitting.

   4. 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.

   5. 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 earlier.

   5. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee and on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.

6. European Communities (Finance) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to European Communities (Finance) Bill [Money].

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the European Communities (Finance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging on, and payment out of, the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund of any sums which, by virtue of the amendment of the European Communities Act 1972 made by that Act, fall to be charged on or paid out of either of those Funds—(Mr Tom Watson):—It was agreed to.

7. Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That Richard Younger-Ross be discharged from the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee and Mr Mike Weir be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
8 Communities and Local Government.—Ordered, That Martin Horwood be discharged from the Communities and Local Government Committee and Andrew George be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 International Development.—Ordered, That Mr Quentin Davies be discharged from the International Development Committee and Jim Sheridan be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That John Healey be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Angela Eagle be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mr G Dadd of North Yorkshire County Council and Black Bull Inn, Thornerby, York, North Yorkshire and others of like disposition relating to police funding (North Yorkshire);

(2) residents of the Shipley constituency and the surrounding area relating to Post Office closures (Shipley);

(3) residents of Northampton and people who use the local rail services relating to rail services (Northampton); and

(4) those concerned about the proposed closure of the Ambulance Emergency Operations Centre in Shrewsbury relating to the Ambulance Control Centre (Shrewsbury)

were presented and read.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: New flight paths into Southampton and Bournemouth airports (Sir George Young).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

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 presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 16th November 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—Government Response to the First Joint Report from the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees, Session 2006–07, on Strategic Export Controls [Cm. 7260] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Immigration.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Asylum (Procedures) Regulations (S.I., 2007, No. 3187) [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 16th November 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Environmental Protection.—(1) Radioactive Contaminated Land (Modification of Enactments) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3245), dated 12th November 2007; and

(2) Radioactive Contaminated Land (Modification of Enactments) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3250), dated 13th November 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Hilary Benn].
6 Environmental Protection (Northern Ireland).—Radioactive Contaminated Land Regulations (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3236), dated 12th November 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Environmental Protection (Scotland).—Radioactive Contaminated Land (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3240), dated 12th November 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 19th November 2007:

**Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

9 Employment Agencies, Etc.—Draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

10 Education.—Harbour School Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3205), dated 11th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].


(2) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Reinsurance Directive) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3255); and


12 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command], to be printed [No. 82] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

13 School Standards and Framework.—School Admissions Appeals Code [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

Other Papers:

14 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) The Carbon Trust: Accelerating the move to a low carbon economy; and

(2) the privatisation of QinetiQ [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 7 and 52] [Clerk of the House].

**Papers withdrawn:**

15 Immigration.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Asylum (Procedures) Regulations (S.I., 2007, No. 3187) [laid 9th November].

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 Draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham and Mr Ian McCarthy from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbins and Chris Ruane.

3 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 and the draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Milburn and Mr Don Touhig from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Rules) and nominated in substitution Ms Dawn Butler and Mr Mark Hendrick.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government.—(1) Existing Housing and Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No 70-ii].

(2) New Towns (follow up): Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) Winter Supplementary Estimates: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Public Accounts.—Housing Market Renewal: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 106-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 9.] Tuesday 20th November 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—Frank Cook reported certain Memoranda from the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Armed Forces (Redress of Individual Grievances) Regulations 2007 and draft Armed Forces (Service Complaints Commissioner) Regulations 2007.

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

3 European Standing Committee.—John Bercow reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6145/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive amending Directive 98/70/EC as regards the specification of petrol, diesel and gas-oil and introducing a mechanism to monitor and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the use of road transport fuels, and amending Council Directive 1999/32/EC as regards the specifications of fuel used by inland waterway vessels and repealing Directive 93/12/EEC; and endorses the Government’s aim of ensuring that the measure is cost effective, and that the target for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions does not lead to the use of unsustainably produced biofuels and is consistent with the biofuels target for 2020 endorsed in the Spring Council Declaration.

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 communicate that they have appointed a Committee of twelve Lords to join with the Committee appointed by this House as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills.

5 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill.—The Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) 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 11th December 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—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) 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 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees by the Office of Rail Regulation in respect of the exercise of its functions in relation to the rail link—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees). That the draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 24th July, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

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) (Amendment) Rules 2007, which were laid before this House on 9th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

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 No. 2) Rules 2007, which were laid before this House on 9th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.

Subject: Case of Michael Shields (Mrs Louise Ellman).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.36 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions.—Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


6 Crossrail.—Papers, entitled—
   (1) Further Responses to the Government’s Consultation on the Crossrail Bill Environmental Statement; and
   (2) Government Overview of the case for Crossrail and its Environmental Impacts [by Command] [Cm. 7249 and 7250] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

7 Employment and Training.—Report and Accounts of Investors in People UK for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 77] [Secretary John Denham].

8 Northern Ireland.—Draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

9 Severn Bridges.—Accounts prepared pursuant to the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 103] [Clerk of the House].

10 Standards in Public Life.—Government Response to the Eleventh Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: Review of the Electoral Commission [by Command] [Cm. 7272] [Secretary Jack Straw].

11 Supply Estimates, 2008–09.—Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2008–09 for—
   (1) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 3] [Andy Burnham];
   (2) the Electoral Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 14] [The Speaker], and
   (3) the House of Commons: Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 12] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Armed Forces (Redress of Individual Grievances) Regulations 2007 and draft Armed Forces (Service Complaints Commissioner) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Harvey from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Willie Rennie.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 6145/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Emissions from Road Transport and Inland Waterways.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David S. Borrow from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Don Touhig.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—The Departmental Annual Report and Accounts 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 108-i] [Peter Luff].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—London 2012 Games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 104-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence.—(1) UK land operations in Iraq 2007: First 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 July and 9th October [No. 110];


(3) The Future of NATO and European Defence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 111-i]; and

(4) MoD Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007–08: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—Are biofuels sustainable?:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 76-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs,—A Surveillance Society?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 58-i] [Keith Vaz].

6 International Development,—DFID and the World Bank:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 67-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

7 Public Administration,—(1) Third Sector Commissioning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 112-i]; and

(2) Lobbying: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

8 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Effects of tax increases on the oil industry: First Report from the Scottish Affairs 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 July and 16th October [No. 35]; and

(2) Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007: Explanatory Memorandum by the Scotland Office: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Treasury,—(1) The 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review:

(i) First Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 55]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; and

(2) The 2007 Pre-Budget Report:

(i) Second Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 54]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee [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. 34-iii]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee, to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 20th November 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Children in immigration detention (Ms Diane Abbott).
- Review of local government structure in Norfolk (Mr Keith Simpson).
- Economic development in Falkirk (Eric Joyce).
- Digital broadcasting services in the Forest of Dean (Mr Mark Harper).
- Housing demand in West Ham (Lyn Brown).

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 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Powers of District and JP Courts) Order 2007.

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

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—David Taylor reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the Company and Business Names (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3152).

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 six Lords to join with the Committee appointed by this House to consider Tax Law Rewrite Bills, and in particular to consider whether each Bill committed to it preserves the effect of the existing law, subject to any minor changes which may be desirable.

They have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the 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 appoint specialist advisers;

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

That the evidence taken by the Committee shall, if the Committee so wishes, be published; and

That the procedure of the Joint Committee shall follow the procedure of select committees of this House when such procedure differs from that of select committees of the House of Lords, and shall include the power of Chairman to select amendments.

4 Opposition Day [1st allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Government policy on schools reform,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House expresses its concern over recent reports that the Government is retreating on the Academies programme and calls on the Secretary of State to restore the freedom of Academies to operate outside the National Curriculum, to take steps to liberate them further from local authority control, and to recognise that Academies should act as a spur and encouragement to local authorities by pioneering innovative new approaches to helping the most disadvantaged; and further believes that the Academies programme should be expanded and accelerated with not only more Academies but also greater freedoms for new providers who wish to open all-ability schools in the state sector—(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 ‘notes that investment and reform in schools since 1997 has raised standards and cut the number of underperforming schools, with 100,000 more 11 year olds reaching the required level of literacy than 10 years ago and the number of schools where less than a quarter of pupils achieve five good GCSEs cut from 616 in 1997 to just 26 today; further notes that 83 Academies have already opened, with 230 to be opened by 2010, with more to come as the Government accelerates its successful Academies programme; confirms that over 30 schools became Trust schools in September with over 170 more in the pipeline; welcomes the Government’s Building Schools for the Future programme which will rebuild or refurbish every secondary school in the country; and supports further reforms to extend educational opportunity for all and not just some, including the introduction of Diplomas and, alongside an expansion of apprenticeships and enhanced support for 16 and 17 year olds through the Education Maintenance Allowance, raising the education and training age to 18 by 2015’, 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: 166.
Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Sadiq Khan: 358.
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 investment and reform in schools since 1997 has raised standards and cut the number of underperforming schools, with 100,000 more 11 year olds reaching the required level of literacy than 10 years ago and the number of schools where less than a quarter of pupils achieve five good GCSEs cut from 616 in 1997 to just 26 today; further notes that 83 Academies have already opened, with 230 to be opened by 2010, with more to come as the Government accelerates its successful Academies programme; confirms that over 30 schools became Trust schools in September with over 170 more in the pipeline; welcomes the Government’s Building Schools for the Future programme which will rebuild or refurbish every secondary school in the country; and supports further reforms to extend educational opportunity for all and not just some, including the introduction of Diplomas and, alongside an expansion of apprenticeships and enhanced support for 16 and 17 year olds through the Education Maintenance Allowance, raising the education and training age to 18 by 2015.

Healthcare-associated infections.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports NHS staff in their efforts to minimise healthcare-associated infections; notes with distress the failings disclosed in the report by the Healthcare Commission into the outbreaks of clostridium difficile at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust; deplores the failure by the Department of Health to secure new leadership at the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust at an earlier stage; regrets the repeated failure of the Government to ensure compliance with proven methods of containing infections, including screening prior to admission, adequate isolation facilities and optimum bed occupancy rates; and calls on the Government to support NHS bodies in implementing zero tolerance strategies for healthcare-associated infections—(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 healthcare-associated infections (HCAs) are a worldwide problem, acknowledges that the recent Comprehensive Spending Review settlement for the NHS includes £270 million to tackle HCAI, welcomes the initiatives the NHS is taking to manage infection control, including a new “bare below the elbows” dress code, new clinical guidance to increase the use of isolation for infected patients published in September, every hospital to undertake a deep clean as part of a wider drive for a culture of cleanliness, matrons and clinical directors to report directly to trust boards on infection control and cleanliness, annual infection control inspections of all acute trusts using teams of specialist inspectors, and MRSA screening for all elective admissions next year; further welcomes the introduction of legislation for a new health and adult social care regulator with tough powers to inspect, investigate and intervene in hospitals that do not meet rigorous standards for cleanliness and a new legal requirement on chief executives to report all MRSA bacteraemias and clostridium difficile infections to the Health Protection Agency; believes that centrally determined targets for tackling HCAIs are the most effective way of ensuring infection levels are reduced in every hospital; notes that as a consequence MRSA bloodstream infection numbers are falling; and welcomes the Better Care for All PSA Delivery Agreement, which sets two new targets for the period 2010-11 to keep MRSA
The Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House recognises that healthcare-associated infections (HCAIs) are a worldwide problem; acknowledges that the recent Comprehensive Spending Review settlement for the NHS includes £270 million to tackle HCAI; welcomes the initiatives the NHS is taking to manage infection control, including a new “bare below the elbows” dress code, new clinical guidance to increase the use of isolation for infected patients published in September, every hospital to undertake a deep clean as part of a wider drive for a culture of cleanliness, matrons and clinical directors to report directly to trust boards on infection control and cleanliness, annual infection control inspections of all acute trusts using teams of specialist inspectors, and MRSA screening for all elective admissions next year; further welcomes the introduction of legislation for a new health and adult social care regulator with tough powers to inspect, investigate and intervene in hospitals that do not meet rigorous standards for cleanliness and a new legal requirement on chief executives to report all MRSA bacteraemias and clostridium difficile infections to the Health Protection Agency; believes that centrally determined targets for tackling HCAIs are the most effective way of ensuring infection levels are reduced in every hospital; notes that as a consequence MRSA bloodstream infection numbers are falling; and welcomes the Better Care for All PSA Delivery Agreement, which sets two new targets for the period 2010–11 to keep MRSA bloodstream infections below half the numbers of 2003–04, and to deliver a 30 per cent. reduction in clostridium difficile infections from the numbers in 2007–08.

5 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 Complaints Commissioner) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 8th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

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 (Redress of Individual Grievances) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 22nd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

7 Emissions from Road Transport and Inland Waterways,—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. 6145/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive amending Directive 98/70/EC as regards the specifications of petrol, diesel and gas-oil and introducing a mechanism to monitor and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the use of road transport fuels, and amending Council Directive 1999/32/EC as regards the specifications of fuel used by inland waterway vessels and repealing Directive 93/12/EEC; and endorses the Government’s aim of ensuring that the measure is cost effective, and that the target for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions does not lead to the use of unsustainably produced biofuels and is consistent with the biofuels target for 2020 endorsed in the Spring Council Declaration—(Tony Cunningham):—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Castle Point and others relating to support for armed forces was presented and read.
9 Adjournment.

Subject: Policing in Northern Ireland (David Simpson).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration.—Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

2 Local Government.—Draft Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Animals.—Export and Movement Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3295), dated 19th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

4 Ministers of the Crown.—Secretaries of State for Children, Schools and Families, for Innovation, Universities and Skills and for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3224), dated 14th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Sea Fisheries.—Grants for Fishing and Aquaculture Industries Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3284), dated 15th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

6 Animals (Scientific Procedures),—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 2006 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 41] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

7 Social Security Administration,—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 reviewing the prescription of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)—chronic bronchitis and emphysema [by Command] [Cm. 7233] [Mr Secretary Hain].

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 Instrument came into operation: Export and Movement Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007, No. 3295) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

9 Supply Estimates, 2008–09,—Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2008–09 for the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13] [Mr Alan Williams].

10 Treaty Series (No. 30, 2007),—Convention, done at Dublin on 14th December 2004, on Social Security between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland, with Exchange of Notes [by Command] [Cm. 7277] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Crossrail Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barry Gardner, Andrew Gwynne and Chris Ruane from the Crossrail Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Mr Tom Watson.

2 Draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First 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: Gregory Barker, Margaret Beckett, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Douglas Carswell, Ann Clwyd, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr David Drew, Mr Dai Havard, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Dr Ashok Kumar, Siobhain McDonagh, Anne Main, Albert Owen, Joan Ruddock, Mr Andrew Smith and John Smith.
Draft Regulators’ Compliance Code for the Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007 and the draft Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second 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 John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr John Grogan, Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr George Howarth, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Fiona Mactaggart, Lembit Öpik, Mr Nick Raynsford, Alison Seabeck and Jon Trickett.

Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 2007 and the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Faroes) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Jane Kennedy, Mr Edward Leigh, Martin Linton, Mr Brooks Newmark, Ms Dari Taylor, Claire Ward, Dr Alan Whitehead and David Wright.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Rules to the Fourth 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, Mr David Burrowes, Mr David Hanson, Mr David Heath, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hunt, Alan Keen, Mr Sadiq Khan, Chris McCafferty, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Alan Milburn, Margaret Moran, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Joan Ryan, Mr Lee Scott, Lynda Waltho and Mr Rob Wilson.

Company and Business Names (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3152),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dowd and Mr David Drew from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Kerry McCarthy and Dr Doug Naysmith.

Guidance Issued Under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Guidance to the Fifth 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: Gordon Banks, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Michael Clapham, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Jim Dowd, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Ian McCartney, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Richard Shepherd, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Gerry Sutchiffe, Mr Robert Sym, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Edward Vaizey and Richard Younger-Ross.

European Standing Committees

European Union Documents No. 13112/07 and Addenda 1, No 13113/07 and No. 13237/1/07, relating to Global Navigation Satellite System and the European Institute of Technology:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Norman Baker, Mr Julian Brazier, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Kinnock, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Jessica Morden, Mr Siôn Simon, Ian Stewart, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Hugo Swire, Ms Rosie Winterton and Jeremy Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) UK/US Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 107-i]; and

(2) Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Defra priorities. Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 121-i]; and
(2) Flooding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 49-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Developments in the EU: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 120-i] [Mr Mike Gapes].

4 Home Affairs,—The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Proposals: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 43-iii] [Keith Vaz].

5 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—The Sainsbury Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 113-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 118-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—The Pensions Regulator: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 122-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-ii] [David Maclean].

9 Transport,—The Future of BAA: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 119-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council: Additional Learning Needs: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 44-ii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

11 Work and Pensions,—The best start in life? Alleviating deprivation, improving social mobility and eradicating child poverty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 42-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 10; WH, No. 3]

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

Adjournment.
Subjects:
Future of the British horse racing industry (Mr Hugo Swire).
Customs and security at Welsh ports (Mr Stephen Crabb).
Barnett formula (Graham Stringer).
Housing in Northampton (Ms Sally Keeble).
Funding for Dyfed-Powys Police Force (Mark Williams).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Steve McCabe.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.14 p.m.]

[No. 11.]

Thursday 22nd November 2007.
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Climate Change (Topical debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of climate change—(Mr Phil Woolas),
And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

3 Sale of Student Loans Bill,—The Sale of Student Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
4 Sale of Student Loans 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 Sale of Student Loans 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 11th December 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 Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

5 Sale of Student Loans Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Sale of Student Loans 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 Sale of Student Loans Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure of a Minister of the Crown in consequence of the Act, and
(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

6 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Powers of District and JP Courts) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 8th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

7 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Company and Business Names (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3152) dated 5th November 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th November, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Haverhill relating to frontline health services;
(2) users of Woodland Grove Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Nottingham); and
(3) those affected by the closure of the Arundel Drive Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Fareham)

were presented and read.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Bass minimum landing size (Martin Salter).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Wayne David.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 26th November.

[Adjourned at 5.37 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5. Patents,—(1) Patents (Compulsory Licensing and Supplementary Protection Certificates) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3293);
   (2) Patents (Fees) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3292); and
   (3) Patents Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3291),
dated 19th November 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

Other Papers:

6. Immigration, Asylum and Nationality,—(1) Draft Code of Practice on Prevention of Illegal Working: Civil penalties for employers; and
   (2) draft Code of Practice on Prevention of Illegal Working: Guidance for employers on the avoidance of unlawful discrimination in employment practice while seeking to prevent illegal working
   [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

7. National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Screen National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 80] [Secretary Des Browne].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Crossrail Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim McGovern from the Crossrail Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Gordon Banks.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 26-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 International Development,—(1) Cross-departmental Working on Development and Trade:
   (i) Second 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 11th October 2007, in the last Session of Parliament [No. 68]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee;
   (2) Maternal Health: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 66-ii]; and
   (3) Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].
Thursday 22nd November 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Inter-Parliamentary Union.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Frank Roy);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 27th November.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
Monday 26th November 2007

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Martin Caton reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Regulators' Compliance Code for the Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007 and the draft Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Bercow reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 2007 and the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Faroes) Order 2007. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 European Standing Committee,—Mr Greg Pope reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 13112/07 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication: Progressing Galileo: re-profiling the European GNSS Programmes; No. 13113/07, amended draft Regulation on the further implementation of the European satellite radionavigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo), and No. 13237/1/07, Commission Communication concerning the revision of the multi-annual financial framework (2007–2013), on re-profiling the Galileo programme and on the proposal for the revision of the Financial Perspectives to finance the Galileo programme and the European Institute of Technology; 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 Health and Social Care Bill,—The Health and Social Care Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Health and Social Care Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Health and Social Care 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 24th January 2008.

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—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

Health and Social Care Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Health and Social Care Bill [Money];

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

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any sums payable by virtue of the Act as health in pregnancy grant under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992,
   (b) any other expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by a Minister of the Crown or by a government department, and
   (c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided, and
(2) payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

8 Administration.—Ordered, That Helen Jones be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr John Heppell be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Children, Schools and Families.—Ordered, That Joan Ryan be discharged from the Children, Schools and Families Committee and Mrs Sharon Hodgson be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Health.—Ordered, That Mr Ronnie Campbell be discharged from the Health Committee and Stephen Hesford be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That John Battle be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Stephen Pound be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That Mr Andy Slaughter be discharged from the Regulatory Reform Committee and Judy Mallaber be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Adjournment.

Subject: Flying of the Union Flag on government buildings (Ian Lucas).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman)

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

[Adjourned at 9.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 23rd November 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 29, 2007).—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2007 [Cm. 7267] [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 23rd November 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Excise.—Biofuels and Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3307), dated 22nd November 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Angela Eagle].


5 Housing.—Home Information Pack (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3301), dated 22nd November 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Hazel Blears].

6 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3289), dated 19th November 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 26th November 2007:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Criminal Law (Northern Ireland).—Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Registration) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3283), dated 19th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Other Papers:

8 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 26th November 2007, concerning a contingent liability for the costs associated with the excavation of HMS Sussex [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

9 Enterprise.—Plan of the Office of Fair Trading for 2008–09 [by Act], to be printed [No. 30] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

10 European Parliament (Representation).—Paper, entitled Distribution between electoral regions of UK MEPs. Recommendation [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

11 Home Office.—Home Office Minute, dated 26th November 2007, concerning a contingent liability for the Metropolitan Police Authority in respect of the Forensic Science Service Limited’s tenancy of 93/109 Lambeth Road, Lambeth, London [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

12 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled The Management of Sex Offenders—Follow-up Inspection November 2007 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

13 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on— (1) Improving corporate functions using shared services; (2) Improving the efficiency of central government’s office property; and (3) Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2007 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 9, 8 and 98] [Clerk of the House].

14 Treasury.—Treasury Minute, dated 26th November 2007, concerning a contingent liability relating to Northern Rock [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

15 United Arab Emirates (No. 2, 2007).—Treaty, done at London on 6th December 2006, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Arab Emirates on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7282] [Secretary David Miliband].

16 United Arab Emirates (No. 3, 2007).—Extradition Treaty, done at London on 6th December 2006, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Arab Emirates on Extradition, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7283] [Secretary David Miliband].

17 Wales.—Paper, entitled Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Order in the Field of Social Welfare 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7286] [Mr Secretary Hain].
18 Work and Pensions.—Paper, entitled Opportunity, Employment and Progression: making skills work [by Command] [Cm. 7288] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd, Mr David Drew, Mr Dai Havard and Albert Owen from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mike Gapes, Barry Gardiner, Nia Griffith and Joan Ryan.

2 Draft Regulators’ Compliance Code for the Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007 and the draft Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Doug Henderson, Mr George Howarth, Fiona Mactaggart and Jon Trickett from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Roger Berry, Linda Gilroy, Chris McCafferty and Mr Ian McCartney.

3 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 2007 and the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Faroes) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Diane Abbott and Dr Alan Whitehead from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle 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 Badgers and cattle TB Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 130-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 Human Rights.—(1) Human Rights Policy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 132-i]:

(2) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) UNCAT: Allegations of Torture and Inhuman Treatment in Iraq: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts.—Sustainable employment: supporting people to stay in work and advance: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 131-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Scottish Affairs.—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 128-i] [Mr Mohammed Sarwar].
Tuesday 27th November 2007.

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 Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the first allotted day in the present Session of Parliament):

That a day not later than 6th February be allotted for the consideration of the following Supplementary Estimates for the financial year 2007–08:

- Cabinet Office, in so far as it relates to the regulation of standards of conduct in public life.
- Department for Work and Pensions, in so far as it relates to benefits simplification.

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 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.

3 Crossrail Bill,—Ann Winterton reported from the Crossrail 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 10].

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

4 Planning Bill,—Secretary Hazel Blears, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Hilary Benn, Mr Secretary Hutton, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Yvette Cooper and John Healey presented a Bill to establish the Infrastructure Planning Commission and make provision about its functions; to make provision about, and about matters ancillary to, the authorisation of projects for the development of nationally significant infrastructure; to make provision about town and country planning; to make provision about the imposition of a Community Infrastructure Levy; 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 Planning Bill be printed [Bill 11—EN].

5 Housing and Regeneration Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing and Regeneration 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 Housing and Regeneration Bill because it creates a top-down, centrally-driven approach to development and regeneration, allows the unaccountable Homes and Communities Agency, in conjunction with the unelected regional development agencies, to ride roughshod over local communities, takes further powers away from democratically-elected local authorities and places them in the hands of politically-appointed Homes and Communities Agency officials, does not extend to social tenants proper rights to buy or part-buy their homes, fails to address the growing problems with the Housing Market Renewal and Thames Gateway regeneration schemes and provides insufficient measures to promote genuine brownfield regeneration, choice for social tenants, wider home ownership and the raising of environmental standards in house building', instead thereof.—(Grant Shapps.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Alison Seabeck: 339.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

6 Housing and Regeneration Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Housing and Regeneration 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 31st January 2008.

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 Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

8 Housing and Regeneration 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 Housing and Regeneration Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) payments by the Homes and Communities Agency to the Secretary of State in respect of surpluses of the Agency,

(b) the imposition of fees or charges in connection with the Agency, the Regulator of Social Housing or sustainability certificates, and

(c) payments into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

9 Regulatory Reform. —A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Regulators’ Compliance Code for the Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 15th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

10 Regulatory Reform. —A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Legislative and Regulatory Reform (Regulatory Functions) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 15th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.
11 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 Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 9th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved — (Mr Alan Campbell). — It was agreed to.

12 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 and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Faroes) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved — (Mr Alan Campbell). — It was agreed to.

13 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) (Switzerland) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved — (Mr Alan Campbell). — It was agreed to.

14 Global Navigation Satellite System and the 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 Documents No. 13112/07 and Addendum I, Commission Communication: Progressing Galileo: re-profiling the European GNSS Programmes; No. 13113/07, amended draft Regulation on the further implementation of the European satellite radionavigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo) and No. 13237/1/07, Commission Communication concerning the revision of the multi-annual financial framework (2007–2013), on re-profiling the Galileo programme and on the proposal for the revision of the Financial Perspectives to finance the Galileo programme and the European Institute of Technology, and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents — (Mr Alan Campbell).

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 Adjournment.

Subject: Measures to conserve Lymington marshes and Lymington harbour (Mr Desmond Swayne).

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.48 pm.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture. — Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3297), dated 21st November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

2 Culture, Media and Sport. — Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 18th November 2007, concerning the Government Indemnity Scheme [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

3 Education. — (1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Education (Local Education Authority Performance Targets) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2972); and


[by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].
4 Human Rights.—Government Response to the Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2006–07, on Highly Skilled Migrants: Changes to the Immigration Rules [by Command] [Cm. 7268] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

5 Science and Technology.—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the House of Lords Committee on Science and Technology, Session 2006–07, on Allergy [by Command] [Cm. 7255] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers withdrawn:

6 Education.—(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Education (Local Education Authority Performance Targets) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 2972); and


[laid 22nd October].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—The UK Construction Industry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 127-i] [Peter Lilley].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Tourism: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 133-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence.—(1) Costs of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007–08: Second Report from the Defence Committee, with a Memorandum; 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 20th November [No. 138]; and

(2) Medical Services for the Armed Forces: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 134-i]

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—Are biofuels sustainable?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 76-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs.—(1) Bulgarian and Romanian Accession to the EU: Twelve Months on: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 59-i]; and

(2) UK Immigration Issues: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 123-i]

[Keith Vaz].

6 Justice.—The creation of the Ministry of Justice: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 140] [Mr Alan Beith].

7 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authorities Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) 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. 135] [Andrew Miller].

8 Scottish Affairs.—Poverty in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 128-ii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Welsh Affairs.—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 34-iv]; and

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

[Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 27th November 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Coal reserves, clean coal technology and energy policy (Mr William Cash).
- National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence and the use of stents (Frank Cook).
- Post Office closures (Mr Paul Burstow).
- Future of bus services in Preston (Mr Mark Hendrick).
- Age-related wet eye macular degeneration (Mr Peter Bone).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Malcolm Wicks.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.

Wednesday 28th November 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 Rubens paintings now in the possession of the Courtauld Institute of Art, London.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the Secure Training Centre (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1709).

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

3 Message from the Lords,—The Lords communicate that their Standing Orders have been amended as follows:

In Standing Order 52, relating to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills, leave out paragraph (6);

In Standing Order 74, relating to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, in paragraph (2), leave out 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’ and insert the words ‘any Scottish statutory instrument or any statutory instrument made by the Welsh Ministers’.

4 Education and Skills Bill,—Secretary Ed Balls, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Des Browne, Mr Secretary Hutton, Mr Secretary Hain, Mr Secretary Woodward, Secretary John Denham, Jon Knight, Caroline Flint, Malcolm Wicks and Mr David Lammy, presented a Bill to make provision about education and training; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 12].

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

5 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.

HM Revenue and Customs data loss,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is deeply concerned at the Government’s failure to protect the personal details of 25 million citizens; believes this security breach is due to systemic failures at HM Revenue and Customs; notes the inconsistencies between the version of events set out by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his statement of 20th November and
that revealed by the Government emails released by the National Audit Office on 22nd
November; and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to provide a comprehensive
explanation about how the security breach occurred, why previous warnings about data
security were ignored and what policy changes will be introduced to protect the public
in future—(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 ‘approves of the decisive action
taken by the Government when it became aware of the data loss by HM Revenue and
Customs, including the collaborative work undertaken in association with the UK
Payments Association, the British Bankers Association and the Building Societies
Association and through them individual banks, building societies and other financial
institutions which enabled them to put in place appropriate safeguards and monitor any
irregular activity; welcomes the decision of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to initiate
an urgent investigation by the Metropolitan Police and his appointment of Mr Kieran
Poynter to conduct an independent review of HM Revenue and Customs’ data handling
procedures; acknowledges the steps which have already been taken to improve the
department’s data transfer processes; and notes the Chancellor’s assurance that he will
keep the House fully informed of further developments’, instead thereof.—(Mr
Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that
Question.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Mr Dave Watts: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House approves of the decisive action taken by the Government
when it became aware of the data loss by HM Revenue and Customs, including the
collaborative work undertaken in association with the UK Payments Association, the
British Bankers Association and the Building Societies Association and through them
individual banks, building societies and other financial institutions which enabled them
to put in place appropriate safeguards and monitor any irregular activity; welcomes the
decision of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to initiate an urgent investigation by the
Metropolitan Police and his appointment of Mr Kieran Poynter to conduct an
independent review of HM Revenue and Customs’ data handling procedures;
acknowledges the steps which have already been taken to improve the department’s data
transfer processes; and notes the Chancellor’s assurance that he will keep the House fully
informed of further developments.

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):

Global Navigation Satellite System and the European Institute of Technology.—That
this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 13112/07 and Addendum 1,
Commission Communication: Progressing Galileo: re-profiling the European GNSS
Programmes, No. 13113/07, amended draft Regulation on the further implementation
of the European satellite radionavigation programmes (EGNOS and Galileo) and No.
13237/1/07, Commission Communication concerning the revision of the multi-annual
financial framework (2007–2013), on re-profiling the Galileo programme and on the
proposal for the revision of the Financial Perspectives to finance the Galileo programme
and the European Institute of Technology; and endorses the Government’s approach to
discussions on these documents.

Ayes: 267.

Noes: 201.

So the Question was agreed to.
7 Opposition Day [2nd allotted day].—Government management of the prisons system.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House considers that the Government’s management of the prisons system continues to be a national disgrace; notes that within the last two weeks the prison population has reached a record high of 81,547; further notes that a quarter of all prisoners are in cells designed for one fewer person, is gravely concerned that numbers of suicides in custody are rising; notes that the large majority of people in prison are serious, violent or persistent offenders who need access to effective rehabilitation which is not generally available; notes that two-thirds of prisoners re-offend within two years of their release, resulting in substantial cost to the criminal justice system; is concerned that at least 8,500 people have been released early from prison under the End of Custody Licence Scheme; notes that the Government has scaled back the prison building target for 2007 from 2,500 new places to only 700; expresses concern that the Government may be planning to link resources to sentencing as a means of reducing the prison population; disapproves of proposals to abolish magistrates’ powers to impose a suspended sentence; and calls upon the Government to introduce honesty in sentencing, halt the End of Custody Licence Scheme and take immediate steps to ensure adequate prison capacity to hold all those sentenced by the courts in the interests of public safety.—(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 Government’s record which since 1997 has brought more offences to justice leading to a 32 per cent. reduction in overall crime and a 31 per cent. reduction in violent crime according to the British Crime Survey; welcomes the fact that the most violent and dangerous offenders are sent to prison for longer; also welcomes increased prison capacity by over 20,000 places and the commitment to building a further 9,500 prison places, of which 8,500 will be delivered by 2012; recognises that the Government has dramatically reduced the number of escapes and absconds since 1997; notes the increase in prison funding by 37 per cent. in real terms and probation service funding by 72 per cent., including a tenfold increase in funding for drug treatment in prison; recognises the improved links between custody and the community through end to end offender management and other measures; notes the introduction of a flexible and tough new community order which provides a real alternative to custody for less serious offenders; recognises the great strides made in improving the culture within prisons though the Decency Agenda; and further notes the reduction of the overall re-offending rate for prison and community sentences by 5.8 per cent’, instead thereof.—(Secretary 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 Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Alan Campbell: 356.

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, Tony Cunningham: 294.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s record which since 1997 has brought more offences to justice leading to a 32 per cent. reduction in overall crime and a 31 per cent. reduction in violent crime according to the British Crime Survey; welcomes the fact that the most violent and dangerous offenders are sent to prison for longer; also welcomes increased prison capacity by over 20,000 places and the commitment to building a further 9,500 prison places, of which 8,500 will be delivered by 2012; recognises that the Government has dramatically reduced the number of escapes and absconds since 1997; notes the increase in prison funding by 37 per cent. in real terms and probation service funding by 72 per cent., including a tenfold increase in funding for drug treatment in prison; recognises the improved links between custody and the community through...
end to end offender management and other measures; notes the introduction of a flexible and tough new community order which provides a real alternative to custody for less serious offenders; recognises the great strides made in improving the culture within prisons though the Decency Agenda; and further notes the reduction of the overall re-offending rate for prison and community sentences by 5.8 per cent.

8 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, on Tuesday 18th December, the House shall meet 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.—(Mr Wayne David.)

9 Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Tuesday 18th December 2007, do adjourn till Monday 7th January 2008.—(Mr Wayne David.)—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the people of Okehampton and its surrounding area relating to planning and development (Okehampton) was presented and read.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Bangladesh (Jeremy Corbyn).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Wayne David),

And the Motion having been made after Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes to Eight o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjointed at 7.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment Agencies, Etc.—Draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Road Traffic.—Draft Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Downloading and Retention of Data) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3 Sex Discrimination.—Draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Food.—Food Labelling (Declaration of Allergens) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3256), dated 21st November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

5 National Health Service.—Review and Consolidated Accounts of Monitor: the Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 21] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Fifty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7275] [Angela Eagle].

7 Spoliation Advisory Panel.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report made by the Right Honourable Sir David Hirst, Chairman of the Spoliation Advisory Panel, in respect of three Rubens paintings now in the possession of the Courtauld Institute of Art [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 63] [Secretary James Purnell].
Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Barry Gardiner, Stephen Hammond, Mr Tom Harris, Susan Kramer, Anne Snellgrove, Mark Tami and Jeremy Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill Committee.

2 Sale of Student Loans Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Anderson, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr John Hayes, Bill Rammell, Sarah Teather and Angela Watkinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Sale of Student Loans Bill Committee.

3 Sale of Student Loans Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Begg Chairman of the Sale of Student Loans Bill Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Anderson, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr John Hayes, Huw Irranca-Davies, Martin Linton, Rob Marris, Mr Gordon Marsden, Margaret Moran, Bill Rammell, Sarah Teather, Angela Watkinson, Mark Willams and Mr Rob Wilson.

4 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Marshall and Mr Peter Atkinson Chairmen of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Paul Clark, Barry Gardiner, Andrew Gwynne, Stephen Hammond, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr John Horam, Mr Greg Knight, Susan Kramer, Mr John Lecch, Ian Lucas, Chris Mole, Chris Ruane, Anne Snellgrove, Sir Peter Soulsby, Mark Tami and Jeremy Wright.

5 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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: Mr David S. Borrow, Ann Clwyd, Mr David Curry, Mr Philip Dunne, Maria Eagle, Mr Mark Field, Mark Fisher, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Dai Havard, Mr David Heath, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Stephen Hesford, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Sadiq Khan and Fiona Mactaggart.

6 Draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second 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 Richard Benyon, Mr Stephen Byers, Frank Dobson, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Christopher Fraser, Kate Hoey, Martin Horwood, Chris Huhne, Robert Key, Dr Ashok Kumar, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Chris Mullan, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr James Pake and Jonathan Shaw.

7 Draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third 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 Kenneth Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Clive Efford, Mr Frank Field, Mr David Gauke, Mr Neil Gerrard, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr John Greenway, Paul Holmes, Mr George Howarth, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Brooks Newmark, Paddy Tipping, Kitty Ussher, Claire Ward and David Wright.

8 Secure Training Centre (Amendment) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 1709),—The Committee of
Selection has discharged Chris McCafferty, Mr Alan Milburn and Lynda Waltho from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Rules) and nominated in substitution Ms Dawn Butler, Stephen Hesford and Dr Alan Whitehead.

9 Draft Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Additional Authorities) Order 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Janet Anderson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Crispin Blunt, James Brokenshire, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jon Cruddas, Tim Farron, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr George Mudie, Mark Pritchard, Mr Jamie Reed and Mr Graham Stuart.

10 Guidance Issued Under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gordon Banks, Mr Ian McCartney and Mr Michael Meacher from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Guidance) and nominated in substitution Mr David Drew, Albert Owen and Derek Wyatt.

11 Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Assessment 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: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Jim Devine, Mr David Gauke, Julia Goldsworthy, David Heyes, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Marsha Singh, John Smith, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Ian Taylor, John Thurso, Kitty Ussher, Claire Ward, Mr David Winnick and David Wright.

European Standing Committees

12 European Union Document No. 14498/07, relating to Economic Partnership Agreements:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Hugh Bayley 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, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mrs Ann Cryer, Tony Cunningham, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Kerry McCarthy, Julie Morgan and Mr Gareth Thomas.

13 European Union Documents No. 14277/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 14175/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 14165/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Freight transport, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

14 European Union Document No. 11559/07, relating to Funding of political parties, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

15 European Union Document No. 14968/07 and Addendum 1 has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Document No. 14498/07, relating to Economic Partnership Agreements, already referred to the Committee on 7th November 2007.

16 European Union Documents No. 13043/07, No. 13045/07, No. 13046/07, No. 13048/07 and No. 13049/07, relating to Regulation of electricity and gas, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 61-i]; and

(ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee, to be published; and

(2) Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr James Arbuthnot].
2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—*Flooding*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 49-iv] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 16-iv]; and

(2) *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. 142] [Mr Mike Gapes].

5 Innovation, Universities and Skills.—*Higher Education Issues*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 114-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—*Scrutiny of the draft Queen’s Speech*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 81-ii] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs.—*Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007: Explanatory Memorandum by the Northern Ireland Office*: Memorandum laid before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be published [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Procedure.—*e-Petitions*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee; to be printed [No. 136-i] [Mr Greg Knight].

9 Public Accounts.—*Government on the internet: progress in delivering information and services online*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 143-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Statutory Instruments.—Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-iii] [David Maclean].

11 Transport.—*The Future of BAA*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 119-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Work and Pensions.—*The Health and Safety Executive and Commission*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 117-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Funding of further education in South Yorkshire (Mr Eric Illsley).
Welfare reform (Ms Karen Buck).
Economic partnership agreements and development (Tony Baldry).
Operation of Heathrow Airport (Mr Mark Field).
HIV/AIDS (Dr Gavin Strang).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.11 p.m.]
Thursday 29th November 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform.—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirement) (England and Wales) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on Wednesday 25th July, in the last Session of Parliament, should be proceeded with unamended.

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

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

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

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to confer powers on Bournemouth Borough Council for the better control of street trading in the borough of Bournemouth, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to confer powers on Manchester City Council for the better control of street trading in the city of Manchester, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

5 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

6 Future Prospects for Apprenticeships in England (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of future prospects for apprenticeships in England—(Mr David Lammy);

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

7 Common European Asylum System.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10516/07, Commission Green Paper on the future Common European Asylum System; notes the continued importance of working collectively on asylum issues with other Member States; further notes the importance of the Dublin II Regulation, the current responsibility mechanism to deal with asylum seekers; and supports the Government’s position that proper implementation and a full evaluation of first phase instruments should take place before embarking on a second phase of legislation—(Meg Hillier);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 6, to leave out from the word ‘seekers’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘but recognises that asylum policy, as an essential component in the control of the UK’s borders, should remain under the control of the British Government,’ instead thereof.—(Damian Green.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Brooks Newmark: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Liz Blackman: 275.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10516/07, Commission Green Paper on the future Common European Asylum System; notes the continued importance of working collectively on asylum issues with other Member States; further notes the importance of the Dublin II Regulation, the current responsibility mechanism to deal with asylum seekers; and supports the Government’s position that proper implementation and a full evaluation of first phase instruments should take place before embarking on a second phase of legislation.

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 [27th November] from the Liaison Committee—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.
9 Government Consultation on Convicting Rapists and Protecting Victims.—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the Government consultation on convicting rapists and protecting victims.—(The Solicitor General)

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Allergy services (Jo Swinson).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd December.

[Adjourned at 6.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Judicial Statistics.—Report by the Secretary of State for Justice and the Lord Chancellor on Judicial and Court Statistics for 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7273] [Secretary Jack Straw].

2 Science and Technology.—Government Response to the Twelfth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2006–07, on Scientific Developments Relating to the Abortion Act 1967 [by Command] [Cm. 7278] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dominic Grieve from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Henry Bellingham.

2 Draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Martin Horwood from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Alistair Carmichael.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Document No. 14498/97, relating to Economic Partnership Agreements.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Christopher Chope from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr John Hayes.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 26-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration.—Lobbying: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 137-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

3 Treasury.—(1) Private equity: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 145]; and

(2) The November 2007 Inflation Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 139-i]

[John McFall]
Thursday 29th November 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment.


A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Bob Blizzard);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 4th December.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two 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 it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: 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 the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Prison Complaints 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.

   Memoranda (reported on 16th, 18th, 23rd and 25th October 2007, in the last Session of Parliament, and on 20th, 22nd and 27th November and this day) to be printed.

   Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 15].

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

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Bercow reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 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:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 14498/07, Commission Communication, Economic Partnership Agreements, and No. 14968/07 and Addendum 1, Council Regulation applying the arrangements for goods originating in certain states which are part of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) provided for in agreements establishing, or leading to the establishment of, Economic Partnership Agreements; and welcomes the progress being made.

   Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

   A Clause (NC2) (Registered Maintenance Agreements: Scotland)—(Mr James Plaskitt)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (NC1) (Offence of failing to notify change of address)—(Mr James Plaskitt)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (NC3) (Objectives of the Commission)—(Andrew Selous)—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, Mr John Baron: 184.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Siobhain McDonagh: 262.

   Another Clause (NC4) (Pleurale plaques)—(Mr Michael Clapham)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

   Another Clause (NC5) (Responsibilities of non-resident parent)—(Andrew Selous)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Tony Cunningham: 263.

Another Clause (NC7) (Approval of Operational Plan)—(Paul Rowen)—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, Jenny Willott: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Tony Cunningham: 263.

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 26, at the end to insert the words—

'(2) In section 4 of the Child Support Act 1991 (child support maintenance) for subsection (10) substitute—

“In the event that the parent with care and the non-resident parent have entered into a binding Minute of Agreement and—

(a) each party has received independent legal advice prior to signing the said Minute of Agreement;

(b) the agreement contains within it provisions for the maintenance of any children whether by regular payments, transfers of capital or a combination of the two;

(c) there is provision to reconsider any regular payments in the event of a material change of circumstances; and

(d) there is provision within the agreement for enforcement in the event that either party fails to adhere to the provisions of the agreement,

no application may be made to the commission with respect to a qualifying child or qualifying children specified in the agreement.’.”—(Mr Mike Weir.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Stewart Hosie, Bob Russell: 148.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Tony Cunningham: 257.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) A dependant will receive the same payment as that payable to a person with diffuse mesothelioma.’.—(Mr Michael Clapham.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 11) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Nicholas Brown, 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 shall do therewith as it shall think fit.

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

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

5 Adjournment.

Subject: Healthcare prioritisation (Dr Richard Taylor).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 30th November 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Home Office,—Home Office Targets: Autumn Performance Report 2007 [Cm. 7287] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 30th November 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Paper:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 3rd December 2007:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Defence,—(1) Army Act 1955 (Part 1) (Regular Army) Regulations 1992 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3383); and
(2) Army Terms of Service Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3382), dated 29th November 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

6 Pensions,—Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3369), dated 26th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

7 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Child Support Agency for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 148] [Mr Secretary Hain].

8 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 96] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Hepburn and Fiona Mactaggart from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Stephen Pound and Emily Thornberry.

2 Draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Gauke from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Justine Greening.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Document No. 14498/97, relating to Economic Partnership Agreements,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer and Mr Ronnie Campbell from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Devine and Jeff Ennis.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs.—Overseas Territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 147-i] [Mr Mike Gapes].

2 Human Rights.—(1) A British Bill of Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 150-i];
(2) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;
(3) Monitoring the Government Response to Court Judgments Finding Breaches of Human Rights: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;
(4) The Meaning of Public Authority: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(5) UNCAT: Allegations of Torture and Inhuman Treatment in Iraq: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts.—The privatisation of Qinetiq: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 151-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Welsh Affairs.—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 34-v]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

5 Work and Pensions.—The best start in life? Alleviating deprivation, improving social mobility and eradicating child poverty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 42-iii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills,—In pursuance of Standing Order 69 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills), the Speaker appointed Alan Sandall, Esquire, to be an Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills.

[No. 17.]
Tuesday 4th December 2007.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) 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.
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 Sale of Student Loans Bill,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Sale of Student Loans 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 made an Amendment thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 13].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007:
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Jim Hood reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007.

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

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.

Funding of political parties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the corrosion of public trust in democracy following the recent succession of scandals over the funding of the governing political party; regrets that a comprehensive package of proposals to reform electoral law was not achieved by the inter-party talks owing to the refusal of the Secretary of State for Justice and the Labour representative, Mr Peter Watt, to accept a comprehensive cap on donations; observes the unhealthy increase in back-door state funding through the £6 million of funds allocated to special advisers and the funding of over 3,000 press and communications officers across Whitehall and its quangos; asserts that the Communications Allowance is an unhealthy extension of taxpayer funding for party propaganda that advantages the governing party; and calls for a comprehensive package of reforms to restore public trust and to support a vibrant local democracy and voluntary activism, which must include an across-the-board cap and annually a genuine individual choice for union members on whether they wish to donate to their favoured political party—(Mr Francis Maude);

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 political funding reform is essential to the future health of democracy in the UK and that Her Majesty’s Gracious Speech said that the Government would bring forward proposals on the regulation of party finance and expenditure; regrets that a comprehensive reform package was not achieved by the inter-party talks owing to the unilateral decision of the Conservative Party to walk away from a draft agreement put to the parties by Sir Hayden Phillips, despite the fact that the draft agreement faithfully reflected recommendations in Sir Hayden’s 15th March 2007 Report, which they had earlier welcomed; and urges all parties to engage constructively in order to achieve lasting reform in the public interest’, 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: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Dave Watts: 341.

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 Dave Watts: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, Mr Stewart Jackson: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that political funding reform is essential to the future health of democracy in the UK and that Her Majesty’s Gracious Speech said that the Government would bring forward proposals on the regulation of party finance and expenditure; regrets that a comprehensive reform package was not achieved by the inter-party talks owing to the unilateral decision of the Conservative Party to walk away from a draft agreement put to the parties by Sir Hayden Phillips, despite the fact that the draft agreement faithfully reflected recommendations in Sir Hayden’s 15th March 2007 Report, which they had earlier welcomed; and urges all parties to engage constructively in order to achieve lasting reform in the public interest.

Performance of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the performance of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; regrets that it has been responsible for huge and avoidable costs to farmers and taxpayers; notes with concern the significant cost overruns in the Department’s programme and administration budgets; and believes that planned budget cuts of £270 million will further undermine efforts to deliver policies which tackle climate change, promote the farming industry and enhance the natural environment—(Mr Peter Ainsworth),
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 
‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘commends the Government on 
its swift and effective action to deal with four different disease outbreaks in England in 
2007; welcomes the announcement on 8th October 2007 of an aid package to farmers 
worth £12.5 million through extra support to hill farmers, fallen stock collection, meat 
promotion and help for farming support charities; congratulates the Department for 
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on its effective emergency planning 
arrangements in conjunction with the emergency services and local authorities to warn 
those at risk from the recent tidal surge and initiate precautionary evacuation; applauds 
the increase in spending on flood defences since 1997, a 30 per cent. increase in real terms 
to around £600 million, and the announcement that spending will rise to a maximum of 
£800 million by 2010–11; and further congratulates the Government for bringing 
together environment, rural affairs and food and farming under Defra to create a unified 
structure essential for the effective delivery of integrated Government policies across 
these issues’, 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 Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Steve McCabe: 275.

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, Alison Seabeck, Steve McCabe: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 187.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House commends the Government on its swift and effective action 
to deal with four different disease outbreaks in England in 2007; welcomes the 
announcement on 8th October 2007 of an aid package to farmers worth £12.5 million 
through extra support to hill farmers, fallen stock collection, meat promotion and help 
for farming support charities; congratulates the Department for Environment, Food and 
Rural Affairs (Defra) on its effective emergency planning arrangements in conjunction 
with the emergency services and local authorities to warn those at risk from the recent 
tidal surge and initiate precautionary evacuation; applauds the increase in spending on 
flood defences since 1997, a 30 per cent. increase in real terms to around £600 million, 
and the announcement that spending will rise to a maximum of £800 million by 2010–11; 
and further congratulates the Government for bringing together environment, rural 
affairs and food and farming under Defra to create a unified structure essential for the 
effective delivery of integrated Government policies across these issues.

6 Legal Services Commission,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, 
pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft 
Criminal Defence Service (Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2007, which were laid 
before this House on 19th July, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr 
Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

7 Economic Partnership 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 Documents No. 14498/07, Commission 
Communication, Economic Partnership Agreements, and No. 14968/07 and Addendum 
1, Council Regulation applying the arrangements for goods originating in certain states 
which are part of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) provided 
for in agreements establishing, or leading to the establishment of, Economic Partnership 
Agreements, and welcomes the progress being made—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was 
agreed to.
Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

1. the people of Braintree relating to Community Hospital (Braintree);
2. members of the Besley Pensioners’ Forum and others relating to 2012 Olympic Tax Levy; and
3. those affected by the closure of the Preston Road Post Office in Brighton relating to Post Office closures (Brighton)

were presented and read.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr Michael Foster.]

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Corporation Tax,—(1) Securitisation Companies (Application of Section 83(1) of the Finance Act 2005: Accounting Standards) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3338); and
(2) Taxation of Securitisation Companies (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3339),
dated 3rd December 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].

Other Paper:

3. Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards),—Paper, entitled State of Healthcare 2007: Improvements and challenges in services in England and Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 97] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers, Frank Dobson, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Mr Chris Mullin from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Kidney, David Lepper, Tom Levitt, Mr Andy Slaughter and Mr Neil Turner.

2. Draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Clive Efford, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr George Howarth and Ms Sally Keeble from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr David Kidney and Mr David Winnick.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform,—The UK Construction Industry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 127-ii] [Peter Luff].
2 Culture, Media and Sport,—London 2012 Games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 104-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—UK/US Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty: Third Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 107] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 149-i]; and
   (2) The Challenge of climate change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 155-i]
   [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs,—(1) Home Office Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 60-i]; and
   (2) Security Industry Authority: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 144-i]
   [Keith Vaz].

6 Justice,—Protection of private data: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [154-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

7 Treasury,—Financial stability and transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 56-ii] [John McFall].

[No. 17; WH, No. 8]
Tuesday 4th December 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Development in Aylesbury Vale (John Bercow).
Public service television for children (Mr Neil Gerrard).
Legal process in relation to custody of and access to children (Mr Frank Doran).
Ministerial accountability to Parliament (Mr Mark Harper).
Women’s and girls’ football (Mr Richard Caborn).

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. 18.]
Wednesday 5th December 2007.

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

PRAYERS.


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

2 Pensions Bill.—Mr Secretary Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Des Browne, Mr Secretary Hutton, Mr Secretary Woodward, Mr Mike O’Brien and Mr James Plaskitt presented a Bill to make provision relating to pensions, 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 25].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Pensions Bill be printed [Bill 25–EN].

3 Planning and Energy Bill.—Mr Michael Fallon, supported by John Battle, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Martin Caton, Colin Challen, Dr Alan Whitehead, Hugh Bayley, Mr John Gummer, Mr Michael Jack, Julia Goldsworthy and Chris Huhne, presented a Bill to enable local planning authorities to set requirements for energy generation and energy efficiency in local plans; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 17].

4 Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill.—Mrs Sharon Hodgson, supported by Lyn Brown, Mr David Blunkett, Mr Barry Sheerman, Kelvin Hopkins, Ms Angela C. Smith, Anne Snelgrove, John Bercow, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Mark Oaten and Stephen Williams, presented a Bill to amend the Education Act 1996 in relation to the provision and publication of information about children who have special educational needs; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 26].

5 Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill.—Andrew Miller, supported by Tony Lloyd, Mr George Howarth, Margaret Moran, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Andrew Smith, Mrs Ann Cryer, Alan Michael, Mr Kevan Jones, Ms Dawn Butler, Ben Chapman and Ann Clwyd, presented a Bill to provide for the protection of temporary and agency workers; to require the principle of equal treatment to be applied to temporary and agency workers; to make provision about the enforcement of rights of temporary and agency workers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 27].

6 British Board of Film Classification (Accountability to Parliament and Appeals) Bill.—Mr Julian Brazier, supported by Mr John Gummer, Keith Vaz, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr Jim Hood, Stephen Pound, Mr John Hayes, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Jim Dobbins, Mr David Burrowes and Mr Greg Hands, presented a Bill to make provision for parliamentary scrutiny of senior appointments to the British Board of Film Classification and of guidelines produced by it; to establish a body with powers to hear appeals against the release of videos and DVDs and the classification of works in prescribed circumstances; to make provision about penalties for the distribution of illegal works; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th February and to be printed [Bill 16].

7 Private Equity (Transfer of Undertakings and Protection of Employment) Bill.—Mr John Heppell, supported by Mr Anthony Wright, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Mr Frank Doran, Mr Robert Flello, Mr Fraser Kemp, Shona McIsaac, Mr Michael Clapham, Ms Dari Taylor, Janet Anderson and Rosemary McKenna, presented a Bill to extend the application of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 to the acquisition and disposal of substantial shareholdings by private equity companies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 28].

8 Animals Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Stephen Crabb, supported by Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Roger Williams, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Edward O’Hara, Kate Hoey, Mr David Drew, Mr Eilyn Llwyd, Tim Farron and Barry Gardiner, 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 14th March and to be printed [Bill 18].

9 Food Products (Marketing to Children) Bill.—Nigel Griffiths, supported by Mary Creagh, Mr David Amess, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Andrew George, Bob Spink and Stephen Williams, presented a Bill to make provision about the advertising, marketing and promotion of food and drink products to children; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 19].

10 Environmental Protection (Transfers at Sea) Bill.—Mark Lazarowicz, supported by Mr David Anderson, Derek Conway, Nigel Griffiths, Mr David Hamilton, Mr John MacDougall, Anne Moffat, Bob Spink, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Mike Weir and John Barrett, presented a Bill to make provision about transfers of cargo at sea; to provide for environmental safeguards in relation to such transfers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 20].

11 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill.—Keith Hill presented a Bill to revise the mode of trial and maximum penalties applicable to certain offences relating to health and safety: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 29].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Health and Safety (Offences) Bill be printed [Bill 29–EN].
12 Energy Saving (Daylight) Bill.—Mr Tim Yeo, supported by Peter Bottomley, Sir John Butterfill, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr David Kidney, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Lembic 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 7th March and to be printed [Bill 21].

13 Voting Age (Reduction) Bill.—Julie Morgan, supported by Natasha Engel, Jo Swinson, Roger Berry, John Bercow, Dr Alan Whitehead, Jenny Willott, Mrs Betty Williams, Peter Bottomley, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Hywel Williams and Ms Katy Clark, presented a Bill to reduce the voting age for parliamentary and other elections to 16 years: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th June and to be printed [Bill 22].

14 Fixed Term Parliaments Bill.—David Howarth, supported by Mr David Heath, Simon Hughes, Chris Huhne, Danny Alexander, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Paul Burstow, Paul Rowen, Mr Graham Allen and Mr Peter Bone, presented a Bill to fix the date of the next general election and all subsequent 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 16th May and to be printed [Bill 30].

15 Forces Widows' Pensions (Equality of Treatment) Bill.—Mr Michael Mates, supported by Mr Bruce George, Sir Menzies Campbell, Patrick Mercer, Mr Michael Clapham, Nick Harvey, Peter Viggers, Derek Conway, Simon Hughes and Sir Michael Spicer, presented a Bill to provide for the equal treatment of Forces widows' pensions in respect of retirement from military service for the periods before 1973 and between 1973 and 2005; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 31].

16 Leasehold Reform Bill.—Simon Hughes, supported by John Hemming, Mr Nick Clegg, Greg Mulholland, Paul Rowen, Mr Mike Hancock, Mark Hunter, Stephen Williams, Andrew Stunell, Paul Holmes, Bob Russell and Lynne Featherstone, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to long leaseholders; to confer further powers on leaseholders; to make provision in relation to leaseholders in local council owned property and property owned by other social landlords; to confer powers on landlords to create sinking funds; to make requirements of landlords relating to the management of property; and for connected purposes: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 32].

17 Borough Freedom Bill.—Derek Conway, supported by Mr Graham Allen, Janet Anderson, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Simon Burns, Mr David Clelland, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Roger Gale, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Keith Simpson and Mrs Betty Williams, presented a Bill to enable rights of admission to the freedom of cities or towns to be extended to women; to enable other amendments relating to admission to be made; to confer powers to admit persons as honorary freemen of certain places in the Confederation of the Cinque Ports; and for connected purposes: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 23].

18 Sound Recordings (Copyright Term Extension) Bill.—Pete Wishart, supported by Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Mark Field, Sandra Gidley, John Robertson, Rosemary McKenna, Adam Price, Mr Greg Knight, John Hemming, Stewart Hosie, Kelvin Hopkins and Janet Anderson, presented a Bill to extend beyond 50 years the copyright term of sound recordings; and for connected purposes: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 33].

19 Environmental Protection (Airports) Bill.—Justine Greening, supported by Mr David Evennett, Mr Nick Hurd, Adam Afriyie, Mr John Randall, Mr Edward Garner, John McDonnell, David Taylor, Susan Kramer, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Mark Prisk and Mr Greg Hands, presented a Bill to promote the protection of the environment near airports; to establish a body to monitor the environmental impact of airports and to report on levels of pollution; to confer certain powers on that body; and for connected purposes: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th March and to be printed [Bill 34].

20 Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill.—Anne Snelgrove, supported by Lyn Brown, Colin Challen, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr John Gunner, Andrew Gwynne, Mrs Joan Humble, David Howarth, Martin Horwood, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Tim Yeo and Dr Alan Whitehead, presented a Bill to make further provision about energy efficiency and microgeneration in public sector buildings; and for connected purposes: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 35].
21 Foreign Nationals (Statistics) Bill.—Mr William Cash, supported by Mr Frank Field, Nick Harvey, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr John Whittingdale and Mr Tom Clarke, presented a Bill to establish a requirement on local authorities to transfer certain statistics relating to nationality to the Office for National Statistics; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 36].

22 Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill.—Mr Gordon Prentice, supported by Paul Flynn, Kelvin Hopkins, David Heyes, Ms Katy Clark, Dr Richard Taylor, Dr Gavin Strang, Lynne Jones, Dr Ian Gibson, Clive E discouraged and Andrew Mackinlay, presented a Bill to make provision for disqualification from membership of the House of Commons and the House of Lords on grounds relating to residence and domicile for taxation purposes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 24].

23 Estimates Day [1st allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [29th November], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 2007–08 (Cabinet Office).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Cabinet Office—

(1) the resources authorised for use be reduced by £10,596,000, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 29,
(2) the sum authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £2,938,000 as so set out, and
(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

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, 2007–08 (Department for Work and Pensions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Department for Work and Pensions—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £627,101,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 29,
(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,147,101,000, 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.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

And it being Seven 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 Supplementary Estimates, 2007–08.

Supplementary Estimates, 2007–08: Cabinet Office

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Cabinet Office—

(1) the resources authorised for use be reduced by £10,596,000, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 29,
(2) the sum authorised for issue out of the Consolidated Fund be reduced by £2,938,000 as so set out, and
(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.

Supplementary Estimates, 2007–08: Department of Work and Pensions

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Department for Work and Pensions—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £627,101,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 29,
(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,147,101,000, 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.

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

Supplementary Estimates and New Estimates, 2007–08

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

(1) further resources, not exceeding £5,529,376,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 29,
(2) a further sum, not exceeding £6,391,199,000, 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.

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2009—
(1) resources, not exceeding £194,866,358,000, be authorised, on account, for use for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 3, 12, 13 and 14, and
(2) a sum, not exceeding £179,676,962,000, 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, Andy Burnham, Jane Kennedy, Angela Eagle and Kitty Ussher do prepare and bring it in.

25 Consolidated Fund Bill.—Jane Kennedy accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the years ending with 31st March 2008 and 31st March 2009 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending with 31st March 2008 and 31st March 2009. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 14].

26 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 draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Zero-Carbon Homes Relief) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 18th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

27 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

28 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) those concerned about Carers' Allowance relating to Carers' Allowance;
(2) those affected by the closure of the 13 Preston Road Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Brighton); and
(3) constituents from Glasgow North West and the surrounding areas relating to Post Office closures (North West Glasgow)
were presented and read.

29 Adjournment.

Subject: Scallop dredging in Lyme Bay (Mr Oliver Letwin).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electricity,—Draft Electricity and Gas (Carbon Emissions Reduction) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Scientific Research Organisations Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3426), dated 5th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].
(3) Taxation of Insurance Securitisation Companies Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3402), dated 4th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Kitty Ussher]; and
(4) Taxation of Securitisation Companies (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3401), dated 4th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].


7 Transport.—Railways (Interoperability) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3386), dated 29th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Paper:

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Helping people through mental health crisis: The role of Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Health and Social Care Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Ben Bradshaw, Rosie Cooper, Sandra Gidley, Kelvin Hopkins, Steve McCabe, Mr Stephen O’Brien and Jeremy Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Health and Social Care Bill Committee.

2 Housing and Regeneration Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Liz Blackman, Alistair Burt, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Andrew Love, Ms Angela C. Smith, Andrew Stunell and Mr Iain Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee.

3 Housing and Regeneration Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton Chairmen of the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Liz Blackman, Alistair Burt, Andrew George, Andrew Gwynne, Paul Holmes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Andrew Love, Margaret Moran, Mr Nick Raynsford, Grant Shapps, Mr Andy Slaughter, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Mr Robert Syms, Joan Walley, Mr Iain Wright and Sir George Young.

4 Health and Social Care Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Jim Hood and Derek Conway Chairmen of the Health and Social Care Bill Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Angela Browning, Richard Burden, Rosie Cooper, Mr Stephen Crabb, Sandra Gidley, Stephen Hesford, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Brian Jenkins, Dr Ashok Kumar, Steve McCabe, Judy Mallaber, Anne Milon, Laura Moffatt, Greg Mulholland, Mr Stephen O’Brien and Jeremy Wright.

5 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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: John Bercow, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Alan Campbell, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Philip Dunne, Tim Farron, Mr Bruce George, Damian Green, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Meg Hillier, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Chris Mullin, Martin Salter, Geraldine Smith and Mr Edward Vaizey.

6 Draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (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 John Baron, Colin Burston, Lorely Burt, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Curry, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr John Hayes, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Alun Michael, Lembit Öpik, Mr Mark Prisk, Alison Seabeck and Jon Trickett.

Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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: John Battle, Tony Cunningham, Mrs Louise Ellman, Bill Etherington, Mr David Evennett, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Mike Hall, Patrick Hall, Mr Greg Hands, Mark Hunter, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr George Mudie, Mr Jim Murphy, Willie Rennie, Mr Neil Turner and Phil Wilson.

Draft Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Additional Authorities) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Mudie from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne.

Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth 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: Danny Alexander, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, Frank Dobson, Keith Hill, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mrs Eleanor Lang, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Ken Purchase, Paul Rowen, Mr Virendra Sharma, Helen Southworth, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Anthony Wright.

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 Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Jim Devine, Claire Ward and Mr David Winnick from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Assessment) and nominated in substitution Clive Efford, Mr George Howarth, Jessica Morden and Mr Tom Watson.

Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth 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: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Jim Dobbin, Michael Jabez Foster, Dr Ian Gibson, Damian Green, Meg Hillier, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Peter Lilley, Ian Lucas, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Gwyn Prosser, Paul Rowen and Chris Ruane.

Draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Anna Winterton Chairman, and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Margaret Beckett, Ms Karen Buck, Barbara Follett, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mr Stewart Jackson, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Barbara Keeley, Robert Neill, Sandra Osborne, Richard Ottaway, Mike Penning, Ms Gisela Stuart, Andrew Stunell, Jo Swinson, Mr Shailesh Vara and Mrs Betty Williams.

European Standing Committees
13 European Union Documents No. 14993/07, No. 14995/07, No.14996/07, No. 14997/07, No. 14999/07 and No. 15001/07, relating to the Accession Process in the Western Balkans, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.
14 European Union Document No. 11559/07, relating to Funding of Political Parties:
(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings 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: Tony Cunningham, Mr David Evennett, Mr John Heppell, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mrs Maria Miller, Mr Elliott Morley, Mr Jim Murphy, Jim Sheridan, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Charles Walker and Richard Younger-Ross.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 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. 16-v]; and
   (2) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Michael Connarty].

2 Foreign Affairs Committee.—Developments in the EU: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 120-ii] [Mr Mike Gapes].

3 Human Rights.—Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 156-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Innovation, Universities and Skills.—Role of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be published [No. 115-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

5 International Development.—Maternal Health: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 66-iii] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs.—The Northern Ireland Prison Service: 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. 118-i and -ii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts.—The Carbon Trust: Accelerating the move to low carbon economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 157-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

8 Statutory Instruments.—Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-iv] [David Maclean].

9 Transport.—Ticketing on Public Transport: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 84-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury.—Administration and expenditure of the Chancellor’s departments, 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 57-ii] [John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions.—(1) The Health and Safety Executive and Commission: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (2) Winter Supplementary Estimates: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 18; WH, No. 9]

Wednesday 5th December 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.
Subjects:
Impact of Christianophobia on communities (Mark Pritchard).
Crime related to identity and internet fraud (Tom Brake).
Sentencing for fatal hit and run accidents (Jeff Ennis).
Public service broadcasting obligations and ITV regional programming (Mr John Grogan).
Planning and housing in Mid Dorset and North Poole constituency (Annette Brooke).
Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Dave Watts.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
Thursday 6th December 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in Lords, and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

- Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords]
- Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Eric Illesley reported from the Fifth 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.

3 Peter Grant Peterkin CB OBE.—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House expresses its appreciation to Peter Grant Peterkin CB OBE for his distinguished public service career, including three years as Serjeant at Arms, and extends to him its best wishes for his retirement.—(Helen Goodman.)

4 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.

5 Health Consequences of Availability of Cheap Alcohol (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the health consequences of availability of cheap alcohol—(Mr Ben Bradshaw);

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

6 Fisheries.—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of fisheries.—(Jonathan Shaw.)

7 Criminal Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Additional Authorities) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 6th November, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Rail services to Enfield North (Joan Ryan).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half-past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th December.

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Export and Movement Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3435), dated 5th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

   (2) Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Change of Accounting Practice) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3432), dated 5th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy]; and
   (3) Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Disregard and Bringing into Account of Profits and Losses) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3431), dated 5th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].


5 Police, Northern Ireland,—Supply of Information (Register of Deaths) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3390), dated 28th November 2007 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].


Other Papers:

7 Crown Prosecution Service,—Crown Prosecution Service: Autumn Performance Report for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7289] [The Solicitor General].

8 Home Office,—(1) Paper, entitled Summary of Responses to the Counter Terrorism Bill Consultation; and
   (2) Report by the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation on Proposed Measures for Inclusion in a Counter Terrorism Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7269 and 7262] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

9 Justice,—(1) Government’s Response to the Report by Baroness Corston of a Review of Women with Particular Vulnerabilities in the Criminal Justice System; and
   (2) Ministry of Justice: Autumn Performance Report for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7261 and 7271] [Secretary Jack Straw].

10 National Heritage,—Statement on the provision of the Government Indemnity Scheme [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

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 Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Jim Devine, Clare Ward and Mr David Winnick from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Assessment) and nominated in substitution Clive Elford, Mr George Howarth, Jessica Morden and Mr Tom Watson.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Modernising Medical Careers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 25(ii)] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration,—Parliamentary Scrutiny of Public Appointments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 152(i)] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 19; WH, No. 10]

Thursday 6th December 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th December.

[Adjourned at 4.37 p.m.

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) 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 Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2007.

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 draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007.

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

4 Drugs (Reclassification) Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope, supported by Mr Peter Bone, Mr William Cash, Philip Davies, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Robert Syms and Sir Nicholas Winterton, presented a Bill to provide for the reclassification of cannabis. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th February and to be printed [Bill 37].

5 Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope, supported by Mr Peter Bone, Mr William Cash, Philip Davies, Mr Nigel Evans, Richard Ottaway, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Graham Stuart, Peter Viggers, Sir George Young and Sir Nicholas Winterton, presented a Bill to make provision for roadside testing for illegal drugs; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 38].

6 Broadcasting (Television Licence Fee Abolition) Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope, supported by Mr Peter Bone, Mr William Cash, Mr Nigel Evans, Philip Davies, Mr Mark Field, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Bob Spink and Mr Robert Syms, presented a Bill to make provision for the abolition of the television licence fee; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 39].

7 Sovereignty of Parliament (European Communities) Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope, supported by Mr Peter Bone, Mr William Cash, Philip Davies, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Bob Spink, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Andrew Turner, Peter Viggers and Sir Nicholas Winterton, presented a Bill to provide that Community treaties, Community instruments and Community obligations shall only be binding in legal proceedings in the United Kingdom in so far as they do not conflict with a subsequent, expressly inconsistent enactment of the Parliament of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 40].

8 European Union (Audit of Benefits and Costs of UK Membership) Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope, supported by Mr Peter Bone, Mr William Cash, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Bob Spink, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Andrew Turner, Peter Viggers and Sir Nicholas Winterton, presented a Bill to establish a Commission to carry out regular audits of the economic costs and benefits of the UK’s membership of the European Union; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th June and to be printed [Bill 41].

9 Road Traffic (Congestion Reduction) Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope, supported by Mr Peter Bone, Mr William Cash, Sir Patrick Cormack, Philip Davies, Mr Mark Field, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Greg Knight, Bob Spink, Sir Nicholas Winterton and Sir George Young, presented a Bill to place a duty on highway authorities and police forces to minimise congestion and delays caused by collisions and other incidents on the highway; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 42].

10 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—Mr Andrew Dismore, supported by Dr Tony Wright, Mr Andrew Slaughter, Annette Brooke, Mr Andrew Love, Keith Vaz, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mike Gapes, Jeremy Corbyn, Shona McIsaac and Stephen
Pound, 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 6th June and to be printed [Bill 43].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill be printed [Bill 43–EN].

11 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill.—Dr Brian Iddon, supported by Mr David Amess, Jim Dobbin, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mark Hunter, Mr Eric Illsley, Martin Salter, Alan Simpson, Anne Snelgrove, Mr Phil Willis and Sir Nicholas Winterton, 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 1st February and to be printed [Bill 44].

12 Planning Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Planning Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Planning Bill because, whilst there is a need to speed up the planning system and undo the extra bureaucracy introduced in the 2004 Act, the Bill creates a new Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) which is fundamentally undemocratic and unaccountable to both local and national elected representatives, deprives Parliament of the ability to approve, amend or reject National Planning Statements and fails to guarantee that all revenues from the Community Infrastructure Levy will be fully retained by local authorities; and because the combination of the IPC, the Homes and Communities Agency and more powerful regional development agencies represents the systematic dismantling of local democracy to the detriment of the local environment and local accountability’, instead thereof.—(Mr Eric Pickles.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Frank Roy: 281.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Michael Foster: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 212.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

13 Planning 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 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 5th February 2008.

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—

(Liz Blackman)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Michael Foster: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

(1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State, and

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

15 Planning 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 Planning Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the charging of fees, and

(2) the imposition of a Community Infrastructure Levy—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

16 Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) 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;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 12th December at nine o’clock and between two o’clock and four o’clock to consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above.—(Liz Blackman.)

17 Health.—Ordered, That Mike Penning be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr Peter Bone be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 Adjournment.

Subject: 2012 Olympics and the North East (Dr Ashok Kumar).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 7th December 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Department for Children, Schools and Families: Autumn Performance Report [Cm. 7279] [Secretary Ed Balls].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 7th December 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Consumer Protection,—Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3452), dated 6th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Mr Secretary Hutton].

4 Corporation Tax,—(1) Insurance Companies (Overseas Life Assurance Business) (Excluded Business) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3445); and
   (2) Overseas Life Insurance Companies (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3449),
   dated 6th December 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Kitty Ussher].

5 Environmental Protection,—Controls on Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3438), dated 6th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Hilary Benn].

6 Food,—Drinking Milk (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3428),
   dated 1st December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3448), dated 6th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Jane Kennedy].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th December 2007:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

9 Defence,—(1) Courts-Martial (Army) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3442);
   (2) Courts-Martial (Royal Air Force) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3444); and
   dated 6th December 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

10 Education,—(1) Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3344), dated 26th November 2007; and
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

11 Environmental Protection,—Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3433), dated 4th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

(2) Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (Data Sharing Code of Practice) (Revocation) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3447), dated 5th December 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


14 Plant Health.—Plant Health (Forestry) (Phytophthora ramorum) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3450), dated 6th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

15 Police.—(1) Police Service of Northern Ireland Pensions (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 485), dated 27th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward];

(2) Police Service of Northern Ireland Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.R. (N.I.), 2007, No. 484), dated 27th November 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward]; and


16 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 14th February 2007, made by the Governing Body of St. Hilda's College in the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Clerk of the House].

Other Papers:

17 Animal Health.—Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Framework Response Plan for Exotic Animal Diseases for Foot and Mouth Disease, Avian Influenza, Newcastle Disease, Classical Swine Fever, African Swine Fever, Swine Vesicular Disease, Rabies, Bluetongue, Specified Types of Equine Exotic Diseases: Glanders, Dourine, Infectious Anaemia and Equine Encephalomyelitis (of all types including West Nile Virus) and Overview of Emergency Preparedness for Exotic Animal Diseases [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


19 Immigration.—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3440), dated 5th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

20 Medical.—Report and Accounts of the General Medical Council for 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

21 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Rural Payments Agency: A progress update in resolving the difficulties in administering the Single Payment Scheme in England; and

(2) Partnering for success: Preparing to deliver the 14-19 education reforms in England

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 10 and 99] [Clerk of the House].

22 National Health Service.—Report on the NHS Summarised Accounts 2006-07: Achieving Financial Balance and Summarised Accounts of Strategic Health Authorities, Primary Care Trusts and NHS Trusts in England, for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 129-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

23 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Terrorism Act 2000 (Business in the Regulated Sector and Supervisory Authorities) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3288) [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].

25 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:

Export and Movement Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007, No. 3435)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

Papers withdrawn:

26 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Terrorism Act 2000 (Business in the Regulated Sector and Supervisory Authorities) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3288) [laid 20th November].


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Walley from the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Lyn Brown.

2 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer, Martin Salter and Geraldine Smith from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Hilary Armstrong, Jim Dobbin and Mr Jamie Reed.

3 Draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ronnie Campbell and Mr Ian Davidson from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Jeff Ennis and Mr Robert Flello.

4 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mike Hall from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Dan Norris.

5 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Helen Southworth, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Anthony Wright from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Shona McIsaac, Chris Mole and Jessica Morden.

Grand Committees

6 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Watkinson from the Welsh Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mrs Cheryl Gillan.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 11559/07, relating to Funding of Political Parties.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fraser Kemp, Mrs Maria Miller and Mr Eliot Morley from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Robert Flello and Mr Graham Stuart.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform,—The UK Construction Industry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 127-iii] [Peter Luff].

2 Children, Schools and Families,—Testing and Assessment:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 169-i]; and
(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published  
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Communities and Local Government.—(1) DCLG Annual Report 2007: Second 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. 170]; and  
(2) Housing Green Paper: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 171]; and Tables; to be published  
[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 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. 130-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Overseas Territories: Memoranda laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 5th December; to be published [Mike Gapes].

6 Human Rights.—(1) Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Second 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. 156];  
(2) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published, and  
(3) The Treatment of Asylum Seekers: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published  
[Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Public Accounts.—(1) Tackling rural poverty in developing countries: First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 172];  
(2) Prescribing costs in primary care: Second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 173];  
(3) Building for the future: sustainable construction and refurbishment on the government estate: Third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 174];  
(4) Building and maintaining river and coastal flood defences: Fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 175]; and  
(5) Foreign and Commonwealth Office: managing risk in overseas territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 176-i]  
[Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 21.]

Tuesday 11th December 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Housing and Regeneration 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 be published.

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Eric Illesley reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007.  
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 European Standing Committee.—John Cummings reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:
That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 11559/07, Draft Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2004/2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding; and agrees that the Government should support its adoption.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 European Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of European affairs—(Secretary David Miliband);

Mr William Cash 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 Wayne David, Mr Dave Watts: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Peter Bone: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of European affairs.

5 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 [12th November], That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2007 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

6 Housing.—Ordered, That the Home Information Pack (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3301), dated 22nd November 2007, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Liz Blackman.)

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) (Agreement on Enlargement of the European Economic Area) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Liz Blackman)—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 Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

9 Employment Agencies, Etc.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mr Brian Kewley, Postmaster, and the customers of Lower Heswall Post Office, Wirral, relating to Post Office closures (Wirral);

(2) Sally Ann Cooke relating to Family Courts (Reform);

(3) residents of Little Harrowden, Great Harrowden, Orlingbury, Pytchely and surrounding areas relating to Post Office closures (Northamptonshire); and

(4) those affected by the closure of the Elm Grove Post Office in Brighton relating to Post Office closures (Brighton)

were presented and read.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Funding for schools in Shropshire (Mr Owen Paterson).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Cinemas and Film,—Films (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3478), dated 10th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

2 Damages,—(1) Damages for Bereavement (Variation of Sum) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3489), and
   (2) Damages for Bereavement (Variation of Sum) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3488),
   dated 10th December 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

3 Environmental Protection,—Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3454), dated 6th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:

4 Children, Schools and Families,—Paper, entitled The Children’s Plan: Building brighter futures [by Command] [Cm. 7280] [Secretary Ed Balls].

5 International Development,—Department for International Development: Autumn Performance Report 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7274] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

6 Local Government,—Financial Statement of the South Bank Centre for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

7 Transport,—(1) Department for Transport Minute, dated 11th December 2007, concerning non-statutory contingent liabilities in respect of an indemnity to be given by the Secretary of State for Transport to Network Rail relating to the operation of Crossrail services [by Command]; and
   (2) Department for Transport: Autumn Performance Report 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7266]
   [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Planning Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Sir John Butterfill and Mr Eric Illsley Chairmen of the Planning Bill Committee.

2 Draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Margaret Beckett, Ms Karen Buck, Barbara Follett, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mr Stewart Jackson, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Barbara Keeley, Robert Neill, Sandra Osborne, Richard Ottaway, Mike Penning, Ms Gisela Stuart, Andrew Stunell, Jo Swinson, Mr Shailesh Vara and Mrs Betty Williams from the Sixth Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations).

Grand Committees

3 Welsh Grand Committee,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on 12th December.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meetings on 13th November, 27th November and 11th December 2007 [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—Creating a Higher Value-added Economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee, to be printed [No. 168-i] [Peter Luff].
3 Communities and Local Government,—Existing Housing and Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 70-iii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Defence,—(1) The Iran hostages incident: the lessons learned: Fourth Report from the Defence Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 181];

(2) Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) The Future of NATO and European Defence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environmental Audit,—2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 149-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Proposals: First Report from the Home Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 43]; and

(2) The Government’s Counter-Terrorism Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 180-i]
[Keith Vaz].

7 Public Administration,—(1) Machinery of Government changes: A follow-up Report: 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. 160]; and

(2) Propriety and Peerages: Second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 153]
[Dr Tony Wright].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Poverty in Scotland: Second Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 128-I and -II] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Treasury,—(1) Financial inclusion follow-up: saving for all and shorter term saving products: Government Response to the Thirteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Third Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 167];

(2) Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 56-iij];

(3) Private equity: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 166-i]; and

(4) Counting the Population: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 183]
[John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Energy in Wales: follow-up inquiry: First Report from the Welsh Affairs 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 16th and 23rd January 2007 [No. 177]; and

(2) Globalisation and its impact on Wales:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 34-vi]; and

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

Subjects:
- Future funding of canals (Michael Fabricant).
- Malaysian campaign veterans (Mr Don Touhig).
- Protection of vulnerable adults in residential nursing and care homes (Mr Phil Willis).
- Proposed closure of Cadbury’s Somerdale factory at Keynsham, North East Somerset (Dan Norris).
- Train services stopping in Penrith from 2008 (David Maclean).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 22.]

Wednesday 12th December 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:

The Lords agree to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.

2 Opposition Day [4th 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.

Military Covenant.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the commitment, bravery and professionalism of the UK’s armed forces in operations around the world; further notes with concern the detrimental impact that sustained operations on two fronts are having on the armed forces and their capabilities, resulting in critical overstretch; believes that the Government should conduct a new strategic defence review and reinforce it with regular reviews of defence after each general election; urges the Government to do more to honour its duty of care, notably through accelerating the improvement and upgrading of service accommodation, providing greater provisions for mental health and medical care for service personnel, ring-fencing the defence budget for welfare and introducing a Coroners Bill to help address delays in inquests into military fatalities; and calls on the Government to renew the Military Covenant and set up a cross-party Military Covenant Committee to monitor the state of the armed forces and their welfare—(Nick Harvey);

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 commitment, bravery and professionalism of the armed forces in all their operations; further recognises the enormous contribution made by service families to the effectiveness of the UK’s armed forces and the debt owed by the nation to veterans; welcomes the major programme of improvements made by the Government to support all of these groups since 1997, including in the areas of medical support and improvement and replacement of sub-standard service accommodation; further welcomes the role played by ex-service organisations and other charities in contributing to the support of these groups and the Government’s commitment to working closely with such bodies to improve support in the future; and commends the Government’s decision to produce a cross-cutting Command Paper setting out the progress already achieved in this area and what more will be done in the future’, instead thereof.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Rogerson, Mr Adrian Sanders: 71.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 302.

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

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

Resolved, That this House recognises the commitment, bravery and professionalism of the armed forces in all their operations; further recognises the enormous contribution made by service families to the effectiveness of the UK’s armed forces and the debt owed by the nation to veterans; welcomes the major programme of improvements made by the Government to support all of these groups since 1997, including in the areas of medical support and improvement and replacement of sub-standard service accommodation; further welcomes the role played by ex-service organisations and other charities in contributing to the support of these groups and the Government’s commitment to working closely with such bodies to improve support in the future; and commends the Government’s decision to produce a cross-cutting Command Paper setting out the progress already achieved in this area and what more will be done in the future.

Northern Rock and the Banking System.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with dismay that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has presided over the first run on a UK bank for over one hundred years and that the taxpayer has now made approximately £30 billion worth of loans to Northern Rock without the Government providing evidence of either the exact amount or the security of the loan, over and above deposit guarantees; further notes that the current search for a private purchaser for Northern Rock faces enormous difficulties in the face of the high costs of credit and the conflicting interests of different groups of shareholders; applauds the important role played by the Northern Rock Foundation in the North East and regrets the potentially negative consequences for jobs in the North East should Northern Rock go into administration; further regrets that the Chancellor chose not to recognise the importance of Northern Rock as a large employer in the North East amongst his principles for assessing Northern Rock proposals; calls upon the Financial Services Authority to suspend trading of shares in Northern Rock immediately to prevent insider trading; and calls upon the Government to introduce legislation to allow for Northern Rock to be placed immediately in temporary public ownership as the only action that will guarantee the loans are paid back in full as soon as possible at the lowest risk to taxpayers—(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 ‘endorses the approach taken by the Government to Northern Rock to maintain financial stability, protect the interests of taxpayers and safeguard the position of depositors; welcomes the publication of a statement of principles underpinning the Government’s response to proposals received by Northern Rock with regard to its future; acknowledges that Northern Rock has announced that it is continuing to explore a range of options as part of its strategic review; recognises that the Government continues to keep all options open in relation to the future of Northern Rock; and notes the Chancellor’s assurance that he will keep the House fully informed of further developments with regard to Northern Rock’, instead thereof.—(Kitty Ussher)

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

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

3 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, proceedings on the Motion in the name of Dr Vincent Cable may be proceeded with, though opposed, until a quarter past Seven o’clock—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

4 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 Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Hain relating to Pensions; Mr Jim Murphy relating to the Funding of Political Parties; and proceedings on the Motion in the name of Dr Vincent Cable—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

5 Opposition Day [4th allotted day].—Northern Rock and the Banking System.—The Question being again 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, Paul Rowen, Dan Rogerson: 60.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 304.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 290.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Brooks Newmark, Jeremy Wright: 222.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House endorses the approach taken by the Government to Northern Rock to maintain financial stability, protect the interests of taxpayers and safeguard the position of depositors; welcomes the publication of a statement of principles underpinning the Government’s response to proposals received by Northern Rock with regard to its future; acknowledges that Northern Rock has announced that it is continuing to explore a range of options as part of its strategic review; recognises that the Government continues to keep all options open in relation to the future of Northern Rock; and notes the Chancellor’s assurance that he will keep the House fully informed of further developments with regard to Northern Rock.

6 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 2007, which were laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

7 Funding of Political Parties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Document No. 11559/07, Draft Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2004/2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding; and agrees that the Government should support its adoption—(Liz Blackman);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 336.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Richard Benyon: 159.
So the Question was agreed to.

8 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) Mr Temple, Postmaster, and the customers of Lancelyn Post Office, Wirral, relating to Post Office closures (Wirral);
(2) the people of Boston and the Boston Bypass Pressure Group relating to Boston bypass (Lincolnshire);
(3) those affected by the closure of the Aintree Post Office in Bootle relating to Post Office closures (Merseyside);
(4) those affected by the closure of the Daleacre Post Office in Bootle relating to Post Office closures (Merseyside);
(5) those affected by the collapse of Farepak relating to Farepak; and
(6) residents of Chorleywood and others from the constituency of South West Hertfordshire and others relating to M25 noise pollution were presented and read.

9 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the Alzheimer’s Society (South Buckinghamshire Branch) relating to Carers’ Grant was presented.

10 Adjournment.
Subject: Assisted reproduction services in the NHS (Dr Ian Gibson).
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.22 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Police,—Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Environmental Protection,—Waste and Air Pollution (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3476), dated 6th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

3 Government Resources and Accounts,—Statements of Accounts of Returning Officers’ Expenses for England and Wales for—
   (1) 2004–05;
   (2) 2005–06; and
   (3) 2006–07,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 124, 125 and 126] [Secretary Jack Straw].

4 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Compensating victims of violent crime [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Planning Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Richard Benyon, Tom Brake, Jeff Ennis, John Healey, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Chris Mole and Mr Dave Watts members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Planning Bill Committee.

2 Planning Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Planning Bill Committee: Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Clive Betts, Tom Brake, Paul Clark, Mr David Curry, Mr Parmjot Dhanda, James Duddridge, Mrs Louise Ellman, Jeff Ennis, Jim Fitzpatrick, John Healey, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Anne Main, Alun Michael, Chris Mole, Robert Neill, Mr Jamie Reed, John Robertson, Dan Rogerson and Mr Dave Watts.

3 Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hilary Armstrong, Jim Dobbin and Michael Jabez Foster from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Gordon Banks, Mr Bruce George and Geraldine Smith.

European Standing Committees

4 European Union Document No. 15371/07, relating to Electronic Communications Networks and Services, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—The Work of Ofsted: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 188-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 149-iii]; and
   (2) Environmental Labelling:
      (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Environmental Information of the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 83-ii]; and
      (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Climate Change: the “citizen’s agenda”: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Second 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. 189]; and
Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Future of UK car manufacturing (Mr Lindsay Hoyle).
- Train services to Nuneaton (Mr Bill Oner).
- Government plans for expansion at Heathrow Airport (Mr John Randall).
- NHS services in Taunton Deane (Mr Jeremy Browne).
- Government funding for the costs of cleaning up chewing gum (Mr Graham Allen).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.10 p.m.]

[No. 23.]

Thursday 13th December 2007.
The House met at half-past Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—Mr Joe Benton reported certain Memoranda from the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—David Taylor reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007.

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

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


4 Availability of Financial Services for Low Income Families (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of availability of financial services for low income families—(Kitty Ussher);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

5 Crossrail Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Crossrail Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Financial provisions (disclosure of information))—(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 Brooks Newmark, Mr Richard Benyon: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Alan Campbell: 236.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) An easement or other right over land acquired under subsection (5) shall expire no later than the day on which the railway mentioned in section 1(1)(a) is first used by Crossrail passenger services’.—(Stephen Hammond.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 2, after ‘(6)’, to insert the words ‘, but no later than 9 months after the day on which the railway mentioned in section 1(1)(a) is first used by Crossrail passenger services,’.—(Stephen Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Brooks Newmark, Michael Fabricant: 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Tom Watson: 248.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 19, after the word ‘State’, to insert the words ‘and such other persons (if any) as it considers appropriate’.—(Stephen Hammond.)

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

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 34, line 30, to leave out from the word ‘applies’ to the word ‘in’ in line 31 and insert the words ‘shall apply the provisions of this Act’, instead thereof.—(Stephen Hammond.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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 Housing.—Ordered, That the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 10) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3308), dated 23rd November 2007, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Alison Seabeck.)

7 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Mr Desmond Swayne, a Member of this House, and other customers of Bramshaw Post Office in the New Forest relating to Post Office closures (New Forest) was presented and read.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Operation of the UK-Pakistan Judicial Protocol on Children Matters: the Akhtar family (Paul Rowen).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Alison Seabeck);

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 17th December.

[Adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2 Road Traffic,—Draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Representations and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Capital Gains Tax,—Recovery of Duties and Taxes Etc. Due in Other Member States (Corresponding UK Claims, Procedure and Supplementary) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3508), dated 12th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].


Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting.—Papers, entitled—

(1) BBC Procurement: Review by the Comptroller and Auditor General presented to the BBC Trust’s Finance and Strategy Committee; and

(2) The BBC’s Efficient and Effective use of Spectrum: Review by Deloitte & Touche LLP commissioned by the BBC Trust’s Finance and Strategy Committee [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

8 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of Sir John Soane’s Museum for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 74] [Secretary James Purnell].

9 Horserace Betting and Olympic Lottery.—Report and 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. 159] [Secretary James Purnell].

10 Merseyside Museums and Galleries.—Report and Accounts of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 146] [Secretary James Purnell].

11 National Lottery.—(1) Report and 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. 158] [Secretary James Purnell]; and

(2) Report of the Arts Council of Wales for 2006–07 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

12 Northern Ireland.—(1) Northern Ireland Office: Autumn Performance Report for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7285]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 141] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

13 Parliamentary Commissioner.—First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2007–08: The introduction of the ban on swill feeding [by Act]; to be printed [No. 165] [Clerk of the House].


15 Work and Pensions.—Paper, entitled Ready for Work: Full employment in our generation [by Command] [Cm. 7290] [Mr Secretary Hain].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Ian Gibson and Mr Khalid Mahmood from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Phil Wilson and Mr Anthony Wright.

APPENDIX III

1 Health.—Modernising Medical Careers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 25-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 International Development.—(1) DFID and the World Bank:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 67-ii]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(2) Maternal Health: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

3 Liaison.—The Prime Minister: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee; to be printed [No. 192-i] [Mr Alan Williams].
[No. 23: WH, No. 12]

Thursday 13th December 2007.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Treatment of Asylum Seekers—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2006–07.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. —(Alison Seabeck.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 18th December.

[Adjourned at 5.42 p.m.]
Monday 17th December 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 European Union (Amendment) Bill,—Secretary David Miliband, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Jack Straw, Secretary Jacqui Smith, Secretary Des Browne, Secretary Alan Johnson, Mr Secretary Alexander, Mr Secretary Hutton and Mr Jim Murphy, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the Treaty of Lisbon Amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty Establishing the European Community, signed at Lisbon on 13th December 2007: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 48].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the European Union (Amendment) Bill be printed [Bill 48–EN].

2 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 25th April and to be printed [Bill 49].

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Steve McCabe: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 161.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

4 National Insurance Contributions Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the National Insurance Contributions Bill.

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a 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 22nd January 2008.

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 Children, Schools and Families,—Ordered, That Mrs Maria Miller be discharged from the Children, Schools and Families Committee and Adam Afriye be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Ordered, That Adam Afriye be discharged from the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee and Mr Tim Boswell be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Stephen Crabb be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Mark Prior be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of Meadowbank and its neighbouring districts relating to Post Office closures (Cheshire);
   (2) residents of Cholmondeley and its neighbouring districts relating to Post Office closures (Cheshire);
   (3) residents of Threapwood and its neighbouring districts relating to Post Office closures (Cheshire);
   (4) residents of Tilston and its neighbouring districts relating to Post Office closures (Cheshire);
   (5) Mr Christopher Groome of Kettering Rail Users and others of like disposition relating to rail services (Kettering); and
   (6) Post Office users of Worthing and Adur relating to Post Office closures (West Sussex)
were presented and read.

9 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Post Office users of Worthing and Adur relating to Post Office closures (West Sussex) was presented.

10 Adjournment.

   Subject: Post Office closures in Adur and Worthing (Tim Loughton).

   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th December 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Health,—Department of Health: Autumn Performance Report for 2007 [Cm. 7292] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th December 2007 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3513), dated 13th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

3 Road Traffic,—(1) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Approved Devices) (England) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3486);
   (2) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3483);
(4) Civil Enforcement Officers (Wearing of Uniforms) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3485); and


dated 10th December 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Paper:

4 Land Registration,—Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3517), dated 13th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 17th December 2007:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Companies,—(1) Draft Companies (Late Filing Penalties) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Filing Periods and Late Filing Penalties) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command];

(2) draft Companies (Trading Disclosures) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command];

(3) draft Companies Act 2006 (Amendment) (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command];

(4) draft Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command];

(5) draft Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors’ Report) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command]; and

(6) draft Statutory Auditors (Delegation of Functions etc) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]

[Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Local Government,—(1) Draft Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008;

(2) draft County Durham (Structural Change) Order 2008;

(3) draft Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008;

(4) draft Shropshire (Structural Change) Order 2008; and

(5) draft Wiltshire (Structural Change) Order 2008

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

7 Police,—Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(3) Independent Supervisor Appointment Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3534), dated 17th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; and


[Mr Secretary Hutton].

10 Corporation Tax,—(1) Real Estate Investment Trusts (Breach of Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3540), dated 17th December 2007; and

(2) Real Estate Investment Trusts (Financial Statements of Group Real Estate Investment Trusts) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3536), dated 14th December 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].

11 Education,—(1) School Organisation (Removal of Foundation, Reduction in Number of Foundation Governors and Ability of Foundation to Pay Debts) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3475); and

(2) School Organisation and Governance (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3464), dated 7th December 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].


(2) Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Member Payments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3532); and

(3) Registered Pension Schemes (Meaning of Pension Commencement Lump Sum) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3533), dated 14th December 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].

13 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Primary Medical Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3491), dated 11th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

14 Cabinet Office,—Cabinet Office: Autumn Performance Report for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7254] [Edward Miliband].

15 Children, Schools and Families,—Paper, entitled Confidence in Standards: Regulating and developing qualifications and assessment [by Command] [Cm. 7281] [Secretary Ed Balls].

16 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Accounts of the Geffrye Museum Trust;

(2) Report and Financial Statements of Greater Manchester Museum of Science and Industry Trust; and

(3) Report and Financial Statements of the Museum of London for 2006–07 [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

17 European Communities (No. 13, 2007),—Treaty, done at Lisbon on the 13th December 2007, amending the Treaty Establishing the European Union and the Treaty Establishing the European Community, including the Protocols and Annexes, and Final Act with Declarations, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7294] [Secretary David Miliband].

18 Export Control,—Paper, entitled Export of Objects of Cultural Interest 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

19 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Community
Development Foundation for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 79] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

20 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Caring for Vulnerable Babies: The reorganisation of neonatal services in England; and

(2) the Fourth Validation Compendium Report: Volumes I and II
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 101 and 22-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

21 Pakistan (No. 1, 2007),—Agreement, done at Islamabad on the 24th August 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the Transfer of Prisoners, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7295] [Secretary David Miliband].

22 Police and Criminal Evidence,—Draft Codes of Practice—

(1) for the exercise by: police officers of statutory powers of stop and search; police officers and police staff of requirements to record public encounters (Code A);

(2) for searches of premises by police officers and the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises (Code B);

(3) for the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers (Code C);

(4) for the identification of persons by police officers (Code D); and

(5) on audio recording interviews with suspects (Code E)
[by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

23 Probation Board (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 46] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

24 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Forty-Eighth to Fifty-Fourth and Fifty-Sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7276] [Angela Eagle].

25 Revenue and Customs,—HM Revenue and Customs: Autumn Performance Report for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7251] [Jane Kennedy].

26 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:

Exports Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2007, (S.I., 2007, No. 3513)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

27 Treasury,—Autumn Performance Report: Progress Report on HM Treasury Public Service Agreement Targets for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7256] [Andy Burnham].

28 Trunk Road Charging Schemes,—Accounts of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 162] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers withdrawn:

29 Police,—Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 12th December].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Testing and Assessment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 169-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—Local Government Finance (Waste): Minutes of
Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 195-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Health,—National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: First Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 27-I and -III] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: 1) Child Maintenance and other Payments Bill; 2) Other Bills: 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. 198];
   (2) Counter-terrorism Policy and Human Rights:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 199-i]; and
   (ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(3) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

5 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 185-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Justice,—(1) Protection of Private Data: First Report from the Justice Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 154]; and
   (2) Towards Effective Sentencing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 184-ii]

[Mr Alan Beith].

7 Public Accounts,—Loss of data by HM Revenue and Customs: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 200-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: Additional learning needs: Second Report from the Welsh Affairs 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 7th and 21st November 2007 [No. 44] [Dr Hywel Francis].

Tuesday 18th December 2007.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 8th January.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 8th January.

3 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:
   Canterbury City Council
   Nottingham City Council
   Leeds City Council
   Reading Borough Council
   London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No.2)
   London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags)
   London Local Authorities
   Northern Bank
   St. Austell Market.
4 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:

- London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2)
- London Local Authorities

and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons:

- Canterbury City Council
- Nottingham City Council
- Leeds City Council
- Reading Borough Council
- London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags)
- Northern Bank
- St. Austell Market.

5 Expenses of Public Servants (Publication) Bill.—Norman Baker presented a Bill to make provision for the recording and publication of specified expenses incurred by certain public servants; to promote transparency in the use of public funds; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 29th February and to be printed [Bill 46].

6 Road Traffic (Prohibition of Anti-Detection Devices) Bill.—Mr Alistair Carmichael presented a Bill to prohibit the supply of devices and substances designed to impair the recognition of vehicle registration marks by speed cameras and other authorised traffic control devices; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th May and to be printed [Bill 47].

7 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to clarify the meaning of ‘public function’ in section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998. And that Mr Andrew Dismore, Dr Evan Harris, Nia Griffith, Mr Virendra Sharma, John Austin, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Paul Burstow, Clive Efford, Mike Gapes, Mr Andy Slaughter, Jeremy Corbyn and Shona McIsaac do prepare and bring it in.

8 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function) Bill.—Mr Andrew Dismore accordingly presented a Bill to clarify the meaning of ‘public function’ 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 16th May and to be printed [Bill 45].

9 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 Dave Watts);

The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

10 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Mark Pritchard be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger be added.—(Mr Alan Campbell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Daniel Kawczynski be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Miss Anne McIntosh be added.—(Mr Alan Campbell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) the Communication Workers Union, Coventry Area Branch relating to Post Office restructuring (Coventry);
(2) the Communication Workers Union, Coventry Area Branch relating to Mail Centre (Coventry);
(3) Mr Shah and others relating to Post Office Closures (Leicester); and
(4) Ellen Pisolkar and others relating to deforestation

were presented and read.

13 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents of the Southern Cross neighbourhood relating to Post Office closures (Brighton and Hove) was presented.
14 Adjournment.
Subject: Regulation of debt collection agencies and the death of Mrs Beryl Brazier (Mr Mark Todd).
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 Monday 7th January 2008, pursuant to Resolution [18th November].

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Channel Tunnel.—Channel Tunnel (Safety) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3531), dated 13th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


4 Public Procurement.—Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3542), dated 17th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

5 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3543), dated 17th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Autumn Performance Report for 2007 [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

7 Trade and Investment,—UK Trade and Investment: Autumn Performance Report for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7284] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 18th November, concerning Northern Rock [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Papers withdrawn:

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(4) Police Pay: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 197-i]
[Keith Vaz].

3 International Development,—Maternal Health: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 66-iv] [Malcolm Bruce].

4 Treasury,—(1) Globalisation: prospects and policy responses: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourteenth Report of Session 2006–07: Fourth Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 201]; and
(2) Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 56-iv]
[John McFall].

[No. 25; WH, No. 14]
Tuesday 18th December 2007.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.
Subjects:
House building and infrastructure (Mr Philip Hollobone).
Policing of UK airports (Mr David Hamilton).
Stonehenge World Heritage Site (Robert Key).
Future operation of the City of London Police (Mr Mark Field).
Treatment of failed asylum seekers during deportation (Ms Diane Abbott).
Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 8th January.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Pensions Bill,—The Pensions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

2 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:

Committee
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 26th February 2008.
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—

(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

3 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 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—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

4 Pensions 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 Pensions Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—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 Immigration (Employment of Adults Subject to Immigration Control) (Maximum Penalty) Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Councillor Larry Hanson and others relating to Post Office closures (Kettering); and
(2) Residents of Castle Point relating to support for the Armed Forces
were presented and read.
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Papers presented or laid on the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Wednesday 19th December 2007

1 Electricity.—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Electricity and Gas (Carbon Emissions Reduction) Order 2008 [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Friday 4th January 2008

2 Miscellaneous (No. 9, 2007).—International Convention, done at New York on 13th April 2005, for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7301] [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:

Wednesday 19th December 2007

3 Civil Aviation.—(1) Air Navigation (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3467), dated 12th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Ruth Kelly]; and

4 European Communities.—European Communities (Designation) (No. 5) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3471), dated 12th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Legal Services Commission.—(1) Criminal Defence Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3552), and
(2) Criminal Defence Service (General) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3550), dated 18th December 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Jack Straw].


Thursday 20th December 2007

Friday 21st December 2007


10 Civil Aviation.— Civil Aviation (Allocation of Scarce Capacity) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3556), dated 17th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

11 Income Tax.— General Commissioners and Special Commissioners (Jurisdiction and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3612), dated 15th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].

12 Local Government.— Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3554), dated 18th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

13 Road Traffic.— (1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cheshire) (Borough of Crewe and Nantwich) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3566); and (2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3553), dated 18th December 2007, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Friday 28th December 2007


Other Paper:

Wednesday 19th December 2007

15 Terms and Conditions of Employment.— Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3570), dated 18th December 2007, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 7th January 2008:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

16 Road Traffic.— Draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Representations and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Other Papers:

17 Culture, Media and Sport.— Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7298] [Secretary James Purnell].

18 Reserve Forces.— Report under section 54(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order for Iraq under section 54(1) of that Act, dated 3rd January 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

Papers withdrawn:

19 Electricity.— Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Electricity and Gas (Carbon Emissions Reduction) Order 2008 [laid 5th December].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Planning Bill.— The Committee of Selection has discharged John Robertson from the Planning Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Jim Sheridan.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 15th January.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 15th January.

3 Health and Social Care Bill.—Mr Jim Hood reported from the Health and Social Care 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 Planning Bill.—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Planning 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.

5 Umbilical Cord Blood (Donation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the donation of cord blood from women after giving birth; and for connected purposes: And that Mr David Burrowes, Geraldine Smith, Simon Hughes, Robert Key, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr Andrew Dismore, Bob Spink, Michael Fabricant, Jim Dobbin, Andrew Selous and Mrs Nadine Dorries do prepare and bring it in.

6 Umbilical Cord Blood (Donation) Bill.—Mr David Burrowes accordingly presented a Bill to promote the donation of cord blood from women after giving birth; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 50].

7 Opposition Day [5th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Performance of Network Rail.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House is deeply concerned by the track work overruns by Network Rail on the West Coast Main Line and at Liverpool Street station over the Christmas and New Year period; believes that the disruption caused to passengers was unacceptable and that Network Rail failed to plan properly for the successful completion of works on time; further notes that Network Rail was created by the present Government and believes that these recent incidents illustrate that the organisation is insufficiently accountable to its customers; and calls on the Government to take steps to ensure that Network Rail is made more accountable to the travelling public so that efficiency is improved and a much better quality of service is provided to passengers in the future—(Mrs Theresa Villiers).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘applauds the Government for taking decisive action to correct the flaws of rail privatisation; welcomes the fact that the railway is carrying 40 per cent. more passengers and 47 per cent. more freight than in 1997 with improving punctuality and safety standards and record investment in infrastructure; and looks forward to seeing the results of the investigation by the Office of Rail Regulation into Network Rail’s performance, following the unacceptable engineering overruns experienced by passengers during Christmas and the New Year’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Ruth Kelly).

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: 235.
Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Liz Blackman: 303.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.
  Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Dave Watts: 304.
  Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 234.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House applauds the Government for taking decisive action to correct the flaws of rail privatisation; welcomes the fact that the railway is carrying 40 per cent. more passengers and 47 per cent. more freight than in 1997 with improving punctuality and safety standards and record investment in infrastructure; and looks forward to seeing the results of the investigation by the Office of Rail Regulation into Network Rail’s performance, following the unacceptable engineering overruns experienced by passengers during Christmas and the New Year.
Higher Education and Adult Learners,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House is concerned that the Government’s decision to withdraw funding from institutions for equivalent or lower qualification students will have a disproportionate impact on the part-time sector in general and on specific institutions such as Birkbeck and the Open University; and urges the Government to consider ways in which it can minimise the damage this measure will do to lifelong learning and the delivery of the Leitch agenda objectives—(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 ‘supports the Government’s decision to reprioritise some funding currently supporting the teaching of higher education students who already hold an equivalent or higher qualification, in order to enable approximately 20,000 additional full-time equivalent students to enter higher education for the first time; notes the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) consultation which proposes that transitional protection will be put into place to ensure that no provider loses in cash terms, that the change to the funding methodology will protect Foundation Degrees, employer co-financed programmes, and strategic subjects, and that the premium paid to support the costs of part-time provision will be increased; notes that HEFCE and Ministers have been engaging constructively with the Open University and Birkbeck on this issue; and believes that the Government is right to give priority to first-time students’, instead thereof.—(Secretary John Denham.)

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

Mr Patrick McLoughlin rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.
  Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Angela Watkinson: 238.
  Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Sadiq Khan: 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);
The House divided.
  Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Mr Sadiq Khan: 287.
  Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 233.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House supports the Government’s decision to reprioritise some funding currently supporting the teaching of higher education students who already hold an equivalent or higher qualification, in order to enable approximately 20,000 additional full-time equivalent students to enter higher education for the first time; notes the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) consultation which proposes that transitional protection will be put into place to ensure that no provider loses in cash terms, that the change to the funding methodology will protect Foundation Degrees, employer co-financed programmes, and strategic subjects, and that the premium paid to support the costs of part-time provision will be increased; notes that HEFCE and Ministers have been engaging constructively with the Open University and Birkbeck on this issue; and believes that the Government is right to give priority to first-time students.

8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Susan M. Shutter relating to prostitution was presented and read.
Subject: Carbon monoxide detectors in homes (Tom Levitt).

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

Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government.—(1) Draft Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears];

(2) draft County Durham (Structural Change) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears];

(3) draft Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith];

(4) draft Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears];

(5) draft Shropshire (Structural Change) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears]; and

(6) draft Wiltshire (Structural Change) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Insolvency.—Insolvency Practitioners and Insolvency Services Account (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3), dated 7th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 Tribunals and Inquiries.—Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedures) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3617), dated 15th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Other Paper:

4 Sessional Returns, 2006–07—Returns to an Order [13th November] for Returns for Session 2006–07 of information and statistics relating to—

(1) Business of the House;

(2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time (including Programme Motions);

(3) Sittings of the House;

(4) Private Bills and Private Business;

(5) Public Bills;

(6) Delegated Legislation and Regulatory Reform Orders;

(7) European Legislation, etc;

(8) Grand Committees;

(9) Chairmen’s Panel; and

(10) Select Committees [pursuant to Order]; to be printed [No. 1] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

5 Local Government.—(1) Draft Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008;

(2) draft County Durham (Structural Change) Order 2008;

(3) draft Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008;

(4) draft Shropshire (Structural Change) Order 2008; and

(5) draft Wiltshire (Structural Change) Order 2008, with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [laid 17th December].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—(1) The future of the UK Manufacturing: public procurement: Government Response to the Thirteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee, to be printed [No. 212];
(2) Recent Developments in Trade: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 208-i]; and
(3) Trade with India: one year on: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 209-i]
[Peter Lilil].

2 Communities and Local Government.—(1) Local Government Finance: Supplementary Business Rate: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Third 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. 210]; and
(2) Work of the Committee in 2007: Fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 211]
[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Culture, Media and Sport.—Tourism: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 133-iii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence.—The Future of NATO and European Defence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 111-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Foreign Affairs Committee.—Developments in the EU: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 120-iv] [Mr Mike Gapes].

6 Welsh Affairs.—Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 34-vii]; and
(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 27; WH, No. 15]
Tuesday 8th January 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Fuel poverty (Mark Lazarowicz).
Application of the regulations governing Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Mr Philip Dunne).
Nottingham’s role as a Local Area Agreement demonstration area (Mr Graham Allen).
Planning functions of local government (Norman Baker).
Spending by parliamentary candidates before dissolution (Martin Linton).
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Bob Blizzard);
And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.
[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
[No. 28.]

Wednesday 9th January 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Runaway and Missing Children,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make requirements regarding the safeguarding of runaway and missing children; and for connected purposes: And that Helen Southworth, Mr Russell Brown, Ann Coffey, Dan Norris, Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr Kevin Barron, Alan Keen, Fiona Maclaggart, Mr David Chaytor, Ms Dari Taylor, Annette Brooke and John Bercow do prepare and bring it in.

2 Runaway and Missing Children Bill,—Helen Southworth accordingly presented a Bill to make requirements regarding the safeguarding of runaway and missing children; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th June and to be printed [Bill 51].

3 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 8th October 2007, in the last Session of Parliament, (Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (Programme)), as varied by the Order of 11th October 2007 in that Session (Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (Programme) (No. 2)), be further varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order of 8th October 2007 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 eight hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, or at 8.45 p.m., whichever is the earlier—(Mr David Hanson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Steve McCabe: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 224.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC36) (Amendment of section 127 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994)—(Secretary Jack Straw)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Programme (No. 3) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Siobhain McDonagh, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 481.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Neil Gerrard, Dr Ian Gibson: 46.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions on the 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 (NC37) (Power to suspend the operation of section 127 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994)—(Secretary Jack Straw)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 169 and 170) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC6) (Reasonable force for purposes of self-defence etc.)—(Secretary Jack Straw)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being three and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Programme (No. 3) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 102, 103 and 113) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC25) (Bail conditions: electronic monitoring)—(Mr David Hanson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Programme (No. 3) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions on new Clauses, new Schedules and Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Clauses and Schedules (NC26) (Credit for period of remand on bail: terms of imprisonment and detention), (NC27) (Credit for period of remand on bail: other cases), (NC28) (Credit for period of remand on bail: transitional provisions), (NC29) (Sentences of imprisonment for public protection), (NC30) (Sentences of detention for public protection), (NC31) (Extended sentences for certain violent or sexual offences: persons 18 or over), (NC32) (Extended sentences for certain violent or sexual offences: persons under 18), (NC33) (The assessment of dangerousness), (NC34) (Further amendments relating to sentences for public protection), (NC35) (Release on licence of prisoners serving extended sentences), (NC45) (Restriction on power to make a community order), (NC46) (Bail for summary offences and certain other offences to be tried summarily), (NC47) (Release of fine defaulters and contemptors under Criminal Justice Act 1991), (NC48) (Early release of certain long-term prisoners under Criminal Justice Act 1991), (NC49) (Recall of certain prisoners released under Criminal Justice Act 1991), (NS3) (Electronic monitoring of persons released on bail subject to conditions), (NS5) (Offences specified for the purposes of sections 225(3A) and 227(2A) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003), (NS6) (Credit for period of remand on bail: transitional provisions) and (NS7) (Bail for summary offences and certain other offences to be tried summarily)—(Maria Eagle)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clauses and Schedules be added to be Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Alison Seabeck: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Crispin Blunt: 236.

Other Amendments (Nos. 156 to 158, 219, 159, 161, 162, 220, 221, 163, 222, 164 to 166, 223 to 225, 227, 167, 168 and 160) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC3) (Amendments consequential on Part 5)—(Maria Eagle)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Other Clauses (NC4) (Referral orders: power to revoke a referral order), (NC5) (Referral orders: extension of period for which young offender contract has effect), (NC21) (Delivery of prisoner to place abroad for purposes of transfer out of the United Kingdom), (NC22) (Issue of warrant transferring responsibility for detention and release of an offender to or from the relevant Minister), (NC23) (Powers to arrest and detain persons believed to fall within section 4A(3) of the Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984) and (NC24) (Amendments relating to Scotland)—(Mr David Hanson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Blasphemy)—(Dr Evan Harris)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

And it being seven hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Programme (No. 3) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 82 to 86, 137 to 140, 14 to 40, 87, 88, 41, 89, 42 to 54, 218, 90 to 99, 55, 100, 141, 142, 101, 144, 56 to 58, 145, 59, 60, 104 to 107 and 61 to 64) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on Amendments selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 231) proposed to the Bill, in page 234, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) When considering whether to consent to a prosecution under subsection (1) the Attorney General must have particular regard to the importance of the right to freedom of expression provided by the European Convention on Human Rights.”.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jenny Willott, Mr Adrian Sanders: 64.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Mr Dave Watts: 316.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 234, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

‘13A After section 29J insert—

“29JA Protection of freedom of expression (sexual orientation)

Nothing in this Part shall be read or given effect in a way which prohibits or restricts discussion of, criticism of or expressions of antipathy towards, conduct relating to a particular sexual orientation, or urging persons of a particular sexual orientation to refrain from or modify conduct related to that orientation.”.—(Jim Dobbin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dobbin, Miss Ann Widdecombe: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Liz Blackman: 338.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 108, 65 to 70, 70A, 71 to 75, 109, 110, 76, 146 to 148, 111, 112, 149 to 151, 143, 226, 152, 114, 77 to 81 and 131 to 135) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: 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 the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Prison Complaints 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 amend the Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984; to make provision for a new immigration status in certain cases involving criminality; to amend section 127 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 and confer power to suspend the operation of that section; and for connected purposes.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
And it being eight hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Programme (No. 3) Motion o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]—It was agreed to.

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

5 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents, employees in and visitors to the Borough of Harrogate and Knaresborough and others relating to Post Office closures (Harrogate) was presented and read.

6 Adjournment.

Subject: Independent Police Complaints Commission (Mr David Amess).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bob Blizzard),

And the Motion having been made after Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seventeen minutes past Nine o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.17 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 London Government,—Draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) (Amendment) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Paper:

2 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay) (No. 2) Order 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 National Insurance Contributions Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Gauke, Jane Kennedy, Mr Brooks Newmark, Claire Ward and David Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the National Insurance Contributions Bill Committee.

2 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope and Mr Greg Pope Chairmen of the National Insurance Contributions Bill Committee; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Mark Field, Mr David Gauke, Dr Ian Gibson, Justine Greening, Nigel Griffiths, Keith Hill, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Rob Marris, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Neil Turner, Claire Ward and David Wright.

3 Pensions Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Danny Alexander, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Mike O’Brien and Mr Nigel Waterson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Pensions Bill Committee.

4 Pensions Bill,—

(1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Janet Anderson Chairmen of the Pensions Bill Committee; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Danny Alexander, Gordon Banks, Mr David S. Borrow, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, Mr Robert Fello, Mr John Greenway, Mr Stewart Jackson, Alan Keen, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr James Paskitt, Paul Rowen, Andrew Selous and Mr Nigel Waterson.

5 Planning Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne Main from the Planning Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr David Jones.

6 Draft Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Downloading and Retention of Data) Regulations 2008.
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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: Mr Peter Bone, Peter Bottomley, Mr Douglas Carswell, Jim Fitzpatrick, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mark Hunter, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Kidney, Mr John Leech, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Elliot Morley, Martin Salter, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mark Tami and Jeremy Wright.

7 Draft Electricity and Gas (Carbon Emissions Reduction) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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: Gregory Barker, Mr Richard Benyon, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Curry, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Nia Griffith, Martin Horwood, Glenda Jackson, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Helen Southworth, Graham Stringer, Steve Webb and Mr Phil Woolas.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations and Order to the Third 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: Mrs Nadine Dorries, James Duddridge, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Neil Gerrard, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Mike Hall, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mr Nick Hurd, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Lembit Opik, Grant Shapps, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Mr John Spellar, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Iain Wright.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document COM (2007) 598, relating to the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr David Crausby, Mrs Ann Cryer, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Field, Mr Christopher Fraser, Dr Kim Howells, Mr David Lidington, Anne Moffat, Dr Howard Stoate and Jo Swinson.

10 European Union Document No. 15351/07, relating to CAP “Health Check”, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—The Work of the Department for Children, Schools and Families: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 213-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—Environmental Labelling:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Environmental Information of the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 83-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Flooding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 49-vi]; and

(2) British Waterways: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-vi]; and

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

(2) *Immigration issues*: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;

(3) *Legislative Scrutiny*: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(4) *Secure Training Centres*: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Andrew Dismore].

6 *Innovation, Universities and Skills*—(1) *The Funding of Science and Discovery Centres: Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2006–07*: First Special Report from the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 214]; and

(2) *Investigating the Oceans: Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2006–07*: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Phil Willis].

7 *Public Accounts*—*BBC Procurement*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 221-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 *Transport*—*Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-year Strategy for the Railways?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 219-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 *Treasury*—*Administration and expenditure of the Chancellor’s departments, 2006–07*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 57-iii] [John McFall].

10 *Work and Pensions*—*Full employment and world class skill: Responding to the challenges: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07*: First Special Report from the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 217] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 28; WH, No. 16]

**Wednesday 9th January 2008**

*The House sitting in Westminster Hall*

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Buncefield fire and the local community (Mike Penning).
- African Development Bank (Mr Mark Lancaster).
- Police pay (John McDonnell).
- Regulation of accommodation addresses and mail forwarding services (Mr Paul Truswell).
- Housing and growth in South Bedfordshire (Andrew Selous).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mark Tami);

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.]
PRAYERS.

1 Health and Social Care Bill.—Derek Conway reported certain Memoranda from the Health and Social Care Bill Committee.
   Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—Mr Joe Benton reported a Memorandum from the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee.
   Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 Planning Bill.—Sir John Butterfill reported a Memorandum from the Planning Bill Committee.
   Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Energy Bill.—Mr Secretary Hutton, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Jacqui Smith, Secretary Hilary Benn, Secretary Hazel Blears, Secretary John Denham and Malcolm Wicks, presented a Bill to make provision relating to gas importation and storage; to make provision in relation to electricity generated from renewable sources; to make provision about the decommissioning of energy installations and wells; to make provision about the management and disposal of waste produced during the operation of nuclear installations; to make provision relating to petroleum licences; to make provision about third party access to oil and gas infrastructure and modifications of pipelines; to make provision about reports relating to energy matters; to make provision relating to gas meters and electricity meters and provision relating to electricity safety; to make provision about the security of equipment, software and information relating to nuclear matters; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 14th January and to be printed [Bill 53].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Energy Bill be printed [Bill 53–EN].

5 Preventative Health Services (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of preventative health services—(Dawn Primarolo).

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

6 Armed Forces Personnel.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of Armed Forces personnel—(Secretary Des Browne).

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Case of Ryan Kennedy and the Child Support Agency (Ms Angela C. Smith).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 14th January.

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration.—Draft Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (Duty to Share Information and Disclosure of Information for Security Purposes) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 European Communities.—(1) European Regional Development Fund (East Midlands Operational Programme) (Implementation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3625);
   (2) European Regional Development Fund (East of England Operational Programme) (Implementation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3624);
   (3) European Regional Development Fund (North East Operational Programme) (Implementation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3621);
   (4) European Regional Development Fund (North West Operational Programme) (Implementation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3622);
   (5) European Regional Development Fund (South East Operational Programme) (Implementation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3620);
   (6) European Regional Development Fund (South West Operational Programmes) (Implementation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3623);
   (7) European Regional Development Fund (West Midlands Operational Programme) (Implementation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3618); and
   (8) European Regional Development Fund (Yorkshire and the Humber Operational Programme) (Implementation) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3619), dated 28th December 2007 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

   (2) Immigration and Police (Passenger, Crew and Service Information) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 5), dated 3rd January 2008; and
   (3) Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (Data Sharing Code of Practice) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 8), dated 8th January 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

5 Trade Marks.—Trade Marks and Trade Marks (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 11), dated 8th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Papers:
6 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—Paper, entitled Meeting the Energy Challenge: A White Paper on Nuclear Power [by Command] [Cm. 7296] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

7 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality.—Draft Code of Practice on the Management of Information Shared by the Border and Immigration Agency, Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs and the Police [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

APPENDIX II
General Committees

Housing and Regeneration Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Holmes from the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Lembit Opik.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 International Development.—DFID and the World Bank:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No.67-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

2 Public Administration.—(1) Parliament and public appointments: pre-appointment hearings by select committees: Third 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. 152].
   (2) Committee on Standards in Public Life: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 218].
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(3) A Debt of Honour: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 223]; and

(4) Propriety and Peerages: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

3 Treasury—Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 56-v] [John McFall].

[No. 29; WH, No. 17]
Thursday 10th January 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Alison Seabeck.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 15th January.

[Adjourned at 5.19 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Downloading and Retention of Data) Regulations 2008.

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

2 Education and Skills Bill.—The Education and Skills Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

3 Education and Skills Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Education and Skills Bill:

Committee
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 28th February 2008.

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—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

4 Education and Skills Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education and Skills Bill [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Education and Skills 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 the Secretary of State or the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills, and

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

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

5 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Ian Pearson be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Phil Woolas be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Harrogate and Knaresborough and others relating to Post Office closures (Harrogate and Knaresborough) was presented and read.
7 Adjournment.

Subject: Transport for teenage students in Cornwall (Mr Colin Breed).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 11th January 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Environmental Protection,—(1) Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 37), dated 10th January 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Mr Secretary Hutton]; and

(2) Transfrontier Shipment of Waste (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 9), dated 7th January 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

3 Trade Descriptions,—(1) Textile Products (Determination of Composition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 15), dated 8th January 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum; and

(2) Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 6), dated 8th January 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment

[Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 14th January 2008:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Government Trading Funds,—Draft FCO Services Trading Fund Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

5 Social Security,—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Social Security,—(1) Jobseeker’s Allowance (Joint Claims) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 13), dated 8th January 2008, and


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


Other Papers:

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Department for Transport: Electronic service delivery in the driver, vehicle and operator agencies in Great Britain; and
(2) Making Changes in Operational PFI Projects
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 204 and 205] [Clerk of the House].

9 Police (Northern Ireland).—Secretary of State’s Long Term Policing Objectives [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

10 Treaty Series (No. 1, 2008).—Agreement, done at London on 8th November 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Criminal Court on the Enforcement of Sentences imposed by the International Criminal Court [by Command] [Cm. 7306] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Downloading and Retention of Data) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Jabez Foster from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Neil Gerrard.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—Testing and Assessment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 169-iii] [Fiona Mactaggart].

2 Human Rights.—(1) Data Protection and Human Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 132-ii].

(2) A British Bill of Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 150-ii].

(3) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(4) Monitoring the Government Response to Court Judgments Finding Breaches of Human Rights: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Evasion of vehicle excise duty: Fifth 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. 227];

(2) Improving services and support for people with dementia: Sixth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 228]; and

(3) Use of office property by government departments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 229-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].
[No. 31.]

Tuesday 15th January 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 22nd January.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 22nd January.

3 Health and Social Care Bill,—Derek Conway reported certain Memoranda from the Health and Social Care Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Housing and Regeneration Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported a Memorandum from the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

5 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the National Insurance Contributions 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.

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

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

6 Pensions Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Pensions 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 Memora

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

7 Planning Bill,—Mr Eric Illsley reported certain Memoranda from the Planning Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

8 Planning (Location of Hazardous Sites),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the introduction of binding guidance regarding minimum distances between developments classified as Control of Major Accident Hazard sites and other specified types of building; and for connected purposes: And that Bob Spink, Mr Peter Lilley, Dan Rogerson, Patrick Mercer, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Dai Davies, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Andrew Love, Mr David Gauke, James Duddridge and Mr James Clappison do prepare and bring it in.

9 Planning (Location of Hazardous Sites) Bill,—Bob Spink accordingly presented a Bill to require the introduction of binding guidance regarding minimum distances between developments classified as Control of Major Accident Hazard sites and other specified types of building; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th June and to be printed [Bill 55].

10 Health and Social Care Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Health and Social Care Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging of certain fees by the Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator—(Mr Ben Bradshaw),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr John Baron: 229.

So the Question was agreed to.
11 National Lottery.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Payments into the Olympic Lottery Distribution Fund etc. Order 2007, which was laid before this House on 25th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—

(Secretary James Purnell);

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 Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 357.

Tellers for the Noes, Pete Wishart, Mr Angus MacNeil: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 European Communities (Finance) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 19th November 2007 (European Communities (Finance) Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows—

1. The following provisions shall have effect in place of paragraphs 3 and 4 of that Order.

2. Proceedings in Committee and any proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion—

(a) two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, or

(b) one hour before the moment of interruption, whichever is the later.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion—

(a) three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, or

(b) at the moment of interruption, whichever is the later.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

13 European Communities (Finance) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Communities (Finance) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

A Clause (NC1) (Commencement)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Jeremy Wright: 216.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mark Tami: 301.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Steve McCabe reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mark Tami: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, Mr Stewart Jackson: 208.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
14 Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Downloading and Retention of Data) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Ms Diana R. Johnson).—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from James Ryan Strudwick relating to prisoners’ rights was presented.

16 Adjournment.

Subject: Role of regional Ministers (Daniel Kawczynski).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R Johnson).

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds.—Draft Defence Support Group Trading Fund Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Information as to Provision of Education (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 4), dated 7th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

3 Environmental Protection.—Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 41), dated 10th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


5 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Criminal Procedure (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3662), dated 18th December 2007 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Paper:

6 School Teachers.—Part One of the Seventeenth Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body: 2008 [by Command] [Cmd. 7252] [Secretary Ed Balls].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—(1) Information and Communication Technology Services to Members: Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07. First Special Report from the Administration Committee: to be printed [No. 222]; and

(2) Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 15th January 2008; to be published

[Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—(1) The Work of the Committee in 2007: First Report from the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 233]; and

(2) The UK Construction Industry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 127-iv]

[Peter Luff]
3 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Work of the Committee in 2007: Third 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];

(2) BBC Annual Report 2006-07: Fourth Report from the Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 235];

(3) On-course horserace betting: Fifth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 37]; and

(4) London 2012 Games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 104-iii]

[Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence.—(1) Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07: Fifth 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. 61];

(2) Defence Equipment: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;

(3) The Future of NATO and European Defence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(4) UK Defence: commitments and resources: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environmental Audit Committee.—(1) Are biofuels sustainable?: 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. 76]; and

(2) Climate change and local, regional and devolved government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 225-i]

[Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs.—(1) Work of the Committee in 2007: 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. 226]; and

(2) The Work of the Border and Immigration Agency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 224-i]

[Keith Vaz].

7 Justice.—Constitutional Role of the Attorney General: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2006-07: Second Special Report from the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 242] [Mr Alan Beith].

8 Scottish Affairs.—Experience of the Scottish Elections: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 78-ii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Treasury.—(1) The Work of the Committee in 2007: Third Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 230]; and

(2) Climate change and the Stern Review: the implications for Treasury policy: Fourth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 231]

[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. 34-viii]; and

(2) Memoranda to be published

[Dr Hywell Francis].
15th—16th January 2008

[No. 31; WH, No. 18]

Tuesday 15th January 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
NHS and the elderly mentally ill (Dr Vincent Cable).
Science teaching (Mr Brian Iddon).
East Surrey Hospital’s financial position (Mr Crispin Blunt).
Future of Gatwick Airport (Laura Moffatt).
Science and Technology Facilities Council (Mr Edward Vaizey).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Liz Blackman);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the European Communities (Finance) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 32.]

Wednesday 16th January 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Bercow reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Electricity and Gas (Carbon Emissions Reduction) Order 2008.

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

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the Home Information Pack (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3301) and Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 10) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3308).

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

3 Education (Children with Autism).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the education and training of children with autism and Asperger’s syndrome; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Lee Scott, John Bercow, Stephen Hammond, Bob Russell, Mr Charles Walker, Mr John Leech, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Harry Cohen, Mr Peter Bone, Mike Gapes and Philip Davies do prepare and bring it in.

4 Education (Children with Autism) Bill.—Mr Lee Scott accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the education and training of children with autism and Asperger’s syndrome; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 56].

5 Opposition Day [6th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

National Insurance numbers and illegal immigrants.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its very great concern that National Insurance numbers appear to have been issued to illegal immigrants—(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 new checks and controls the Government has introduced to reduce illegal working by foreign nationals, which include measures to prevent illegal immigrants being issued with National Insurance numbers’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Hain.)

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: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Michael Foster: 310.

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 new checks and controls the Government has introduced to reduce illegal working by foreign nationals, which include measures to prevent illegal immigrants being issued with National Insurance numbers.

Human trafficking.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that human trafficking is the modern equivalent of the slave trade, and, while welcoming the Government’s commitment to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, regrets that this commitment has been delayed for more than a year since the Conservative Party first asked the Government to take this step, and will not come into effect during 2008; welcomes the forthcoming United Nations forum to fight human trafficking and urges the Government to take further immediate steps to help the victims of trafficking, including new measures to intercept traffickers and victims at our borders, better provision of refuge places, the use of telephone helplines, and a drive for better cooperation among national authorities within Europol and Eurojust, so that the United Kingdom can become one of the leading countries fighting human trafficking—(Damian Green);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘condemns the trafficking of human beings as one of the most vile crimes to threaten our society; welcomes the Government’s commitment to make the necessary legislative and procedural changes required to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings before the end of 2008; believes that ratification is an important milestone in the Government’s concerted strategy to protect the victims of trafficking and bring to justice those who exploit them; notes that the UK Action Plan on Trafficking, published in March 2007 on the same day as the UK signed the Convention, comprehensively pulls together the work already under way across Government to tackle trafficking and creates a platform for future work; prides the work of the UK Human Trafficking Centre, established in March 2006 as the central point of expertise and operational co-ordination in tackling human trafficking; supports the valuable work done as part of nationwide police-led anti-trafficking operations, including Pentameter 1 and 2, and notes the £4.5 million of government funding provided over the last five years for victim protection under the Poppy scheme, which supports adult women trafficked into the UK for sexual exploitation’, instead thereof.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

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, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Mr Sadiq Khan: 317.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House condemns the trafficking of human beings as one of the most vile crimes to threaten our society; welcomes the Government’s commitment to make the necessary legislative and procedural changes required to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings before the end of 2008; believes that ratification is an important milestone in the Government’s concerted strategy to protect the victims of trafficking and bring to justice those who exploit them; notes that the UK Action Plan on Trafficking, published in March 2007 on the same day as the UK signed the Convention, comprehensively pulls together the work already under way across Government to tackle trafficking and creates a platform for future work; praises the work of the UK Human Trafficking Centre, established in March 2006 as the central point of expertise and operational co-ordination in tackling human trafficking; supports the valuable work done as part of nationwide police-led anti-trafficking operations, including Pentameter 1 and 2; and notes the £4.5 million of government funding provided over the last five years for victim protection under the Poppy scheme, which supports adult women trafficked into the UK for sexual exploitation.

6 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Mr Christopher Donnithorne, and others relating to Post Office closures (Hampshire) was presented and read.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Post Office closures in Hastings and Rye (Michael Jabez Foster).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.49 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 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

2 Employment and Training,—(1) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2008; and

   (2) draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

3 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Agriculture,—Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 51), dated 12th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

5 Legal Profession,—European Communities (Lawyers’ Practice and Services of Lawyers) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 81), dated 15th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Pensions,—Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 39), dated 11th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

7 Representation of the People,—Absent Voting (Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 48), dated 11th January 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].
Other Papers:

8 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 19 to Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

9 Senior Salaries.—Sixty-fourth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries: Review of parliamentary pay, pensions and allowances 2007, volumes 1 and 2 [by Command] [Cm. 7270] [The Prime Minister].

10 Transport.—Statement of remuneration and allowances payable to members of the British Waterways Board under section 8(2) of the First Schedule of the Transport Act 1962 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Education and Skills Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Nick Gibb, Jim Knight, Mr David Laws, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Angela Watkinson and Phil Wilson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Education and Skills Bill Committee.

2 Education and Skills Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Bercow and Mr Hugh Bayley Chairmen of the Education and Skills Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Nick Gibb, Michael Gove, Nia Griffith, Mr Oliver Heald, Jim Knight, Mr David Lammy, Mr David Laws, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Sir Peter Soulsby, Mr Charles Walker, Angela Watkinson, Stephen Williams and Phil Wilson.

3 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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: Margaret Beckett, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Philip Dunne, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Chris Huhne, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr David Ruffley, Helen Southworth and Graham Stringer.

4 Draft Electricity and Gas (Carbon Emissions Reduction) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Quentin Davies, Glenda Jackson, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Helen Southworth and Graham Stringer from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello, Linda Grinter, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Anne Stnelgrove and Phil Wilson.

5 Home Information Pack (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI, 2007, No. 3301) and Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 10) (England and Wales) Order 2007 (SI, 2007, No. 3308).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Neil Gerrard from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations and Order) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document COM(2007)598 on The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the document.

7 European Union Documents No. 11724/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 13117/07 and Addendum 1 and No. 13118/07 and Addendum 1, relating to Financial Management, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum: Seventh Activity Report 2006, relating to the European Anti-Fraud Office Report.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee, nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Colin Challen, Ben Chapman, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Gauke, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Philip Hollobone, Jane Kennedy, Mr Brooks Newsmark, Bob Spink, Mr Don Touhig and David Wright.

8 European Union Documents No. 14631/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14176/07, relating to Maritime Policy, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.
9 European Union Document No. 16071/07, relating to Fisheries: control, inspection, and sanction systems, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

10 European Union Documents No. 14490/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14491/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Economic migration to the EU, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

11 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 9th August 2007, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the European Anti-Fraud Office Report: Seventh Activity Report, for the period 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2006, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

12 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 8th January 2008, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the European Court of Auditors Annual Report 2006, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Schools Commissioner and Schools Adjudicator: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 243-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) The Work of the Committee in 2007: Third 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. 250]; and

   (2) Correspondence with Defra: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

3 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. 16-viii];

   (2) Draft Council Decision establishing the European Police Office (EUROPOL): Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 247-i]; and

   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Foreign Policy Aspects of the Lisbon Treaty: Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Annexes and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 120] [Sir John Stanley].

5 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—(1) The UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation: First Report from the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 185]; and

   (2) The Formation of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 186-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—(1) Scrutiny of the Draft Legislative Programme: First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 81] [Sir Nicholas Winterton]; and

   (2) Regional Accountability: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Ms Harriet Harman].

7 Procedure,—e-Petitions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee; to be printed [No. 136-ii] [Mr Greg Knight].

8 Public Accounts,—Compensating victims of violent crime: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts, to be printed [No. 251-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-vi] [David Maclean].
10 Transport,—(1) *The London Underground and the Public-Private Partnership Agreements*: Second Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 45];

(2) *The Work of the Committee in 2007*: Third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 248]; and

(3) *Freight Transport*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 249-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—*Counting the population*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Sub-Committee; to be printed [No. 183-i] [John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions,—*Health and Safety*: Memoranda laid before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be published [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 32; WH, No. 19]

*Wednesday 16th January 2008.*

*The House sitting in Westminster Hall*

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Services for children with disabilities (Mr Tom Clarke).
Regulation of the promotion of infant milk formula (Mr David Kidney).
Government policy on terrorism in Pakistan (Mr Tobias Ellwood).
Henderson Hospital (Mr Paul Burstow).
Provision of extended schools (Ms Karen Buck).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Tony Cunningham);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.]

[No. 33.]

*Thursday 17th January 2008.*

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

PRAYERS.

1 Health and Social Care Bill.—Derek Conway reported certain Memoranda from the Health and Social Care Bill Committee.
Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Pensions Bill.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported certain Memoranda from the Pensions Bill Committee.
Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 Planning Bill.—Mr Eric Illsley reported certain Memoranda from the Planning Bill Committee.
Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Kenya (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of Kenya—(Meg Munn);

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

5 Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.
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Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—
‘and the railway assets at Waterloo Station released by London and Continental Railways.’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(3) In subsection (1) “rail services” refer only to those services that both originate and terminate in the United Kingdom.’.—(Stephen Hammond.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(4) The powers of the Secretary of State under section 6 of the Railways Act 2005 shall be exercised in such a way so as to ensure that assets associated with the rail link at Waterloo Station are developed for the purpose of providing domestic rail services’.—(Stephen Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Brooks Newmark: 166.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Sadiq Khan: 259.

Amendment (No. 9) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Electricity.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Electricity and Gas (Carbon Emissions Reduction) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

7 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 7th February, do adjourn till Monday 18th February 2008.—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Government assistance for the peace process in Sri Lanka (Simon Hughes).

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan);
And it being six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 21st January.

[Adjourned at 6.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education.—(1) Consistent Financial Reporting (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 46); and

2 Food.—Miscellaneous Food Additives (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 42), dated 10th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Paper:

3 Development of Tourism.—Report of VisitEngland for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development,—Strategic Exports Controls:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees; to be printed [No. 254-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committees; to be published
       [Roger Berry].

2 Health,—Modernising Medical Careers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 25-iv] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—(1) The Last Report: Government Response to the Thirteenth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 244]; and
   (2) Funding for equivalent or lower level qualifications:
       (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 187-i];
       (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
           [Mr Phil Willis].

4 International Development,—(1) The Work of the Committee in 2007: Third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 255]; and
   (2) Development Assistance in Insecure Environments: Afghanistan
       (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 65-ii]; and
       (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
           [Malcolm Bruce].

5 Public Administration,—(1) Work of the Committee in 2007: Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed, with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 236]; and
   (2) Third Sector Commissioning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 112-ii]
       [Dr Tony Wright].

6 Standards and Privileges,—Publications funded from the Communications Allowance: Third Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 232] [Sir George Young].

7 Welsh Affairs,—The proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: charging for non-residential social care: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee (enlarged by the Proposed Domiciliary Care LCO Committee, National Assembly for Wales), to be printed [No. 257-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 33; WH, No. 20]
Thursday 17th January 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment.

Subject: Extending Participation in Sport.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. —(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 22nd January.

[Adjourned at 4.40 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—David Taylor reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 European Union (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Union (Amendment) 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 Tom Watson, Mr Frank Roy: 362.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 224.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
   Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Steve McCabe.)
   Committee to-morrow.

3 Defence.—Ordered, That Willie Rennie be discharged from the Defence Committee and Richard Younger-Ross be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

4 Foreign Affairs.—Ordered, That Richard Younger-Ross be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Sir Menzies Campbell be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

5 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of Kent relating to a European Reform Treaty Referendum;
   (2) Joan Holder, Huby Post Office, York and others of a like disposition relating to Post Office closures (North Yorkshire); and
   (3) residents of Great Doddington and surrounding areas relating to Post Office closures (Northamptonshire)
   were presented and read.

6 Adjournment.

Subject: 0844 revenue-sharing telephone numbers (Mr Graham Stuart).
   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18th January 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 21st January 2008:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education,—(1) Manchester College (Government) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 50); and
   (2) Manchester College (Incorporation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 49), dated 11th January 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

4 Environmental Protection,—(1) Environmental Protection (Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 91), dated 16th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command]; and
   (2) Ozone-Depleting Substances (Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 97), dated 16th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


7 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 116), dated 21st January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 1st November 2006, made by the Governing Body of Merton College in the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

9 European Communities,—Papers, entitled—
   (1) A Comparative Table of the Current EC and EU Treaties as Amended by the Treaty of Lisbon; and
   (2) Consolidated Texts of the EU Treaties as Amended by the Treaty of Lisbon [by Command] [Cm. 7311 and 7310] [Secretary David Miliband].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Work and Pensions: Progress in tackling benefit fraud [by Act]; to be printed [No. 102] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 261] [Clerk of the House].

12 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 21st January 2008, concerning Northern Rock [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

13 Treaty Series (No. 2, 2008),—Agreement, done at London on 14th November 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda concerning Air Services [by Command][Cm. 7313] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Helen Southworth and Graham Stringer from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Fraser Kemp and Ian Lucas.
European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document COM (2007) 598 relating to the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Nigel Griffiths.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—(1) Creative Partnerships and the Curriculum: Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2006–07: First Special Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 266]; and
   (2) Testing and Assessment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 169-iv]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—Ordnance Survey: Fifth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 268] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill: Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 3rd and 17th December [No. 269];
   (2) The Work of the Committee in 2007 and the state of Human Rights in the UK: with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 270]; and
   (3) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Science Budget Allocations:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 215-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Phil Willis].


[No. 35.]

Tuesday 22nd January 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Canterbury City Council Bill,—A Bill to confer powers on Canterbury City Council for the better control of street trading and touting in the city of Canterbury, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

2 Leeds City Council Bill,—A Bill to confer powers on Leeds City Council for the better control of street trading in the city of Leeds, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

3 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—A Bill to introduce in London a prohibition on the supply of certain bags by retailers, to confer powers upon local authorities in London to enforce the prohibition; and for related purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

4 Northern Bank Bill,—A Bill to provide that the statutory right of Northern Bank Limited to issue bank notes shall transfer and apply to Danske Bank A/S, and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

5 Nottingham City Council Bill,—A Bill to confer powers on Nottingham City Council for the better control of street trading in the city of Nottingham, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
6 Reading Borough Council Bill.—A Bill to confer powers on Reading Borough Council for the better control of street trading and touting in the borough of Reading, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

7 St Austell Market Bill.—A Bill to provide for the vesting of the undertaking of The Commissioners of St. Austell Markets and Fairs in St. Austell Market House CIC and for the continuance of that undertaking; to repeal the St. Austell Market Act 1842; and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

8 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 29th January.

9 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 29th January.

10 Education and Skills Bill.—John Bercow reported from the Education and Skills 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.

11 Health and Social Care Bill.—Mr Jim Hood reported certain Memoranda from the Health and Social Care Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

12 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported certain Memoranda from the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

13 Planning Bill.—Mr Eric Illsley reported a Memorandum from the Planning Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

14 European Standing Committee.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15869/07, Commission Communication, The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership—Advancing Regional Co-operation to Support Peace, Progress and Inter-Cultural Dialogue; and agrees that the Barcelona Process may have potential to help promote UK objectives, provided it focuses not on process but on effective delivery through partnership.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

15 Football Spectators and Sports Grounds Bill.—Mr Russell Brown, supported by Alan Keen, John McFall, Mr John Leech, Bob Russell, Joan Walley, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr John Greenway, Christine Russell and Jim Sheridan presented a Bill to amend the law relating to football banning orders and their enforcement; to confer further powers on the Football Licensing Authority and to amend its name; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 59].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Football Spectators and Sports Grounds Bill be printed [Bill 59-EN].

16 Climate Change (Sectoral Targets) Bill.—Colin Challen, supported by Mr Tim Yeo, Mr Michael Meacher, Andrew Stunell, Joan Walley, Peter Bottomley, David Howarth, John Battle, Paddy Tipping, Chris Huhne, Dr Desmond Turner and Dr Doug Naysmith presented a Bill to set sectoral targets relating to energy generation and consumption; to make provision for the sectoral targets to be met; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 62].
17 Online Purchasing of Goods and Services (Age Verification).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it a requirement for the providers of goods and services and the providers of specified facilities enabling the purchase of such goods and services to take reasonable steps, in certain circumstances, to establish the age of customers making such purchases remotely; and for connected purposes: And that Margaret Moran, Ms Sally Keeble, Kali Mountford, Judy Mallaber, Barbara Keeley, Fiona Mactaggart, Ian Stewart, Martin Salter, Lynda Waltho and Linda Gilroy do prepare and bring it in.

18 Online Purchasing of Goods and Services (Age Verification) Bill.—Margaret Moran accordingly presented a Bill to make it a requirement for the providers of goods and services and the providers of specified facilities enabling the purchase of such goods and services to take reasonable steps, in certain circumstances, to establish the age of customers making such purchases remotely; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th May and to be printed [Bill 57].

19 Energy Bill. — The Energy Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

20 Energy 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 Energy 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 11th March 2008.

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 Sadiq Khan).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Wayne David: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stewart Jackson, Jeremy Wright: 85.

So the Question was agreed to.

21 Energy Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Energy 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 Energy Bill, 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;

(2) any expenditure incurred by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority by virtue of the Act; and

(3) any increase attributable to the Act in sums payable out of money so provided under another enactment—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.
22 Energy 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 Energy Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the levying of charges under or by virtue of the Act in connection with functions of the Secretary of State (including such functions which are transferred by virtue of the Act to another person);
(2) the levying of charges by virtue of the Act in connection with the termination of licences relating to the storage of carbon dioxide;
(3) the levying of charges by virtue of the Act in connection with costs incurred by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority or the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation;
(4) the imposition, by virtue of the Act, of charges under licences issued under the Electricity Act 1989 or the Gas Act 1986; and
(5) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

23 Police.—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 Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.


25 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 24th January, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motions in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to Members’ Salaries (Expression of Opinion), Members’ Salaries, Parliamentary Pensions and Members’ Allowances 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.—(Steve McCabe.)

26 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Members and staff of the House of Commons and others relating to Members’ priority access was presented and read.

27 Adjournment.

Subject: Retirement from the fire service on grounds of ill health (Mr John Heppell).

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Food,—Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 85), dated 15th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 National Health Service,—East Kent Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 83), dated 15th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
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APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Education and Skills Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Gove from the Education and Skills Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr John Hayes.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—The UK Construction Industry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 127-v] [Peter Lilfi]

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Public Service Content: Response from Ofcom to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: First Special Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, with an Appendix, to be printed [No. 275]; and

   (2) London 2012 Games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 104-iv]
   [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence.—The Work of the Committee in 2007: Sixth Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 274] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit.—(1) The Structure of Government and the Challenge of Climate Change: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: First special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 276]; and

   (2) Climate Change and local, regional and devolved government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 225-ii]
   [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs.—Domestic Violence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 263] [Keith Vaz].

6 Human Rights.—A Life Like any Other? The Human Rights of Adults with Learning Disabilities: Seventh 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. 73-I and -II] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Justice.—Sentencing Guidelines: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 279-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

8 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Child Poverty in Scotland: Third Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 277]; and

   (2) Work of the Committee in 2007: Fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 278]
   [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Treasury.—Financial Services Authority Annual Report, 2006–07: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 258-i] [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. 34-ix]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 22nd January 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Homeworkers (Mr Fabian Hamilton).
Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West (Mr Christopher Chope).
Death of Mr David Burrows and West Yorkshire Police (Mike Wood).
Regulation of slurry (Mr David Heath).
Case for keeping Loftus Saxon treasures in a local museum (Dr Ashok Kumar).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Tom Watson);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 36.]

Wednesday 23rd January 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Broads Authority Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read a third time.

2 Borough Freedom Bill,—The Order for reading the Borough Freedom Bill a second time on Friday 1st February was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29th February.

3 Christmas Savings Schemes (Regulation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring to a Bill to make provision for the regulation of Christmas savings schemes; and for connected purposes: And that Anne Snelgrove, Chris Bryant, Lorely Burt, Ms Katy Clark, Michael Connarty, Mr Jim Devine, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Bob Russell, Martin Salter, Bob Spink and Mr Mark Todd do prepare and bring it in.

4 Christmas Savings Schemes (Regulation) Bill,—Anne Snelgrove accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of Christmas savings schemes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 58].

5 Appointment of the Comptroller and Auditor General,—The Agreement of the Chairman of the Committee of Public Accounts having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to the Comptroller and Auditor General, pursuant to section 1(1) of the National Audit Act 1983;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will appoint Timothy John Burr to the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General.—(The Prime Minister.)

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.

6 Sale of Student Loans Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sale of Student Loans Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(4A) Transfer arrangements may not confer on the purchaser the right to alter the repayment terms of sold debts.’—(Mr Rob Wilson.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(8) In advance of entering into transfer arrangements the Secretary of State shall—
(a) examine the prevailing market conditions and ensure that a competitive market for the loans has been generated;
(b) provide the market with full information about the loan book in order that the assets can be efficiently valued;
(c) ensure that there has been a genuine transfer of risk from the public accounts to the private sector; and
(d) assess the proceeds that look likely to be achieved in the transaction, using full and clear market information and a comparison with keeping the loans on the Government books, in terms of both likely income flows and levels of risk.

(9) The Secretary of State shall make a written statement on expenditure incurred in connection with each transfer arrangement.’.—(Mr Rob Wilson.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Sadiq Khan: 288.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 22, to leave out the word ‘may’ and insert the word ‘shall’, instead thereof.—(John McDonnell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 42, after the word ‘reimbursement’, to insert the words ‘by a defaulting borrower’.—(Rob Marris.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 9, to leave out the words ‘a person acting on behalf of a loan purchaser’ and insert the words ‘the Student Loans Company’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Hayes.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 212.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Bob Blizzard: 284.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.—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. 15869/07, Commission Communication, The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership—Advancing Regional Cooperation to Support Peace, Progress and Inter-Cultural Dialogue; and agrees that the Barcelona Process may have potential to help promote UK objectives, provided it focuses not on process but on effective delivery through partnership.—(Mr Sadiq Khan):—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Aspley Guise village relating to Planning (Bedfordshire) was presented and read.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: NHS maternity services in East Sussex (Mr Nigel Waterson).

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan);

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.22 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 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

2 Pensions,—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

3 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

4 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(2) draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hain].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Customs and Excise,—Export Control (Democratic Republic of Congo) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 131), dated 22nd January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 133), dated 22nd January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Other Papers:

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Releasing resources to the frontline: the Department of Health’s Review of its Arm’s Length Bodies [by Act]; to be printed [No. 237] [Clerk of the House].

8 Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up),—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Land Purchase for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 272] [Clerk of the House].

9 Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2008 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7312] [Mr Secretary Hain].

10 Treaty Series (No. 31, 2007),—Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc. for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7307] [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 16th January].

12 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 16th January].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Energy Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess and Mrs Joan Humble Chairmen of the Energy Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Mr Brian Binley, Charles Hendry, Martin Horwood, Dr Brian Iddon, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Anne Main, Albert Owen, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Jamie Reed, John Robertson, Alison Seabeck, Mr Hugo Swire, Paddy Tipping, Steve Webb, Dr Alan Whitehead and Malcolm Wicks.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order 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: Mr Colin Breed, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Quentin Davies, Angela Eagle, Mr David Gauke, Martin Linton, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Sandra Osborne, John Reid, Joan Ryan, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Ian Taylor, David Tredinnick and Claire Ward.

3 Draft Insurance Business Transfer Schemes (Amendment of Corporation Tax Acts) Order 2008:

(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, Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Jim Devine, Mr Bruce George, Mr Mark Hoban, Jane Kennedy, Mr Sion Simon, Mr Andrew Smith, Bob Spink, Mr Gary Streeter, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Don Touhig, Claire Ward, Mrs Betty Williams, Mr David Wilshire and David Wright.

4 Draft Companies Act 2006 (Amendment) (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, draft Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors' Report) Regulations 2008 and draft Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008:

(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 John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Chris McCafferty, Stephen Pound, Alison Seabeck, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Anthony Steen, Ian Stewart, Graham Stringer, Sarah Teather, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Paul Traswell, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Mr Robert Walter.

5 Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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: Liz Blackman, Mr David Clelland, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Eddie McGrady, Rob Marris, Mr Alan Milburn, John Penrose, Mark Pritchard, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Mark Todd and Angela Watkinson.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Documents No. 11724/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 13117/07 and Addendum and No. 13118/07 and Addendum, relating to Financial Management, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum: Seventh Activity Report 2006, relating to the European Anti-Fraud Office Report,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman of the European Standing Committee in respect of the Documents.

7 European Union Documents No. 13043/07, No. 13045/07, No. 13212/07, No. 13219/07, No. 13046/07, No. 13048/07 and No. 13049/07, relating to Regulation of Gas and Electricity,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Baron, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Tony Cunningham, Tim Farron, Daniel Kawczynski, Miss Julie Kirkbride, David Lepper, Mr Pat McFadden, Helen Southworth and Steve Webb.

8 European Union Documents No. 14277/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 14175/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 14165/07 and No. 14266/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Freight Transport,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Stephen Crabb, Tony Cunningham, Jim Fitzpatrick, Barry Gardner, Stephen Hammond, Mark Hunter, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr John Leech, Peter Luff, Anne Snelgrove and Jeremy Wright.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Social Mobility: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 281-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—Environmental Labelling: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Environmental Information of the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 83-iv] [Mr Colin Challen].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Flooding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 49-vii]; and (2) Correspondence with Defra: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-ix]; (2) The conclusions of the European Council and the Council of Ministers: Tenth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 50]; and (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs,—(1) The Work of the Committee in 2007: Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Annexes; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 287]; and (2) Overseas Territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 147-i] [Mike Gapes].

6 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Renewable Electricity-Generation Technologies: (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 216-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—The Work of the Committee in 2007: Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 286] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Public Accounts,—A progress update in resolving the difficulties in administering the Single Payment Scheme in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 285-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-vii] [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—(1) Galileo: Recent Developments: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: First Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 283]; (2) Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-year Strategy for the Railways?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 219-ii]; and (3) Network Rail Engineering Delays over the New Year Period: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 284-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Counting the population: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 183-ii] [John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions,—Health and Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 246-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Wednesday 23rd January 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Employment of overseas footballers (Mr Iain Duncan Smith).
- Animal welfare in circuses (Mark Pritchard).
- Pleural plaques victims’ compensation (Jim Sheridan).
- UK bird registration scheme (Martin Salter).
- Television reception in the Hedges area of Rushden (Mr Peter Bone).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.

[No. 37.]

Thursday 24th January 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Education and Skills Bill,—Hugh Bayley reported certain Memoranda from the Education and Skills Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Health and Social Care Bill,—Derek Conway reported from the Health and Social Care Bill Committee:

(1) certain Memoranda; and

(2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memoranda (reported on 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th and 22nd January) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 52].

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

3 Pensions Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported a Memorandum from the Pensions Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Counter-Terrorism Bill,—Secretary Jacqui Smith, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary David Miliband, Secretary Jack Straw, Mr Secretary Hutton, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Mr Secretary Woodward and Mr Tony McNulty presented a Bill to confer further powers to gather and share information for counter-terrorism and other purposes; to make further provision about the detention and questioning of terrorist suspects and the prosecution and punishment of terrorist offences; to impose notification requirements on persons convicted of such offences; to amend the law relating to asset freezing proceedings under United Nations terrorism orders; to amend the law relating to inquests and inquiries; to amend the definition of ‘terrorism’; to amend the enactments relating to terrorist offences, control orders and the forfeiture of terrorist cash; to provide for recovering the costs of policing at certain gas facilities; to amend provisions about the appointment of special advocates in Northern Ireland; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 63].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Counter-Terrorism Bill be printed [Bill 63–EN].

5 Members’ Salaries (Expression of Opinion),—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the system for determining the salaries of Members of Parliament should be reviewed, in particular with a view to removing the need for final decisions on salaries to be subject to approval by this House; and that—
(1) the yearly rate for salaries of Members of this House, including the additional salaries of chairmen of select and general committees, should be increased (in addition to the increase of 0.66 per cent. provided for in respect of the year starting with 1st April 2007 under the resolution of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2))—

(a) with effect from 1st April 2007, by 0.84 per cent. of the rate as it stood on 31st March 2007, and

(b) with effect from 1st November 2007, by a further 1.06 per cent. of the rate as it stood on 31st March 2007;

(2) from 31st March 2008, the resolution of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2) should cease to have effect.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

It being after Five o’clock the Speaker put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions relating to Members’ Salaries, Parliamentary Pensions and Members’ Allowances, pursuant to Order [22nd January].

6 Members’ Salaries.—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Members’ Salaries,

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That the following provision shall be made with respect to the salaries of Members of this House—

(1) the yearly rate for salaries of Members of this House, including the additional salaries of chairmen of select and general committees, shall be increased (in addition to the increase of 0.66 per cent. provided for in respect of the year starting with 1st April 2007 under the resolution of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2))—

(a) with effect from 1st April 2007, by 0.84 per cent. of the rate as it stood on 31st March 2007, and

(b) with effect from 1st November 2007, by a further 1.06 per cent. of the rate as it stood on 31st March 2007;

(2) from 31st March 2008, the resolution of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2) shall cease to have effect.—(Helen Goodman.)—It was agreed to.

7 Parliamentary Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House endorses in principle Recommendations 7, 8 and 9 of the report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries on parliamentary pay, pensions and allowances (Cm 7270-I) a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th January, relating to the Parliamentary Pension Scheme, and endorses the change to the Scheme rules outlined in Recommendation 6 if it can be implemented in conjunction with changes identified by the Trustees which produce sufficient offsetting savings to be cost neutral.—(Helen Goodman.)—It was agreed to.

8 Members’ Allowances.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order, That this House notes the recommendations made in Chapter 5 of the report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries on parliamentary pay, pensions and allowances (Cm 7270-I) a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th January; and is of the opinion that—

(1) recommendations 20 to 22 relating to an increase in staffing allowance should be implemented, subject to the decisions of the Members Estimate Committee with regard to their timing and administration;

(2) recommendations 17 to 19, 23 to 28, 30 and 31 (relating to reimbursement of unreceipted expenditure, audit, central funding of constituency office costs, Incidental Expenses Provision, partners’ travel, Communications Allowance, Resettlement Grant, Winding-up Allowance, and nomenclature of allowances) be referred to the Members Estimate Committee for further consideration following consultation with the Advisory Panel on Members Allowances.—(Helen Goodman)——It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Future of the Defence Aviation Repair Agency (Gordon Banks).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tom Watson.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.48 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,— Local Government Finance Report (England) for 2008–09 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 262] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

2 Police,— Police Grant Report (England and Wales) for 2008–09 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 265] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 British Nationality,— British Citizenship (Designated Service) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 135), dated 21st January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Other Papers:

4 Culture, Media and Sport,— Government Response to the First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2007–08 on Public Service Content [by Command] [Cm. 7309] [Secretary James Purnell].

5 Governance of Britain,— Paper, entitled Review of Voting Systems: The experience of new voting systems in the United Kingdom since 1997 [by Command] [Cm. 7304] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Regulatory Impact Assessments,— List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st January to 30th June 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7297] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Energy Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),— The Speaker has appointed Mr John Baron, Charles Hendry, Dr Nick Palmer, John Robertson, Alison Seabeck, Steve Webb and Malcolm Wicks members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Energy Bill Committee.

2 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3510),— The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Gauke from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Hoban.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Documents No. 11724/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 13117/07 and Addendum and No. 13118/07 and Addendum, relating to Financial Management, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum: Seventh Activity Report 2006, relating to the European Anti-Fraud Office Report,— The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Gauke and Mr Brooks Newmark from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Simon Burns and Mr Mark Hoban.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,— (1) Modernising Medical Careers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 25-v]; and (2) Dental Services: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 289-II] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration,— Lobbying: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, to be printed [No. 137-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

3 Treasury,— The run on the Rock: Fifth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 56-I and -II] [John McFall].
Thursday 24th January 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 29th January.

[Adjourned at 4.58 p.m.]

Friday 25th January 2008.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), Sir Alan Haselhurst, Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

2 The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order.

3 Planning and Energy Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Planning and Energy 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 Oliver Heald, John Battle: 45.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 0.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee.

4 Environmental Protection (Transfers at Sea) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Environmental Protection (Transfers at Sea) Bill;

   And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

   Bill withdrawn.

5 Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill;

   Mr Bob Ainsworth acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, had consented to place Her prerogative, so far as it is affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

   And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now 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 14th March.
6 Adjournment.

Subject: Taking Luton Town Football Club out of administration (Mrs Nadine Dorries).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

And the Motion having been made at half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday 28th January.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Family Proceedings.—Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 24), dated 22nd January 2008 [by Order], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

2 Supreme Court, Northern Ireland.—Criminal Appeal (Offenders Assisting Investigations and Prosecutions) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 23), dated 21st January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Standards and Privileges.—Conduct of Mr Derek Conway: 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. 280] [Sir George Young].
PRAYERS.

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


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

2 European Standing Committee,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of an unnumbered explanatory memorandum from HM Treasury dated 8th January 2008, European Court of Auditors’ Annual Report on the implementation of the budget concerning the financial year 2006 together with the institutions’ replies, European Union Documents No. 11724/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Protection of the financial interests of the Communities—Fight against fraud—Annual Report 2006, unnumbered explanatory memorandum from HM Treasury dated 9th August 1997, European Anti-Fraud Office—Seventh Activity Report for the period 1st January to 31st December 2006, No. 13117/07 and Addendum 1, Commission report on the follow-up to Discharge Decisions (Summary)—Council recommendations, and No. 13118/07 and Addendum 1, Commission Report on the follow-up to 2005 Discharge Decisions (Summary)—European Parliament Resolutions; and supports the Government’s promotion of measures to improve the level of assurance given on the Community budget.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day’s sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motion in the names of Ms Harriet Harman and Secretary David Miliband relating to the Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty) not later than Ten o’clock; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply—(Mr Jim Murphy).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Tony Cunningham: 248

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roger Williams, Willie Rennie: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall have effect.

(1) In this Order, ‘allotted day’ means a day on which the first business is—

(a) a motion in the name of a Minister of the Crown to approve the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of specified matters,

(b) proceedings on the European Union (Amendment) Bill, or

(c) a motion to vary or supplement this Order.

(2) On an allotted day proceedings shall be taken in accordance with the Table.

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17 | Committee on the Bill—Clause No. 8, the Schedule New Clauses Nos. and New Schedules. | The moment of interruption. |
18 | Remaining proceedings on the Bill. | 6 hours after commencement. |

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Steve McCabe: 303.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day]; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mark Tami, Steve McCabe: 299.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 243.
So the Question was agreed to.

5 Children, Schools and Families,—Ordered, That Stephen Williams be discharged from the Children, Schools and Families Committee and Paul Holmes be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Annette Brooke be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Paul Burstow be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Danny Alexander be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr Alistair Carmichael be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the Mahoro Must Stay Campaign relating to immigration (Adela Mahoro Mugabo) was presented and read.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Political situation in Lebanon (Mr Andrew Love).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)
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**

**Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1 Ecclesiastical Law,—Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

**Paper subject to Negative Resolution:**


4 Supreme Court, Northern Ireland,—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 22), dated 21st January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].
Other Papers:

5. Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08 on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7302] [Secretary David Miliband].


7. Innovation, Universities and Skills.—Paper, entitled Ready to Work, Skilled for Work: Unlocking Britain’s Talent [by Command] [Cm. 7316] [Secretary John Denham].


9. National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Taking forward decommissioning [by Act]; to be printed [No. 238] [Clerk of the House].

   (1) Intelligence Services Commissioner; and
   (2) Interception of Communications Commissioner
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 253 and 252] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3510).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Quentin Davies and Mr Khalid Mahmood from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flibb and Mr Andrew Smith.

2. Draft Insurance Business Transfer Schemes (Amendment of Corporation Tax Acts) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Wilshire from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Brooks Newmark.

European Standing Committees

3. European Union Documents No. 11724/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 13117/07 and Addendum 1 and No. 13118/07 and Addendum 1, relating to Financial Management, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum: Seventh Activity Report 2006, relating to the European Anti-Fraud Office Report.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ben Chapman, Colin Challen, Nigel Griffiths and Mr Don Touhig from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Nick Ainger, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Kevan Jones and Ian Lucas.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Children, Schools and Families.—(1) Special Educational Needs: Assessment and Funding: Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2006–07. Second Special Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 298]; and
   (2) Testing and Assessment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 169-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2. Human Rights.—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Health and Social Care Bill: Eighth 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 and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 3rd and 17th December and 14th January [No. 303];
   (2) A British Bill of Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 150-ii]; and
   (3) Legislative Scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].
3 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—The Copyright Tribunal:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Copyright Tribunal Sub-Committee of the
       Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 245-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee; to be published
       [Dr Ian Gibson].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Excess Votes: Seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts;
   to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report
   [No. 299];
   (2) Tax Credits and PAYE: Eighth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to
   be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report
   [No. 300];
   (3) Helping people from workless households into work: Ninth Report from the
   Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to
   the Report [No. 301]; and
   (4) Management of large business Corporation Tax: Minutes of Evidence taken before
   the Committee; to be printed [No. 302-i]
       [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Treasury,—Counting the population: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee
   of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 183-iii] [John McFall].

[No. 40.]

Tuesday 29th January 2008.

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

1 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of
   the Canterbury City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th February.

2 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the
   Leeds City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th February.

3 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the
   Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th February.

4 Northern Bank Bill,—The Northern Bank Bill was read a second time and referred to the
   Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

5 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of
   the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th February.

6 Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of
   the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th February.

7 St Austell Market Bill,—The St Austell Market Bill was read a second time and referred to
   the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

8 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second
   Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th February.

9 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second
   Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th February.

10 Education and Skills Bill,—John Bercow reported certain Memoranda from the Education
    and Skills Bill Committee.
    Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

11 Planning Bill,—Sir John Butterfill reported certain Memoranda from the Planning Bill
    Committee.
    Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

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

13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Companies Act 2006 (Amendment) (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the draft Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors’ Report) Regulations 2008 and the draft Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

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

14 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill,—The Order for reading the Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill a second time on Friday 1st February was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7th March.

15 Employment Retention,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a statutory right to an employment retention assessment to determine entitlement to a period of rehabilitation leave for newly disabled people and people whose existing impairments change; and for connected purposes: And that John Robertson, Jim Sheridan, Mr David Blunkett, Miss Anne Begg, John Bercow, Paul Rowen, Mr Mike Weir, Julie Morgan, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Dr Richard Taylor, Ann McKechin and Mrs Sharon Hodgson do prepare and bring it in.

16 Employment Retention Bill,—John Robertson accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a statutory right to an employment retention assessment to determine entitlement to a period of rehabilitation leave for newly disabled people and people whose existing impairments change; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th March and to be printed [Bill 60].

17 Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January], That the Order of 28th January be amended as follows: in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 1, in the third column—

(a) for ‘4 hours’ substitute ‘3 1/2 hours’, and

(b) for ‘1 1/2 hours’ substitute ‘2 1/2 hours’—(Mr Sadiq Khan):—It was agreed to.

18 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 1) [1st allotted day],—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning the following matters: fighting cross-border crime, justice, policing, human trafficking and asylum and migration policy—(SecretaryJacqui Smith);

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 ‘disapproves of the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning fighting cross-border crime, justice, policing, human trafficking and asylum and migration policy because the Treaty weakens the UK’s ability to determine its own policy in these important fields, would bring to an end the intergovernmental nature of EU co-operation over policing and criminal justice, abolishes the safeguard of the national veto in almost all remaining areas in justice and home affairs matters and creates the possibility that the UK could be fined for refusing to participate in certain legislation in these areas; and notes that the European Scrutiny Committee, in its Third Report of Session 2007–08, House of Commons Paper No. 16-ii, paragraph 75, is “concerned that the interpretation of the red line to ‘protect UK civil and criminal justice’ as only requiring control of the decision to opt in or not does not recognise the loss of protection that will occur every time jurisdiction is transferred from UK courts to jurisdiction by the European Court of Justice and the Commission”, instead thereof.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Jeremy Wright: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Siobhain McDonagh: 360.

So the Question was put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Siobhain McDonagh: 360.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Jeremy Wright: 167.

So the Question was negatived.
European Union (Amendment) Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Addition to list of Treaties).

Amendment (No. 214) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word 'excluding', to insert the words—

(i) Article 1, paragraph 51, replacement Article 35 TEU, relating to jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice over police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters; and

(ii) .—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Jeremy Wright: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Wayne David, Tony Cunningham: 353.

The Chairman then put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision. Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word 'excluding', to insert the words—

(i) Article 2, paragraph 67, inserted Article 69A, TEC (TFEU), relating to judicial cooperation in criminal matters; and

(ii) .—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, Jeremy Wright: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Wayne David, Tony Cunningham: 352.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Sadiq Khan reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

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. 2) Order 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3310), dated 13th December 2007, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th December, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

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 9th August 1997, European Anti-Fraud Office—seventh activity report for the period 1st January to 31st December 2006, No. 13117/07 and Addendum 1, Commission report on the follow-up to Discharge Decisions (Summary)—European Parliament Resolutions; and supports the Government's promotion of measures to improve the level of assurance given on the Community budget—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Castle Point and others relating to the misuse of fireworks (Essex) was presented and read.
23 Adjournment.

Subject: Proposed eco-town development in Harborough District (Mr Edward Garnier).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Sadiq Khan);

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 eighteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.18 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Draft Legislative Reform Order:

1 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


3 Immigration,—Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 29th January 2008, concerning the reporting of a contingent liability for the costs associated with the Defence Training Review [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].


7 Intelligence Services,—(1) Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2006–07; and

(2) Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2006–07

[by Command] [Cm. 7299 and 7300] [The Prime Minister].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Department for Work and Pensions: Increasing employment rates for ethnic minorities; and

(2) National Probation Service: The supervision of community orders in England and Wales

[by Act]: to be printed [Nos. 206 and 203] [Clerk of the House].

9 Parliamentary and Other Pensions,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 297] [Clerk of the House].

10 Prisons,—Report of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales for 2006–07 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 207] [Secretary Jack Straw].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Draft Insurance Business Transfer Schemes (Amendment of Corporation Tax Acts) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Smith and Claire Ward from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown and Mr Frank Roy.

2. Draft Companies Act 2006 (Amendment) (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, draft Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors' Report) Regulations 2008 and draft Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Stephen Pound and Mr Stephen Timms from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Pat McFadden and Mr Jim McGovern.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Administration.—Record of the Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 29th January; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2. Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—(1) *Jobs for the Girls: Two Years On*: Second Report from the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 291], and
   (2) *The Post Office Closure Programme*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 292-i]
   [Peter Luff].

3. Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) *London 2012 Games*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 104-v]; and
   (2) *Tourism*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 133-xs]
   [Mr John Whittingdale].

4. Defence.—*Defence Equipment*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 295-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5. Home Affairs.—(1) *Domestic Violence*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 263-ii]; and
   (2) *The work of the Serious Organised Crime Agency*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 296-i]
   [Keith Vaz].

6. Justice.—*Devolution: A Decade On*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 75-ii]
   [Mr Alan Beith].

7. Regulatory Reform.—*Regulatory Reform and the Better Regulation Executive*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 304-i]
   [Andrew Miller].

8. Scottish Affairs.—*Employment and skills for the defence industry in Scotland*:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 305-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9. Welsh Affairs.—*Globalisation and its impact on Wales*:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 34-x]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 29th January 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Future of cross-border rail services between England and Scotland (Malcolm Bruce).
- Government policy on teenage pregnancies (Chris Bryant).
- Employment of adults with disabilities (John Barrett).
- Alcohol services and rehabilitation centres (Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody).
- Release of information relating to military operations by the Ministry of Defence (Ann Winterton).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mark Tami);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 41.]

Wednesday 30th January 2008.

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 draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2008.

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

2 Sale of Wine (Measures).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require licensed premises which sell wine by the glass to offer measures of 125ml: And that Greg Mulholland, Dr Richard Taylor, John Thurso, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr John Grogan, Lorely Burt, Peter Luff, Mr Don Foster, Dr Howard Stoate, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Nigel Evans and Peter Bottomley do prepare and bring it in.

3 Sale of Wine (Measures) Bill,—Greg Mulholland accordingly presented a Bill to require licensed premises which sell wine by the glass to offer measures of 125ml: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th June and to be printed [Bill 64].

4 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 2) [2nd allotted day].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning energy—(Mr Secretary Hutton);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that the Government demanded the deletion of an article on energy when it was first proposed as part of the EU Constitution; further notes that the Government’s explanation was that ‘this provision is unnecessary as all aspects of energy policy are effectively covered elsewhere in the Treaty e.g. single market, environment’; believes that the Government’s position then was right and remains valid, and accordingly rejects the Government’s current policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning energy’, instead thereof.—(Mr Alan Duncan.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Crispin Blunt: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts: 369.

So the Question was negatived.

It being more than four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Main Question forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January].
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts: 367.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Crispin Blunt: 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 European Union (Amendment) Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Addition to list of Treaties).

Another Amendment (No. 204) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

'(i) Article 2, paragraph 12, inserted Article 2C TEC (TFEU), paragraph 2(i), providing for energy to be an area of shared competence; and
(ii) '.—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Siobhain McDonagh: 351.

And it being more than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to Order [28th January].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Sadiq Khan reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

6 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 17th December, be approved.—(Mr Sadiq Khan):—It was agreed to.

7 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors’ Report) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan):—It was agreed to.

8 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 (Amendment) (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan):—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 Insurance Business Transfer Schemes (Amendment of the Corporation Tax Acts) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 10th December, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan):—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 4th February, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings 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 Jacqui Smith relating to Police Grant Report not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, and shall put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Secretary Hazel Blears relating to Local Government Finance not later than Ten o’clock; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)
11 Adjournment.

Subject: Travelling community (Mr Brian H. Donohoe).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

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 Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

2 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (Continuance in force of sections 1 to 9) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Mental Health,—Report of the Mental Health Act Commission for 2005–07 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 National Lottery,—Review of the sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2006–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 260] [Secretary Des Browne].

6 Treasury,—Paper, entitled Financial stability and depositor protection: strengthening the framework [by Command] [Cm. 7308] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Papers withdrawn:

7 Immigration,—Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 29th January].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Planning and Energy Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Planning and Energy Bill Committee: Gregory Barker, John Battle, Hugh Bayley, Colin Challen, Mr David Drew, Mr Michael Fallon, Caroline Flint, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Elliot Morley, Dan Rogerson, Chris Ruane, Dr Alan Whitehead and Bill Wiggin.

2 Draft Regional Learning and Skills Councils Regulations 2007:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First 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 David Anderson, Mr Richard Bacon, Peter Bottomley, Annette Brooke, Ann Clwyd, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr John Hayes, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Alan Meale, Bill Rammell, Mrs Linda Riordan, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mr Marsha Singh, Angela Watkinson and Stephen Williams.

3 Draft Companies (Late Filing Penalties) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Filing Periods and Late Filing Penalties) Regulations 2008:

(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: Lorely Burt, Mr James Clappison, Philip Davies, James Duddridge, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr John Gummer, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Elliott Morley, Stephen Pound, Alison Seabeck, Alan Simpson, Sarah Teather and Mr Stephen Timms.

4 Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Jim Hood Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Russell Brown, David Cairns, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Adam Ingram, Robert Key, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Jim McGovern, Ann McKechin, Anne Main, Mr Humfrey Malins, Sandra Osborne, John Reid, Mr Frank Roy, John Thurso, Mr Ben Wallace and Pete Wishart.

5 Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2008. The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland, Mr Adam Ingram and Mrs Siân C. James from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution John Battle, Mr Andy Reed and Geraldine Smith.

6 Draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Representations and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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: Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Baron, Paul Flynn, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Dai Havard, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Austin Mitchell, Jessica Morden, Julie Morgan, Mr Malcolm Moss, Richard Ottaway, Mr Lee Scott, Mark Tami, Mark Williams and Mr Roger Williams.

7 Draft Companies (Trading Disclosures) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth 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: Colin Burgon, Lorely Burt, Mr James Clappison, Jim Dobbin, James Duddridge, Keith Hill, Lynne Jones, Dr Doug Naysmith, Stephen Pound, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Alison Seabeck, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Hugo Swire, Sarah Teather and Mr Stephen Timms.

8 Draft County Durham (Structural Change) Order 2008 and draft Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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: Mr Alan Beith, Richard Burden, Ben Chapman, Mr David Clelland, Jon Cruddas, Paul Farrelly, Julia Goldsworthy, John Healey, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Brian Jenkins, Chris Mole, Robert Neill, Mr Andrew Turner, Peter Viggers, Mr Robert Waller and Mr Dave Watts.

9 Draft Statutory Auditors (Delegation of Functions etc) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Lorely Burt, Mr James Clappison, Frank Dobson, Jim Dowd, James Duddridge, Bill Etherington, Mr John Grogan, Mr Denis Murphy, Stephen Pound, Gwyn Prosser, Bob Spink, Sarah Teather, Mr Stephen Timms, Jon Trickett, Mr John Whittingdale and Mr David Wilshire.

10 Draft Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth 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: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Stephen Byers, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Julia Goldsworthy, John Healey, Mr John Heppell, Mr George Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Chris Mole, Robert Neill, Dan Rogerson, Chris Ruane, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Rob Wilson and Mr Anthony Wright.

European Standing Committees

11 European Union Documents No. 13043/07, No. 13045/07, No. 13212/07, No. 13219/07, No. 13046/07, No. 13048/07 and No. 13049/07, relating to Regulation of Electricity and Gas:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Baron and Tim Farron from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Andrew Stunell and Jeremy Wright.

12 European Union Documents No. 14277/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 14175/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 14165/07 and Addendum 3 and No. 14266/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Freight Transport:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the European Standing Committee nominated in respect of the Documents; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Jeremy Wright from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr John Baron.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Diversity of school provision: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 311-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Flooding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 49-vii] [Mr Michael Jack].

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. 16-x];

(2) The Work of the Committee in 2007: Twelfth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 315]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Michael Connarty].

4 Human Rights,—Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights (Eighth Report): Counter-Terrorism Bill: 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, and a Memorandum reported and ordered to be published on 17th December [No. 199] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

5 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Renewable Electricity-Generation Technologies:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 216-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Phil Willis].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Regional Accountability:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 282-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Ms Harriet Harman].
7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Political developments in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 314-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Procedure,—e-Petitions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee; to be printed [No. 136-iii] [Mr Greg Knight].

9 Public Accounts,—The cancellation of Bicester Accommodation Centre: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 316-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Statutory Instruments,—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-viii] [David Maclean].

11 Transport,—Department for Transport Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 313-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Work and Pensions,—Work of the Committee 2007: First Report of the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 317] [Mr Terry Rooney].

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Wednesday 30th January 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Maternity services (Harry Cohen).
Political situation in Gaza (Jeremy Corbyn).
Hospice movement funding (Bob Spink).
UK private equity and venture capital industry (Mr Mark Field).
Government policy on the British Association for Central and Eastern Europe (Ms Gisela Stuart).

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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.56 p.m.]
1 Education and Skills Bill.—Hugh Bayley reported a Memorandum from the Education and Skills Bill Committee.
  Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

2 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Housing and Regeneration Bill Committee:
  That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
  Memoranda (reported on 11th and 13th December, and 10th, 15th and 22nd January) to be printed.
  Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 54].
  Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Pensions Bill.—Janet Anderson reported certain Memoranda from the Pensions Bill Committee.
  Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
  Local Transport Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make further provision in relation to local transport authorities, the provision and regulation of road transport services and the subsidising of passenger transport services; to amend sections 74, 75 and 79 of the Transport Act 1985; to make provision for or in relation to committees which represent the interests of users of public transport; to rename Passenger Transport Authorities as Integrated Transport Authorities and to make further provision in relation to them; to make further provision in relation to charging for the use of roads; to make provision in relation to the acquisition, disclosure and use of information relating to vehicles registered outside the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Local Transport Bill [Lords],—The Local Transport Bill [Lords], was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 67].

Order[d], That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Local Transport Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 67–EN].

6 Standards and Privileges,—Resolved, That this House—
  (i) approves the Fourth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 280);
  (ii) endorses the recommendations in paragraphs 33, 34 and 36; and
  (iii) accordingly suspends Mr Derek Conway from the service of the House for a period of ten sitting days.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

7 Holocaust Memorial Day (Topical Debate),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of Holocaust Memorial Day—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

8 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Insurance Contributions Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, at the end, to insert the words ‘and
  (c) in subsection (6), at end insert “and may not include any increase in the upper earnings limit in excess of the increase in the retail price index, in percentage terms, for the year to September of the preceding tax year.”.—(Mr David Gauke.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Nick Hurd: 148.

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, Alison Seabeck, Liz Blackman: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Crispin Blunt: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

9 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from customers of the Swan Hotel, Bacup, Rossendale relating to the smoking ban (Rossendale) was presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Data encryption and child abuse (Sir Paul Beresford).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Wayne David.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons,—Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (B2007 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

2 Local Government,—Draft Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Water Resources,—Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 165), dated 26th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

4 Agricultural Marketing,—Report of the British Wool Marketing Board Agricultural Marketing Schemes for 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

5 Education,—Report of Powers to Facilitate Innovation for the period 1st August 2006 to 31st July 2007 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 271] [Secretary Ed Balls].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform,—Energy Prices: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 293-ii] [Peter Lil].

2 International Development,—Iraq: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 319-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

3 Liaison,—Pre-appointment hearings by select committees: Memorandum laid before the Liaison Committee; to be published [Mr Alan Williams].

4 Welsh Affairs,—Proposed Legislative Competence Orders in Council: charging for non-residential social care: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 257-iii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment

Subject: Reducing re-offending to make communities safer.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 5th February.

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]

Friday 1st February 2008.

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 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, Anne Snelgrove, Mr Andrew Dismore: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Barbara Keeley, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods: 38.

So the Question was negatived.

4 Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill,—The Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee.

5 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill,—The Health and Safety (Offences) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee.

6 Forces Widows’ Pensions (Equality of Treatment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forces Widows’ Pensions (Equality of Treatment) Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 22nd February.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Housing growth in South Derbyshire (Mr Mark Todd).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 4th February.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Education,—Report of Powers to Facilitate Innovation for the period 1st August 2005 to 31st July 2006 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 320] [Secretary Ed Balls].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08, on Global Security: Russia [by Command] [Cm. 7305] [Secretary David Miliband].

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—David Taylor reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Regional Learning and Skills Councils Regulations 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 Companies (Late Filing Penalties) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Filing Periods and Late Filing Penalties) Regulations 2008.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Jim Hood reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2008.

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

4 European Standing Committee.—Frank Cook reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 14277/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication, The EU’s freight transport agenda—Boosting the efficiency, integration and sustainability of freight transport in Europe, No. 14165/07 and Addendum 3, Commission Communication, Towards a rail network giving priority to freight, No. 14175/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication on a European ports policy, and No. 14266/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication, Freight transport logistics action plan; 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 Borough Freedom Bill.—The Order for reading the Borough Freedom Bill a second time on Friday 29th February was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

6 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2008–09 (House of Commons Paper No. 265), which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Dave Watts: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Mr Nick Hurd: 171.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2008–09 (House of Commons Paper No. 265), which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved.

7 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2008–09 (House of Commons Paper No. 262), which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(John Healey).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Steve McCabe: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Willie Rennie: 45.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2008–09 (House of Commons Paper No. 262), which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved.

8 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 4th December, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy):—It was agreed to.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Development,—Draft Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board (Prescribed Day) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 14th February 2007, made by the Governing Body of Balliol College in the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

4 Disabled Persons,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (B2007 Vehicles) Exemption Order for 2008 [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Annual Report of the Global Opportunities Fund for 2006-07 [by Command] [Cm. 7314] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department for International Development: Providing budget support to developing countries [by Act]; to be printed [No. 6] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

7 Disabled Persons,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (B2007 Vehicles) Exemption Order for 2008 [laid 31st January].

APPENDIX II

1 Draft Regional Learning and Skills Councils Regulations 2007,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Anderson from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ms Celia Barlow.

2 Draft Companies (Late Filing Penalties) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Filing Periods and Late Filing Penalties) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Stephen Pound, Alan Simpson and Mr Stephen Timms.
from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Colin Burgon, Frank Dobson, Mr Pat McFadden and Mr Jim McGovern.

3 Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment)Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Hamilton from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order) and nominated in substitution Rosemary McKenna.

4 Draft Companies (Trading Disclosures) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Hugo Swire from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mark Simmonds.

5 Draft Cornwall (Structural Changes) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Dorrell from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Prisk.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government.—(1) Refuse Collection: Waste Reduction Pilots: Sixth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 195]: and

(2) Community Cohesion and Migration: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Flooding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 49-ix] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Staying the course: The retention of students on higher education courses: Tenth 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. 322]:

(2) Progress in tackling benefit fraud: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 323-i]; and

(3) The efficiency programme: Letter laid before the Committee
[Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Work and Pensions.—Health and safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 246-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].
6 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 19th February.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 19th February.

8 Education and Skills Bill.—Hugh Bayley reported a Memorandum from the Education and Skills Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

9 Energy Bill.—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Energy 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.

10 Planning Bill.—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Planning Bill Committee:

(1) certain Memoranda; and

(2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memoranda (reported on 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd and 29th January and this day) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 71].

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

11 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Representations and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2008.

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

12 European Standing Committee.—Mr Bill Olner reported from a European Standing Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 13043/07, No. 13045/07, No. 13212/07, No. 13219/07, No. 13046/07, No. 13048/07, and No. 13049/07 on regulation of electricity and gas supply and transmission networks and cross-border electricity and gas networks; further notes the Government’s support for the European Commission's proposals for further legislation on the internal energy market; agrees that adoption of the measures would make a major contribution to the development of competition in the sector across the EU; and supports the Government’s intention to press in the negotiations for the powers of the Agency to be strengthened.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

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

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 and the Surrogacy Arrangements Act 1985, to make provision about the persons who in certain circumstances are to be treated in law as the parents of a child; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

14 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords].—The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 70].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 70–EN].

15 Union Flag.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the Union flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; to make provision about the display and flying of the Union flag; and for connected purposes: And that Andrew Rosindell, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Angela Watkinson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Geraldine Smith, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr David Jones and David Mundell do prepare and bring it in.
16 Union Flag Bill.—Andrew Rosindell accordingly presented a Bill to define the Union flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; to make provision about the display and flying of the Union flag; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 65].

17 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 3) [3rd allotted day].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning human rights—(Secretary Jack Straw);

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 ‘disapproves of the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of human rights because of its incoherence and inconsistency on the status of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the United Kingdom, notes that after the Intergovernmental Conference was agreed the previous Prime Minister told the House that “it is absolutely clear that we have an opt-out from both the Charter and judicial and home affairs”; notes that the Minister for Europe told the House when debating the Treaty of Lisbon that “the fact is that the United Kingdom has neither sought nor achieved an opt-out on the Charter of Fundamental Rights”; and calls on the Government to adopt a clear and consistent policy whose merits Parliament may then judge’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Lidington.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 170.
Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Sadiq Khan: 362.

So the Question was negatived.

It being more than four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 3), the Deputy Speaker put the Main Question forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Alison Seabeck: 363.

So the Question was agreed to.

18 European Union (Amendment) Bill [3rd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Addition to list of Treaties).

Another Amendment (No. 84) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

"(i) Article 1, paragraph 8, replacement Article 6 TEU relating to rights, freedoms and principles; and
(ii) ‘.—(Mr William Cash.)"

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

Another Amendment (No. 228) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

"(i) the Protocol on the Application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union to Poland and the United Kingdom—
(a) Preamble, tenth paragraph stating that references in the Protocol to the operation of specific provisions of the Charter are strictly without prejudice to the operation of other provisions of the Charter; and
(b) Preamble, twelfth paragraph stating that the Protocol is without prejudice to other obligations devolving upon Poland and the United Kingdom under the Treaty on European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and Union law generally; and
(ii) ‘.—(Mr Mark Francois.)"

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 168.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Wayne David, Mr Michael Foster: 357.
It being more than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to Order [28th January].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Frank Roy reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

19 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Wiltshire (Structural Change) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved—(John Healey),

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And the Question being put;

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

20 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Regional Learning and Skills Councils Regulations 2007, which were laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

21 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Companies (Late Filing Penalties) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Filing Periods and Late Filing Penalties) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

22 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 2008, which were laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

23 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

24 Freight Transport Agenda.—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. 14277/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication, The EU’s freight transport agenda—Boosting the efficiency, integration and sustainability of freight transport in Europe, No. 14165/07 and Addendum 3, Commission Communication, Towards a rail network giving priority to freight, No. 14175/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication on a European ports policy, and No. 14266/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication, Freight transport logistics action plan; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

25 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 7th February, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to European Scrutiny (Standing Orders) not later than Six o’clock, 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 Bob Blizzard.)

26 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from employees and supporters of Her Majesty’s Valuation Office Agency in Newport relating to Her Majesty’s Valuation Office Agency (Newport) was presented and read.

27 Adjournment.

Subject: Operation of the Solicitors Regulation Authority (Keith Vaz).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 12.33 a.m.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Legal Services,—Legal Services Act 2007 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 222), dated 4th February [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

2 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Charity Tribunal Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 221), dated 4th February [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

3 Superannuation,—(1) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2008; and (2) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2008 [by Act] [Edward Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Pensions Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stewart Jackson from the Pensions Bill Committee and nominated in substitution James Duddridge.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform,—The Post Office Closure Programme: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 292-i] [Peter Luff].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Tourism: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 133-v] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—(1) Medical Care for the Armed Forces: Seventh Report from the Defence 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 22nd May, 24th July, 9th October in the last session of Parliament, 21st and 28th November and 11th December [No. 327]; and (2) UK land operations in Iraq 2007: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Home Affairs,—Human Trafficking: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 318-i] [Keith Vaz].

5 International Development,—Reconstructing Afghanistan:

(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 12th October in the last session of Parliament, 22nd November and 17th January [No. 65-I and -II]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Standards and Privileges,—Conduct of Mr Peter Hain: Fifth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 324] [Sir George Young].

7 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Work of the Committee in 2007: Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, with the Minutes of the Proceedings relating to the Report, to be printed, [No. 325]; and (2) Globalisation and its impact on Wales:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xi]; and (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].
[No. 45; WH, No. 27]

Tuesday 5th February 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Standards of housing (Mrs Ann Cryer).
- Energy regulations and consumer prices (Dr Vincent Cable).
- Post office closures in York (Hugh Bayley).
- Flood defences in the South West (Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger).
- Review of the list of free to air sporting events (Mr John Grogan).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Wednesday 6th February 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Companies (Trading Disclosures) Regulations 2008.

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

2 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Cummings reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft County Durham (Structural Change) Order 2008 and draft Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008.

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

3 Race Relations (Election Candidates),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exclude from the operation of the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 certain matters relating to the selection of candidates by political parties—(Keith Vaz);

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):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Keith Vaz, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Marsha Singh, Ms Dawn Butler, Jeremy Corbyn, Harry Cohen and Mr Virendra Sharma do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 Race Relations (Election Candidates) Bill,—Keith Vaz accordingly presented a Bill to exclude from the operation of the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 certain matters relating to the selection of candidates by political parties: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 66].

5 Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January], That the Order of 28th January be further amended as follows: in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 4, in the third column:

(a) for ‘4 hours’ substitute ‘3 hours’, and
(b) for ‘1 ½ hours’ substitute ‘3 hours’—(Alison Seabeck):—It was agreed to.

6 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 4) [4th allotted day],—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning the single market—(Mr Secretary Hutton);

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 ‘disapproves of the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning the single market; notes that the Treaty proper now contains no reference to undistorted competition as one of the activities of the European Union, and indeed relegates to a protocol any mention of competition that is not distorted, with significant implications for the interpretation of European Union law; deplors the Government’s failure to block this change during the negotiations; and is concerned that the result could be the revival of protectionism in the European Union wholly contrary to Government policy and damaging to the interest both of the United Kingdom and of the European Union’.

Instead thereof.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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):

Local Government,—That the draft Wiltshire (Structural Change) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved.

Ayes: 269.
Noes: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 4) [4th allotted day],—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And the Question being put,
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Siobbain McDonagh, Tony Cunningham: 352.

So the Question was negatived.

It being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 4), the Deputy Speaker put the Main Question forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Siobbain McDonagh, Tony Cunningham: 345.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 186.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 European Union (Amendment) Bill [4th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Addition to list of Treaties).

Another Amendment (No. 237) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

(i) Article 2, paragraph 12, inserted Article 2B TEC (TFEU), paragraph 1(b) providing for the establishing of competition rules necessary for the functioning of the internal market to be an area of exclusive competence of the European Union; and

(ii) ’—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Sadiq Khan: 336.

And it being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Bob Blizzard reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

10 Road Traffic, Wales.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Representations and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 7th January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)—It was agreed to.

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 21st February, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Secretary James Purnell relating to Social Security and Pensions not later than Six o’clock, and proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

12 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents of Taunton constituency and others relating to Post Office closures (Taunton) was presented and read.

13 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Mr Pinakin Pandya relating to employment and human rights was presented.

14 Adjournment.

Subject: Protecting children from internet content (Mr Hugo Swire).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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 subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education and Training) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

2 Government Resources and Accounts,—Draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

3 Probation,—Draft Offender Management Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

4 Social Security,—(1) Draft Child Benefit Up-rating Order 2008; and
(2) draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

5 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

6 Tax Credits,—Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Immigration,—(1) Immigration and Nationality (Cost Recovery Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 218), dated 4th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command]; and
(2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command], to be printed [No. 321] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

8 Petroleum,—Petroleum Licensing (Production) (Seaward Areas) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 225), dated 5th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

9 Rating and Valuation,—Rating Lists (Valuation Date) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 216), dated 30th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

10 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 196), dated 28th January 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Other Papers:

11 European Union,—Paper, entitled Prospects for the European Union in 2008: The Slovenian Presidency, January to June 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7318] [Secretary David Miliband].

12 Home Office,—Paper, entitled Privy Council Review of Intercept as Evidence [by Command] [Cm. 7324] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

13 National Audit,—Fourteenth Report of the Public Accounts Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 328] [Mr Alan Williams].

14 Science and Technology,—Report and Accounts of the Medical Research Council for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 93] [Secretary John Denham].

15 Tax Credits,—Report from HM Treasury, under section 41 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 [by Act] [Jane Kennedy].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Planning and Energy Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Planning and Energy Bill Committee.

2 Draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) (Amendment) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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: Tony Baldry, Mr Tim Boswell, Tom Brake, Ms Karen Buck, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr David Heath, Stephen Hesford, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Nick Hard, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Martin Linton, Margaret Moran, Bridget Prentice, Mr Nick Raynsford and Joan Ryan.

3 Draft FCO Services Trading Fund Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second 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: John Austin, Margaret Beckett, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Jim Cousins, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Evennett, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr John Horam, Mr Andrew Love, Meg Munn, Dan Norris, Mr Keith Simpson, Dr Howard Stotie and Jo Swinson.

4 Draft Defence Support Group Trading Fund Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third 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: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Simon Burns, Mr David Chaytor, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Doug Henderson, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Ian Liddell-Granger, Mr Michael Mates, Willie Rennie, Mr Frank Roy, Bob Russell, Mr Siôn Simon, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Graham Stuart, Emily Thornberry and Dr Rudi Vis.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fourth 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 Richard Bacon, Gregory Barker, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Nia Griffith, Martin Horwood, Ms Sally Keeble, Siobhain McDonagh, Alan Michael, Mr Ken Purchase, Jim Sheridan, Dr Desmond Turner, Steve Webb, Mr Phil Woolas, Mr Anthony Wright and Mr Tim Yeo.

6 Draft Companies (Trading Disclosures) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Burgon and Mr Stephen Timms from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Alan Simpson and Mr Gareth Thomas.

7 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2008:
   (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: Danny Alexander, Tony Baldry, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Jim Devine, James Duddridge, Dr Ian Gibson, Patrick Hall, Mr Mark Harper, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mrs Anne McGuire, Stephen Pound, Mr Dennis Skinner, Graham Stringer and Joan Walley.

8 Draft County Durham (Structural Change) Order 2008 and draft Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ben Chapman, Mr David Clelland and Paul Farrelly from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.
Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Kevan Jones and Chris Ruane.

9 Draft Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (Duty to Share Information and Disclosure of Information for Security Purposes) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth 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 Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr William Cash, Ben Chapman, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Quentin Davies, Linda Gilroy, Mr Dominic Grieve, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Fabian Hamilton, David Heyes, Meg Hillier, Mr Philip Hollisbone, Chris Huhne and Mrs Siân C. James.

10 Draft Statutory Auditors (Delegation of Functions etc) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Liz Blackman and Mr Stephen Timms from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Alison Seabeck and Mr Gareth Thomas.

11 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2008 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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: Ms Celia Barlow, Annette Brooke, Harry Cohen, Mr David Crausby, Mr David Curry, Philip Davies, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr David Hamilton, Mr John Hayes, Mr David Lammy, Mr Robert Marshall-Andreas, Ian Stewart, Mr Don Touhig, Angela Watkinson and Stephen Williams.

12 Draft Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers, Chris Ruane and Mr Anthony Wright (Great Yarmouth) from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Clelland, Stephen Hesford and Mr Peter Kilfoyle.

13 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth 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 Bob Blizzard, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Jeremy Browne, Colin Challen, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Mark Field, Mr David Gauke, Mr James Gray, Mr Mike Hall, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jane Kennedy, Anne Mofatto, Mr Brooks Newmark, Martin Salter, Mr John Spellar and David Wright.

European Standing Committees

14 European Union Document No. 15351/07, relating to CAP “Health Check”—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Standing Committee, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham, Tim Farron, Barry Gardiner, Mr Bruce George, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr James Pake, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Mark Todd, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Roger Williams.

15 European Union Documents No. 14937/07, No. 15413/07 and No. 16682/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to European defence equipment market and European Defence Agency, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—Children ‘under the radar’: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 331-i] [Fiona Mactaggart].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Badgers and cattle TB: the final report of the Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB: 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. 130]; and
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(2) Flooding: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 49-x]

[Mr Michael Jack].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xii]; and

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

[Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs Committee,—Overseas Territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 147-iii] [Mr Mike Gapes].

5 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Funding for equivalent or lower level qualifications: Memoranda laid before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

6 International Development,—(1) Maternal Health:

(i) Fifth 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 12th October, in the last Session of Parliament and 13th December, [No. 66-I and -II]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee;

(2) Department for International Development Annual Report 2007: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: First Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 329]; and


[Malcolm Bruce].

7 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Regional Accountability: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 282-ii] [Ms Harriet Harman].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 333-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

9 Public Accounts,—Making Changes in Operational PFI projects: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 332-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xi]; and

(2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 39-ix]

[David Maclean].

11 Transport,—Freight Transport: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 249-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Treasury,—(1) The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: ten years on: Government and Bank of England responses to the Committee’s Twelfth Report of Session 2006–07: Fifth Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 259]; and

(2) Counting the population: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 183-iv]

[John McFall].
[No. 46; WH, No. 28]

Wednesday 6th February 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Enforced criminal activity by children (Mr Anthony Steen).
- Government funding for Dorset Fire and Rescue Service (Mr Robert Syms).
- Waste recycling (Dr Ian Gibson).
- Consumer protection and new home buyers (Mark Lazarowicz).
- Cetacean mortality (Andrew George).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.28 p.m.

[No. 47.]

Thursday 7th February 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—A Motion being made, That the Broads Authority Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, 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.

Objection was taken to further proceeding.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 21st February.

2 Education and Skills Bill,—John Bercow reported a Memorandum from the Education and Skills Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Ann Winterton reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Statutory Auditors (Delegation of Functions etc) Order 2008.

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

4 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008.

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

5 NHS Staffing (Topical debate),—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of NHS staffing.—(Ann Keen).

6 European Scrutiny (Standing Orders),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following Amendments to the Standing Orders shall have effect for the remainder of the current Parliament:

(A) Amendments to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees)

Line 2, leave out 'European Standing Committees' and insert 'European Committees'.

Line 13, leave out paragraph (3) and insert:

'(3) Each European Committee shall consist of thirteen Members nominated by the Committee of Selection in respect of any European Union document which stands referred to it, and the Committee of Selection may nominate the same membership in respect of several documents.
(3A) In nominating the members of a European Committee, the Committee of Selection shall have regard to the qualifications of the Members nominated and to the composition of the House; and where practicable it shall nominate at least two members of the European Scrutiny Committee and at least two members of the select committee appointed under Standing Order No. 152 whose responsibilities most closely relate to the subject matter of the document or documents.’

Line 30, leave out from ‘below’ to end of paragraph (5).

Line 41, insert new paragraph as follows:

‘(6A) The chairman may permit a member of the European Scrutiny Committee appointed to the committee under paragraph (3A) above to make a brief statement of no more than five minutes, at the beginning of the sitting, explaining that Committee’s decision to refer the document or documents to a European Committee.’

(B) Amendments to nomenclature in the Standing Orders

Leave out ‘European Standing Committees’ in all other places where they occur in the Standing Orders and insert ‘European Committees’.—(Helen Goodman.)

Amendments (a) and (e) made.

Question, as amended, agreed to.

Resolved, That the following Amendments to the Standing Orders shall have effect until 1st January 2009:

(A) Amendments to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees)

Line 2, leave out ‘European Standing Committees’ and insert ‘European Committees’.

Line 13, leave out paragraph (3) and insert:

‘(3) Each European Committee shall consist of thirteen Members nominated by the Committee of Selection in respect of any European Union document which stands referred to it, and the Committee of Selection may nominate the same membership in respect of several documents.

(3A) In nominating the members of a European Committee, the Committee of Selection shall have regard to the qualifications of the Members nominated and to the composition of the House; and where practicable it shall nominate at least two members of the European Scrutiny Committee and at least two members of the select committee appointed under Standing Order No. 152 whose responsibilities most closely relate to the subject matter of the document or documents.’

Line 30, leave out from ‘below’ to end of paragraph (5).

Line 41, insert new paragraph as follows:

‘(6A) The chairman may permit a member of the European Scrutiny Committee appointed to the committee under paragraph (3A) above to make a brief statement of no more than five minutes, at the beginning of the sitting, explaining that Committee’s decision to refer the document or documents to a European Committee.’

(B) Amendments to nomenclature in the Standing Orders

Leave out ‘European Standing Committees’ in all other places where they occur in the Standing Orders and insert ‘European Committees’.

(C) Amendment to Standing Order No. 143 (European Scrutiny Committee)

Line 63, at end add:

‘(9A) The Committee, and every such sub-committee, shall sit in public unless it determines otherwise in relation to a particular meeting or part thereof.’.

7 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) the Sub-Postmaster and supporters of Christchurch Road Post Office, Newport relating to Post Office closures (Newport, Gwent); and

(2) Mr Derrick Jauncey of Save Linton on Ouse Post Office Action Group and others of like disposition relating to Post Office closures (Linton on Ouse)

were presented and read.
8 Adjournment.

Subject: Suicide prevention strategies (Mrs Madeleine Moon).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Wayne David),

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Wayne David.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 18th February, pursuant to Order [17th January].

[Adjourned at 6.02 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Fire and Rescue Services,—(1) Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Amendment) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 214), and (2) Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (England) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 213), dated 30th January 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

4 Pensions,—Armed Forces (Ghurkha Pensions) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 229), dated 6th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

Other Papers:

5 Armed Forces Pay,—Thirty-seventh Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body for 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7315] [Secretary Des Browne].

6 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Paper, entitled Future Water: The Government’s water strategy for England [by Command] [Cm. 7319] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Scottish Devolution Referendum Elections for 2005–06: Returning Officers’ Expenses; (2) Accounts of the Scottish Parliament Election for 2005–06: Returning Officers’ Expenses; and (3) Election Accounts of the UK and European Elections for 2005–06: Returning Officers’ Expenses, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 336, 334 and 335] [Jane Kennedy].

8 Legal Services,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Legal Services Act 2007 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 222) [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].
9 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Third Report from the Speaker’s Committee 2007 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 288] [The Speaker].

10 Prison Service Pay,—Seventh Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body on England and Wales for 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7325] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Legal Services,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Legal Services Act 2007 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 222) [laid 5th February].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform,—Post Office Closure Programme: Third Report from the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee, with Memoranda, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 292-I and -II] [Peter Luff].

2 Health,—(1) Work of the Committee in 2007: Second Report from the Health Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 337]; and

(2) Dental Services: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 289-I]

[Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Public Administration,—Lobbying: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 137-iii] [Kelvin Hopkins].

[No. 47; WH, No. 29]

Thursday 7th February 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.27 p.m.]
No. 48.

Monday 18th February 2008

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) (Amendment) Order 2008.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft FCO Services Trading Fund Order 2008.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Marshall reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Defence Support Group Trading Fund Order 2008.

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


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

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

The Lords agree to the European Communities (Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

6 Health and Social Care Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health and Social Care Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Certain regulated activities to be functions of a public nature)—(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 (NC15) (Code of practice relating to malnutrition)—(Mr Stephen O’Brien)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Siobhain McDonagh: 263.

Amendment (No. 62) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 131) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(aa) views expressed to them by Local Involvement Networks.’.—(Mr Stephen O’Brien.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Siobhain McDonagh: 267.

Other Amendments (Nos. 143, 63 to 67 and 23 to 37) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 81) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(8A) Neither the creation of the regulations under this section nor the payment of any fees under those regulations shall affect the charitable status of a regulatory body.’.—(Mr Stephen O’Brien.)

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

Other Amendments (No. 38, 39, 68 to 72, 40 to 59, 73, 74, 60 and 61) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
7 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Statutory Auditors (Delegation of Functions etc) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard) —It was agreed to.

8 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Companies (Trading Disclosures) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard) —It was agreed to.

9 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft County Durham (Structural Change) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard) —It was agreed to.

10 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard) —It was agreed to.

11 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard) —It was agreed to.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Sadiq Khan: 287.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Nick Hurd: 116.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 Regulation of Electricity and Gas Supply and Transmission Networks.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 13043/07, No. 13045/07, No. 13212/07, No. 13219/07, No. 13046/07, No. 13048/07 and No. 13049/07 on regulation of electricity and gas supply and transmission networks and cross-border electricity and gas networks, further notes the Government’s support for the European Commission’s proposals for further legislation on the internal energy market; agrees that adoption of the measures would make a major contribution to the development of competition in the sector across the EU; and supports the Government’s intention to press in the negotiations for the powers of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators to be strengthened—(Mr Bob Blizzard) —It was agreed to.

13 Adjournment.

Subject: Regulation of the insurance industry and the case of Mrs Susan Hurrells (Mr Denis Murphy).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Friday 8th February 2008


Monday 11th February 2008

3 Dangerous Drugs.—(1) Controlled Drugs (Drug Precursors) (Community External Trade) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 296); and


5 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Functions of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and Administration Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 224), dated 4th February 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Tuesday 12th February 2008


Wednesday 13th February 2008


Thursday 14th February 2008


10 Pensions.—(1) Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 239); and

Friday 15th February 2008


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 18th February 2008:

Draft Legislative Reform Order:

12 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

13 Fees and Charges.—Draft Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

14 National Health Service.—Draft Local Involvement Networks (Duty of Services-Providers to Allow Entry) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

15 Police.—Police Service of Northern Ireland (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 56), dated 1st February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].
Other Papers:

16 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08, on Foreign Policy Aspects of the Lisbon Treaty [by Command] [Cm. 7332] [Secretary David Miliband].

17 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Managing financial resources to deliver better public services;
   (2) Reducing the risk of violent crime; and
   (3) Department for Work and Pensions: the roll-out of the Jobcentre Plus Office network
   [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 240, 241 and 346] [Clerk of the House].

18 Prevention of Terrorism,—Third Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

19 Proceeds of Crime,—(1) Draft Code of Practice Issued Under Section 292 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; and
   (2) draft Code of Practice Issued Under Section 377 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
   [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

20 Sea Fisheries (Shellfish),—Reports to Parliament under section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 of the applications to, and proceedings of, the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Act in the years ended—
   (1) 31st December 2004;
   (2) 31st December 2005;
   (3) 31st December 2006; and
   (4) 31st December 2007
   [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Papers withdrawn:

21 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 29th January].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) (Amendment) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck and Margaret Moran from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Alun Michael and Jim Sheridan.

2 Draft FCO Services Trading Fund Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Jabez Foster and Dan Norris from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle and Mr Andy Slaughter.

3 Draft Defence Support Group Trading Fund Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Graham Stuart and Emily Thornberry from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Daniel Kawczynski, John Robertson and Mr Charles Walker.


APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Testing and Assessment:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee;
   to be printed [No. 169-v]; and
(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—Homes and Communities Agency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 349-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 348-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Health,—Modernising Medical Careers: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 25-vi] [Mr Kevin Barron].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) The Compensation scheme for former Icelandic water trawlermen: Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 71];

(2) Coal health compensation schemes: Twelfth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 350];

(3) Sustainable employment: Supporting people to stay in work and advance: Thirteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 131]; and

(4) Leaving the service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 351-i] [Edward Leigh].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has discharged Derek Conway as a member of the Chairmen’s Panel.

[No. 49.]
Tuesday 19th February 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

2 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

3 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

4 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

5 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 28th February.
8 Education and Skills Bill.—John Bercow reported a Memorandum from the Education and Skills Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

9 Energy Bill.—Mr David Amess reported certain Memoranda from the Energy Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

10 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

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


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12 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:

European Communities (Finance) Act 2008.

13 Banking (Special Provisions) Bill.—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary David Miliband, Secretary Jack Straw, Mr Secretary Hutton, Yvette Cooper, Jane Kennedy, Angela Eagle and Kitty Ussher, presented a Bill to make provision to enable the Treasury in certain circumstances to make an order relating to the transfer of securities issued by, or of property, rights or liabilities belonging to, an authorised deposit-taker; to make further provision in relation to building societies; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time and to be printed [Bill 73].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill be printed [Bill 73–EN].

14 Allotments (Planning).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage local authorities to make provision for allotments; to require them to consider imposing duties on developers to provide land for statutory allotments when determining planning applications; and for connected purposes. And that Tony Baldry, Ben Chapman, Robert Key, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr David Wilshire, Mr David Marshall and Jeremy Corbyn do prepare and bring it in.

15 Allotments (Planning) Bill.—Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to encourage local authorities to make provision for allotments; to require them to consider imposing duties on developers to provide land for statutory allotments 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 14th March and to be printed [Bill 68].

16 Business of the House (Banking (Special Provisions) Bill).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill:

**Timetable**

1.—(1) Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) Proceedings on Second Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 8 p.m.

(3) Proceedings in Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 10.30 p.m.

(4) Proceedings on consideration and on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at midnight.
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) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolution relating to the Bill;

(c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolution relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

3.—(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 Chairman or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

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

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

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

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

6. If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph 4(d) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chairman shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

7.—(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.

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

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question 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—
(a) agreed or disagreed to a Lords Amendment, or
(b) disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,
the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

9.—(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.

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

11.—(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

12. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply so far as necessary for the purposes of this Order.
13.—(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.
14. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.
15.—(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.
16.—(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.
17. The Speaker may not arrange for a debate to be held in accordance with Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) at this day’s sitting, or at the sitting on Thursday 21st February, before the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies.

18.—(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.

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 7 p.m. at this day’s sitting or at 3 p.m. at the sitting on Thursday 21st February (as the case may be) shall, instead of being considered as provided by Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill at this day’s sitting or at the sitting on Thursday 21st February (as the case may be).

(2) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before the moment of interruption, for a period equal to the time elapsed between 7 p.m. or 3 p.m. (as the case may be) and the conclusion of those proceedings.

21. The Speaker shall not adjourn the House at the sitting on Thursday 21st February 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—

(Yvette Cooper);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Dave Watts: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 223.

So the Question was agreed to.

17 Banking (Special Provisions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill;

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Sadiq Khan: 367.

Tellers for the Noes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 164.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed, pursuant to Order [this day].

18 Banking (Special Provisions) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Banking (Special Provisions) Bill [Money].

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Treasury in connection with any guarantee arrangements put in place to protect some or all of the depositors or other creditors of any deposit-taker,

(b) any expenditure incurred by the Treasury in connection with the provision of financial assistance, or the giving of any indemnity, for any purpose connected with the Act, and

(c) any other expenditure incurred by the Treasury by virtue of the Act—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.
Banking (Special Provisions) 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 Banking (Special Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the conferring of power on the Treasury to make provision for or in connection with varying the effect of any tax (including stamp duty) in relation to or in connection with—

(a) anything done for the purpose of, in relation to, or by or under or in consequence of, an order made by the Treasury under the Act which transfers, extinguishes or otherwise affects certain securities or property, rights or liabilities,

(b) any securities, or property, rights or liabilities, which are transferred, extinguished or otherwise affected by provision made by or under such an order, and

(c) certain securities issued by, or certain property, rights or liabilities of, any transferee or any body in relation to whom such an order is made, and

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

Banking (Special Provisions) Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order [this day], resolved itself into a Committee on the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Cases where Treasury’s powers are exercisable).

Amendment (No. 13) proposed in page 1, line 14, after the words ‘if (and only if)’, to insert—

‘(i) ’.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Alison Seabeck: 299.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed in page 2, line 2, to leave out the words ‘Treasury consider’ and insert the words ‘Bank of England considers’.—(Mr Michael Fallon.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed in page 2, line 40, to leave out the word ‘year’ and insert the word ‘month’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Tony Cunningham: 302.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Transfer of property, rights and liabilities).

Amendment (No. 12A) proposed in page 5, line 36, at the end to insert the words—

‘(1A) No order under subsection (1) shall be made in respect of the property, rights and liabilities of a building society’—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Tony Cunningham: 351.
It being after half-past Ten o'clock, the Chairman put the Question necessary to bring proceedings in the Committee to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [this day].

Clauses Nos. 6 to 17 and 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 Alison Seabeck reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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And it being midnight, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [19th February].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Steve McCabe: 293.


So the Question was agreed to.

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

21 Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Shropshire (Structural Change) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved—(John Healey);

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 Documents).

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

22 London Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 9th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

23 Government Trading Funds,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft FCO Services Trading Fund Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 14th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

24 Government Trading Funds,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Defence Support Group Trading Fund Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

25 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from East Acton residents relating to Post Office closures (Acton) was presented and read.

26 Adjournment.

Subject: Homeopathic hospitals (David Tredinnick).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Michael Foster);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes past Two o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.14 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 129) on the grant to be paid towards the cost of implementing the new statutory minimum bus travel concession in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 256] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

2 Proceeds of Crime,—(1) Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2008; and

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Council Tax,—(1) Council Tax (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 316); and

5 Criminal Law,—Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 396), dated 14th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Noise (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 375), dated 13th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 301), dated 12th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].


9 Proceeds of Crime,—(1) Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Requests and Orders) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 302); and
   (2) Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations in different parts of the United Kingdom) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 298), dated 12th February 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


Other Papers:

11 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 20 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

12 Defence (Votes A), 2008–09.—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 2009 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 264] [Secretary Des Browne].
13 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Treasury Minute, dated 19th February 2008, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(2) Treasury Minute, dated 19th February 2008, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2008 [by Act] [Jane Kennedy].

14 Horserace Betting and Olympic Lottery,—Olympic Lottery Distributor Funding Policy [by Act] [Tessa Jowell].

15 Supply Estimates, 2006–07,—Statement of Excesses for 2006–07 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 294] [Jane Kennedy].

16 Supply Estimates, 2007–08,—(1) House of Commons Administration: Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 290] [The Speaker]; and

(2) Spring Supplementary Estimates for Central Government for 2007–08 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 273] [Jane Kennedy].

17 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 19th February 2008, relating to Northern Rock [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Devine from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Fraser Kemp.

2 Draft Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (Duty to Share Information and Disclosure of Information for Security Purposes) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt and Mr Quentin Davies from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Mr Brooks Newmark.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 19th February; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—European Commission White Paper on Sport: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 347-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—(1) UK land operations in Iraq 2007: Government response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Second Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 352];

(2) Costs of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Winter Supplementary Estimates 2007–08: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;

(3) The Iran hostages incident: the lessons learned: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(4) UK/US Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) Reducing Carbon Emissions from UK Business: The role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreement: 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. 354]; and

(2) Post-Kyoto: The international context for progress on climate change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 355-i]

[Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs,—(1) Domestic Violence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 263-iii]; and

(2) The Government’s Counter Terrorism Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 180-ii]

[Keith Vaz].
6 Human Rights.—(1) Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights (Ninth report): Annual Renewal of Control Orders Legislation 2008: 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 [No. 356];
(2) Immigration and Human Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 357]; and
(3) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Justice.—(1) Work of the Committee in 2007: Second Report from the Justice Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 358]; and
(2) Devolution: A Decade On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 75-iii] [Mr Alan Beith].

[No. 49; WH, No. 30]
Tuesday 19th February 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Thefts following credit and debit card cloning (Andrew Selous).
Criminal courts sentencing options (Mr David Kidney).
Stone conservation in cathedrals and churches (Robert Key).
Calderdale's housing strategy (Chris McCafferty).
Consumer protection and the will writing industry (Lorely Burt).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—[Mr Bob Blizzard.]

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 50;]
Wednesday 20th February 2008.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Planning and Energy Bill.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Planning and Energy Bill Committee, That it had gone though the Bill and made Amendments thereunto and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to enable local planning authorities to set requirements for energy use and energy efficiency in local plans.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Friday 9th May; and to be printed [Bill 72].

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

2 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2008 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2008.

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

3 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order 2008.

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

4 Criminal Justice (Raves).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 powers in relation to illegal raves: And that Christopher Fraser, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Laurence Robertson, Sammy Wilson, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Julian Brazier, Dr Tony Wright, Mrs Siân C. James, Mr David Drew, David T. C. Davies, Mr Dai Davies and Bob Russell do prepare and bring it in.
5 Criminal Justice (Raves) Bill.—Christopher Fraser accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 powers in relation to illegal raves: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th June and to be printed [Bill 69].

6 Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty) (No. 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January], That the Order of 28th January be further amended as follows; in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 5, in the third column:

(a) for ‘4 1/2 hours’ substitute ‘3 hours’, and
(b) for ‘1 1/2 hours’ substitute ‘3 hours’—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

7 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 5) [5th allotted day].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning foreign, security and defence policy—(Secretary David Miliband).

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 ‘disapproves of the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning foreign, security and defence policy; notes that those provisions are in large part identical to those in the European Union Constitution; further notes that the Government publicly opposed many of those provisions at the Convention on the Future of Europe; believes that the Government was right to oppose those provisions; regrets the Government’s change of policy; and believes that the consequent increase of the European Union’s powers over foreign, security and defence policy at member states’ expense is not in the national interest’, instead thereof.—(Mr William Hague.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

8 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):

Local Government,—That the draft Shropshire (Structural Change) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved.

Ayes: 257.
Noes: 164.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 4) [5th allotted day].—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made; And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 5), the Deputy Speaker put the Question forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Brooks Newmark, James Duddridge: 156.
Tellers for the Noes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Sadiq Khan: 346.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Sadiq Khan: 337.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Brooks Newmark, James Duddridge: 163.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 European Union (Amendment) Bill [5th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Addition to list of Treaties).

Another Amendment (No. 258) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

‘(i) Article 1, paragraph 16, inserted Article 9B TEU, paragraph 6 so far as it relates to the role of the President of the European Council in external representation of the Union; and
(ii) ’—(Mr Mark Francois.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Brooks Newmark, James Duddridge: 133.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 331.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Liz Blackman reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

11 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 2008, which were laid before this House on 14th January, be approved—(Liz Blackman).—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 Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (Duty to Share Information and Disclosure of Information for Security Purposes) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

13 Welsh Grand Committee. — Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 26th March at twenty five minutes past nine o’clock and between two o’clock and half past four o’clock to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)) and to consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above.—(Liz Blackman.)

14 Public Petitions. — Public Petitions from—

(1) the campaign for a sustainable Toddington relating to planning (Bedfordshire);

(2) the campaign for a sustainable Harlington relating to planning (Bedfordshire); and

(3) residents of the Hatton Park area in Wellingborough and surrounding areas relating to local infrastructure (Northamptonshire)

were presented and read.

15 Adjournment.

Subject: Cyber bullying amongst school-age children (Mrs Siân C. James).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.42 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies. — Draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Companies,—(1) Companies (Revision of Defective Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 373); and
(2) Companies (Summary Financial Statement) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 374), dated 19th February 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Other Papers:

6 Children, Schools and Families,—Department for Children, Schools and Families Minute concerning a contingent liability in respect of claims against the QCA arising from failures relating to the Diploma Aggregation Service (DAS) [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

7 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Inspection of the Youth Conference Service in Northern Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

8 Public Accounts,—Update on Treasury Minutes to the Thirty-fifth Report together with the Fifty-seventh to Sixty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7322] [Angela Eagle].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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: John Battle, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Alan Campbell, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Stephen Dorrell, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Christopher Fraser, Damian Green, Chris Huhne, Ian Lucas, Margaret Moran, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Anthony Wright.

2 Draft Charities Act 2006 (Charitable Companies Audit and Group Accounts Provisions) Order 2008:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second 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: Liz Blackman, Mr Richard Caborn, Greg Clark, James Duddridge, Jeff Ennis, Paul Farrelly, Phil Hope, Martin Horwood, Susan Kramer, Mr Denis MacShane, Fiona MacTaggart, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Alan Meale, John Penrose, Mark Pritchard, Mr Nick Raynsford and Mr Tim Yeo.

3 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2008 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews and Mr Don Touhig from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr David Chaytor, Mrs Madeline Moon and Phil Wilson.

European Committees

4 European Union Documents No. 15616/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 15690/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 15th February 2008, submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, relating to the Interim Political Agreement on Co-operation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia, have been referred to European Committee B.

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the European Committee in respect of European Union Document No. 15351/07, relating to CAP ‘Health Check’.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords]: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 359-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda” and the Bali Summit: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 362-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 European Scrutiny.—(1) Fourteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xii];
   (2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-i]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Iran: Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 142] [Mike Gapes].

5 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Science Budget Allocations: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 215-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Regional Accountability: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 282-iii] [Ms Harriet Harman].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 333-ii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Public Accounts.—(1) Reducing the cost of complying with regulations: the delivery of the Administrative Burdens Reduction Programme, 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 363-i]; and
   (2) The Public in West Bromwich: Letter laid before the Committee [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xx] [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 50-year Strategy for the Railways?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 219-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 50; WH, No. 31]
Wednesday 20th February 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Withdrawal of Leeds working neighbourhood funding (Mr George Mudie).
Development aid and oil extraction (Mr Andrew Smith).
Funding for policing in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire (Mr Stewart Jackson).
Environment Agency response to flooding in Rochdale (Paul Rowen).
Office of Fair Trading action on scams (Miss Anne Begg).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.20 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten 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:

St. Austell Market Bill.
Bill committed.

2 Broads Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 28th February.

3 Education and Skills Bill.—John Bercow reported certain Memoranda from the Education and Skills Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 Pensions Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Pensions Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memoranda (reported on 15th, 17th, 24th and 31st January) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 75].

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

5 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 30th January, 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 Documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Frank Roy: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Adrian Sanders: 60.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved.—(Mr Mike O'Brien);

And it being Six o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [6th February]—It was agreed to.

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

7 Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

8 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, consideration of any Lords Amendments and Messages that may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

9 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

10 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.
11 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) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker suspended the House, pursuant to Order [19th February].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

13 Banking (Special Provisions) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill to be printed [Bill 74].

14 Banking (Special Provisions) Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [19th February], proceeded forthwith to consider the Lords Amendments to the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Yvette Cooper);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Liz Blackman: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr David Evennett: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

The Speaker then put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Amendments to a conclusion.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Frank Roy);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Liz Blackman: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr David Evennett: 171.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 8 agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [19th February], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1 to 3.

That Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Yvette Cooper, Mr Philip Hammond and David Wright be members of the Committee.

That Yvette Cooper be Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

15 Banking (Special Provisions) Bill.—Yvette Cooper reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Banking (Special Provisions) 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. 1 for the following Reason:

Because it is inappropriate for the Bank of England to audit any deposit-taker.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 2 for the following Reason:

Because it is inappropriate for commercial deposit-takers to be subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 3 for the following Reason:
Because it is inappropriate to require the Office of Fair Trading to report on the activities of any particular deposit-taker.
The Reasons were agreed to.
Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.
The Speaker suspended the House, pursuant to Order [19th February].
16 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:
The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Banking (Special Provisions) Bill to which this House has disagreed.
17 Royal Assent.—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Act, agreed upon by both Houses:
18 Adjournment.
Subject: Schools reorganisation in Havering (James Brokenshire).
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 11.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Banking,—Northern Rock plc Transfer Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 432), dated 21st February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].
2 Environmental Protection,—Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 413), dated 19th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:
4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 21st February 2008, reporting the transfer of the National Stud to the Jockey Club [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].
5 Home Office,—Report of Investigation by the Chief Surveillance Commissioner on two visits by Sadiq Khan MP to Babar Ahmad at HM Prison Woodhill [by Command] [Cm. 7336] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].
6 Housing,—Accounts of Grants and Loans to the Housing Action Trusts for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 344] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform,—Creating a Higher Value-added Economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 168-ii] [Peter Lilley].
2 Health,—Dental Services: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 289-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].
3 Public Administration,—Lobbying: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 137-iv] [Gordon Prentice].
Thursday 21st February 2008
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. —(Tony Cunningham.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 26th February.

[Adjourned at 5.32 p.m.]

Friday 22nd February 2008.
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 Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal 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.
   Mr Andrew Dismore 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 John Heppell, Mr Andrew Dismore: 157.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Andrew Dismore: 147.
   Tellers for the Noes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 11.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Public Bill Committee.

4 Leasehold Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Reform 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 13th June.

5 Football Spectators and Sports Grounds Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators and Sports Grounds Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 25th April.

6 Forces Widows’ Pensions (Equality of Treatment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st February, That the Forces Widows’ Pensions (Equality of Treatment) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 17th October.
7 Adjournment.

Subject: Effects of the Gambling Act 2005 on the coin operated gaming machine industry (Dr Stephen Ladyman).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 25th February.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Banks and Banking.—Draft Northern Rock plc Compensation Scheme Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Road Traffic.—Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 419), dated 20th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
[No. 53.]

25th February 2008

Monday 25th February 2008

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

PRAYERS.

1 Selection.—Ordered, That Mr Simon Burns be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Alistair Burt be added to the Committee.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

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


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4 European Committee.—Mr Joe Benton reported from a European Committee the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15351/07, Commission Communication, Preparing for the 'Health Check' of the CAP reform; and supports the Government's aim that the health check should cut further the trade-distorting nature of the CAP, reduce regulatory burdens, give farmers greater control over their business decisions and direct more public spending towards delivery of targeted public benefits.

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:

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.

6 Sound Recordings (Copyright Term Extension) Bill.—The Order for reading the Sound Recordings (Copyright Term Extension) Bill a second time on Friday 7th March was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

7 Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty) (No. 5).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January], That the Order of 28th January be further amended as follows: in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 6, in the third column:

(a) for '4 ½ hours' substitute '4 hours', and
(b) for '1 ½ hours' substitute '2 hours'—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

8 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 6) [6th allotted day].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Government's policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning international development—(Mr Secretary Alexander).

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 'disapproves of the Government's policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of international development because the Treaty does nothing to improve the efficiency of European Union aid, increases the influence of the EU's foreign policy over its humanitarian aid and development assistance, decreases the freedom of member states to react to international crises, diverts resources to a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps, downgrades the least developed countries, is ambiguous about competence on international development, and overall is a step backwards in the provision of aid to the developing world', instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Mitchell.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr John Baron: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Dave Watts: 341.
So the Question was negatived.

It being more than four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 6), the Deputy Speaker put the Main Question forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Dave Watts: 342.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr John Baron: 154.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 European Union (Amendment) Bill [6th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Addition to list of Treaties).

Another Amendment (No. 245) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

‘(i) any provision that increases the influence of the Common Foreign and Security Policy on international aid; and

(ii) ’—(Mr Mark Francois)

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

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Dave Watts reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

10 Food,—Ordered, That the Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3521), dated 13th December 2007, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Visas for children from Belarus (Willie Rennie).

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Food,—Healthy Start Scheme and Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 408), dated 18th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


4 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 22nd August 2007, made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College in the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act] [Clerk of the House].
Other Papers:

5. Government Resources and Accounts.—Treasury Minute, dated 25th February 2008, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2008 [by Act] [Jane Kennedy].

6. House of Commons Members Estimate.—First Special Report from the House of Commons Members Estimate Committee on the Review of Members’ Allowances; to be printed [No. 368] [The Speaker].


8. Income Tax.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Community Investment Tax Relief (Accreditation of Community Development Finance Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 2008, No. 383) [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

9. National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) NHS Pay Modernisation: New Contracts for General Practice Services in England; and
   (2) Preparations for Digital Switchover
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 307 and 306] [Clerk of the House].

10. Supply Estimates, 2007-08.—Revised Spring Supplementary Estimate for Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 366] [Jane Kennedy].

Papers withdrawn:

11. Income Tax.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Community Investment Tax Relief (Accreditation of Community Development Finance Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 2008, No. 383) [laid 19th February].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Jamie Reed.

2. Draft Charities Act 2006 (Charitable Companies Audit and Group Accounts Provisions) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Caborn, Paul Farrelly, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Michael Meacher and Mark Pritchard from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David S. Borrow, Mr David Kidney, Ms Angela C. Smith, Anne Snelgrove and Mr Charles Walker.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Children, Schools and Families.—Diversity of school provision: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 311-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2. Communities and Local Government.—(1) Community Cohesion and Migration:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 369-d]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (2) Department for Communities and Local Government Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (3) Government Equalities Office New Estimate 2007: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3. Public Accounts.—Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Taking forward decommissioning: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 370-d] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 26th February 2008.

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 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 2007-08:

HM Treasury, in so far as it relates to Northern Rock and banking reform.
Department for Transport, in so far as it relates to London Underground and the public-private partnership agreements.

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 Education and Skills Bill,—Hugh Bayley reported a Memorandum from the Education and Skills Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 Copyright in Sound Recordings and Performers' Rights (Term Extension) Bill,—Pete Wishart, supported by Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Mark Field, Sandra Gidley, John Robertson, Rosemary McKenna, Adam Price, Mr Greg Knight, John Hemming, Stewart Hosie, Kelvin Hopkins and Janet Anderson, presented a Bill to extend the duration of copyright in sound recordings and of performers' rights; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 78].

4 Small Print,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make requirements regarding the minimum size of print in certain documents, including those relating to advertising and contracts; and for connected purposes: And that Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Graham Allen, Norman Baker, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Fabian Hamilton, John Hemming, Susan Kramer, Dr Julian Lewis, Shona McIsaac and Mr Paul Truswell do prepare and bring it in.

5 Small Print Bill,—Dr Nick Palmer accordingly presented a Bill to make requirements regarding the minimum size of print in certain documents, including those relating to advertising and contracts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th March and to be printed [Bill 76].

6 Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty) (No. 6),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January], That the Order of 28th January be further amended as follows: in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 7, in the third column:

(a) for ‘4 hours’ substitute ‘3 hours’, and
(b) for ‘1½ hours’ substitute ‘3 hours’—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

7 Disorderly Conduct,—Mr Edward Davey, Member for Kingston and Surbiton, having willfully disregarded the authority of the Chair, the Deputy Speaker ordered him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Disorderly conduct)—And he withdrew accordingly.

8 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 7) [7th allotted day],—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House approves the Government's policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning the effectiveness of the EU institutions and EU decision-making—(Mr Jim Murphy);

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 'disapproves of the Government's policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of the provisions on the effectiveness of European Union institutions and decision-making because the Treaty expands the power of EU institutions at Member States' expense by replacing the rotating presidency of the European Council with a permanent President, giving the EU a single legal personality, abolishing national vetoes in more than fifty areas and entrenching marine biological resources as an exclusive EU competence; notes that these provisions are largely identical to those in the original EU Constitution; further notes that the details of many of the new powers of the EU and its institutions will not be decided until after the Treaty is ratified;
and regrets the Government’s failure to secure the extensive changes Ministers sought to these provisions in the course of negotiations on this Treaty and its near-identical predecessor’, instead thereof.—(Mr William Hague.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Steve McCabe: 299.

So the Question was negatived.

It being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 6), the Deputy Speaker put the Main Question forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Steve McCabe: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 European Union (Amendment) Bill [7th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Addition to list of Treaties).

Another Amendment (No. 82) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

‘(i) Article 1, paragraph 5, inserted Article 3a TEU relating to relations between the Union and Member States; and

(ii)’.—(Mr William Cash.)

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

It being three hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman put the Questions on Amendments selected for separate decision, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

Another Amendment (No. 222) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

‘(i) Article 2, paragraph 12, new Article 2B TEC (TFEU), paragraph 1(d), relating to the conservation of marine biological resources under the common fisheries policy; and

(ii)’.—(Angus Robertson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Hywel Williams: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Sadiq Khan: 285.

Another Amendment (No. 186) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘excluding’, to insert the words—

‘(i) Article 2, paragraph 289, replacement Article 308 TEC (TFEU) relating to action within the framework of policies defined in the Treaties where the Treaties have not provided the necessary powers; and

(ii)’.—(Mr William Cash.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Sadiq Khan: 300.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Bob Blizzard reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

10 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr Jon Murphy).

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Documents).

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

11 Charities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Charities Act 2006 (Charitable Companies Audit and Group Accounts Provisions) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—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 Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

13 CAP Health Check.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 15351/07, Commission Communication, Preparing for the “Health Check” of the CAP reform; and supports the Government’s aim that the health check should cut further the trade-distorting nature of the CAP, reduce regulatory burdens, give farmers greater control over their business decisions and direct more public spending towards the delivery of targeted public benefits—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

14 Adjournment (Easter).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 20th March 2008, do adjourn till Tuesday 25th March 2008—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

15 Adjournment (April).—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 April 2008, do adjourn till Monday 21st April 2008—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

16 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of the London Borough of Bexley and others relating to Queen Mary’s Hospital (Sidcup) was presented.

17 Adjournment.

Subject: Supplementary schools (Joan Ryan).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.34 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—(1) Draft Categories of Casino Regulations 2008; and (2) draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Large and Small Casino Premises Licences) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].
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2 Government Resources and Accounts.—Draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].


**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

4 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Gambling (Inviting Competing Applications for Large and Small Casino Premises Licences) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 469), dated 25th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

5 Council Tax.—Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 387), dated 18th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

6 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 414), dated 18th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

7 National Health Service.—(1) Dorset Primary Care Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 416),

   (2) Northumberland, Tyne and Wear National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 412); and

   (3) Surrey Primary Care Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 415),

   dated 19th February 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

8 Rating and Valuation.—Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 386), dated 18th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].


**Other Paper:**

10 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Justice: Protecting the Public: the work of the Parole Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 239] [Clerk of the House].

**Papers withdrawn:**


**APPENDIX II**

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—(1) The work of the Office of Fair Trading: Government Response to the Trade and Industry Committee’s Twelfth Report of Session 2006–07: Second Special Report from the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 372];

   (2) Europe moves East: the impact of the ‘new’ EU Member States on UK Business: Government Response to the Trade and Industry Committee’s Eleventh Report of Sessions 2006–07: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 373]; and

   (3) Turkey: Trade and EU Accession: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 367-i] [Peter Lilley].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Harmful content on the Internet and in video games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 353-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Environmental Audit.—The 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review: an environmental analysis:

1) 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. 149-I and -II]; and

2) Memoranda laid before the Committee
[Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs.—(1) Identity Cards: data security issues: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 365-i]; and

2) Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No 364-i]
[Keith Vaz].

6 Human Rights.—(1) The Use of Restraint in Secure Training Centres: Eleventh 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, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 3rd December and 9th January [No. 378];

2) Legislative Scrutiny: 1) Health and Social Care Bill and 2) Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill: Government Response: Twelfth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and a Memorandum previously reported and ordered to be published on 19th February [No. 379];

3) Government Response to the Committee’s First Report of Session 2006–07: The Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism: Thirteenth Report from the Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 380]; and

4) Legislative scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee, to be published
[Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 International Development.—DFID and the World Bank: 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 20th November, 13th December and 10th January [No. 67-I and -II] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Effects of tax increases on the oil industry: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: First Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 376]; and

2) Spring Supplementary Estimate 2008: Explanatory Memorandum by the Scotland Office: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Treasury.—(1) Financial Stability and Transparency: Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 371];

2) Administration and expenditure of the Chancellor’s departments, 2006–07: Seventh Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 57]; and

3) August Inflation Report 2007: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs.—(1) The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Order in the Field of social welfare 2008: Fourth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, with the Minutes of the Proceedings relating to the Report, to be printed, [No. 257];

2) The proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council on additional learning needs: Government response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: First Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 377]; and

3) Globalisation and its impact on Wales:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 34-xii]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published
[Dr Hywel Francis].
26th—27th February 2008

The House meeting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Medals for armed forces personnel (Mr Kevan Jones).
- Political developments in the Western Balkans (Mr John Randall).
- Marconi pension fund (Mr George Howarth).
- Healthcare in Norfolk (Mr Keith Simpson).
- Middle East peace process (Andrew Gwynne).

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.]

[No. 55.]

Wednesday 27th February 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for, and in connection with, using money from dormant bank and building society accounts for social or environmental purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords].—The Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 80].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to The Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 80–EN].

3 Personal Debt (Advice and Regulation).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require schools to provide education on personal money management; to make provision about advice centres on personal finance; to impose conditions on the activities of money-lending companies; and for connected purposes: And that Sandra Gidley, Rosie Cooper, John Bercow, Peter Luff, Mr David Drew, Mr Don Foster, Dr Vincent Cable and Lorely Burt do prepare and bring it in.

4 Personal Debt (Advice and Regulation) Bill.—Sandra Gidley accordingly presented a Bill to require schools to provide education on personal money management; to make provision about advice centres on personal finance; to impose conditions on the activities of money-lending companies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 77].

5 Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty) (No. 7).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th January], That the Order of 28th January be further amended as follows: in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 8, in the third column:

(a) for ‘4 1/2 hours’ substitute ‘3 1/2 hours’, and
(b) for ‘1 1/2 hours’ substitute ‘2 1/2 hours’—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

6 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 8) [8th allotted day].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House approves the Government’s policy towards the Treaty of Lisbon in respect of provisions concerning climate change—(Secretary Hilary Benn);

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 Treaty of Lisbon makes no substantive changes to EU competence on climate change; agrees with the Foreign Secretary that climate change agreements already reached by the EU “have done more to show the relevance of the European Union than any amount of institutional tinkering”; believes that the Treaty of Lisbon is effectively irrelevant to the vital issue of climate change; and concludes that the Government’s priority on climate change in the European context should not be institutional change but the strengthening of measures to drive down greenhouse gas emissions’, instead thereof.—(Mr Peter Ainsworth.)

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

Local Government.—That the draft Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.

Ayes: 278.
Noes: 151.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Treaty of Lisbon (No. 8) [8th allotted day].—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 164.
Tellers for the Noes, Liz Blackman, Mr Bob Blizzard: 345.

So the Question was negatived.

It being more than three and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 8), the Deputy Speaker put the Main Question forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Mr Bob Blizzard: 356.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 165.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 European Union (Amendment) Bill [8th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

Clause No. 2 (Addition to list of Treaties).

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word 'excluding', to insert the words—

' (i) any provision imposing an obligation on the Parliament of the United Kingdom; and
(ii) .....

(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [28th January and this day].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 156.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Sadiq Khan: 350.

The Chairman then put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Question put, That Clause No. 2 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Sadiq Khan: 342.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 156.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Bob Blizzard reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.
10 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Ms Cate Mowat and others of like disposition relating to Palestinian Community of Jayyous;

(2) Cllr. Allan Wood and residents of Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath and surrounding areas relating to a referendum on the EU Constitution;

(3) residents of Chorley and others relating to hospices;

(4) residents of Chorley and others relating to support for the Armed Forces; and

(5) residents of Chorley and others relating to Post Office closures (Chorley)

were presented and read.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Procurement of police escape masks from Avon Rubber, Melksham (Mr Michael Ancram).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Criminal Law,—Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3 Pensions,—(1) Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2008; and

(2) draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

4 Town and Country Planning,—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Companies,—Companies (Disclosure of Auditor Remuneration and Liability Limitation Agreements) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 489), dated 23rd February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


7 Food,—(1) Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 439), dated 20th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn];

(2) Dairy Produce Quotas (General Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 438), dated 20th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and

8 Immigration.—Immigration Services Commissioner (Designated Professional Body) (Fees) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 505), dated 21st February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


10 National Health Service.—(1) Cornwall Partnership National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 430); and
   (2) North Bristol National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 440), dated 19th February 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


13 Road Traffic.—(1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 508); and
   (2) Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 506), dated 25th February 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Other Papers:

15 Pensions and Yeomanry Pay.—Amendment 40, Change 3 to the Army Pensions Warrant 1977 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

16 United Arab Emirates (No. 3, 2007).—Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum to the Extradition Treaty, done at London on 6th December 2006, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Arab Emirates on Extradition [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers withdrawn:

17 Companies.—Draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 20th February].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First 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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Tim Boswell, Peter Bottomley, Annette Brooke, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Sandra Gidley, Mr Adam Ingram, Helen Jones, Steve McCabe, Mr Elliot Morley, Mike Penning, Dawn Primarolo, Chris Ruane, Sir Peter Soulsby, Helen Southworth, Dr Howard Stoate and Jeremy Wright.

European Committees

2 European Union Documents No. 14937/07, No. 15413/07 and No. 16682/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to European Defence Equipment Market and European Defence Agency.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee, nominated in respect of the Documents: Nick Ainger, Mr Bob
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Ainsworth, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Richard Caborn, Tony Cunningham, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Willie Rennie, Bob Russell, Mr Virendra Sharma and Mr Ian Taylor.

3 European Union Documents No. 5849/08 and Addendum and No. 5862/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, relating to Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and Review of the Emissions Trading Scheme, have been referred to European Committee A.

4 European Union Document No. 5421/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Promotion of energy from renewable resources, has been referred to European Committee C.

5 European Union Document No. 5835/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Carbon capture and storage, has been referred to European Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 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. 16-xiii];

(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-ii]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

2 Foreign Affairs.—Previously Unpublished Memoranda Submitted to the Foreign Affairs Committee: Memoranda laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 389] [Mike Gapes].

3 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Science Budget Allocations:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 215-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

4 Justice,—Devolution: A Decade On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee on 26th February; to be printed [No. 75-iv] [Mr Alan Beith].

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Regional Accountability:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 282-iv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Ms Harriet Harman].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Prison Service of Northern Ireland: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: First Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 386];

(2) The Varney Review of tax policy in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 385-i]; and

(3) Spring Supplementary Estimate 2008: Explanatory Memorandum by the Northern Ireland Office: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—Caring for vulnerable babies: The reorganisation of neonatal services in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 390-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Standards and Privileges,—Employment of family members through the Staffing Allowance: Proposals for consultation: Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges; to be printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 383] [Sir George Young].
9 Statutory Instruments.—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xi] [David Maclean].

10 Transport.—Freight Transport: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 249-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Work and Pensions.—(1) The best start in life? Alleviating deprivation, improving social mobility, and eradicating child poverty: Second 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 24th October [No. 42-I and -II]; and

(2) Health and Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 246-iii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 55; WH, No. 34]
Wednesday 27th February 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Government policy on Israeli settlements and closures in the Palestinian Territories (Mr Alistair Carmichael).
Security of British investors in Tanzania (Mr Roger Gale).
Child poverty (Fiona Mactaggart).
Air ambulances in the NHS (Dr Ian Gibson).
Inquest into the death of British journalist Mr Brian Peters (Mr Don Foster).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.17 p.m.

[No. 56.] Thursday 28th February 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 6th March.

2 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th March.

3 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th March.

4 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th March.

5 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th March.

6 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th March.
7 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th March.

8 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th March.

9 Education and Skills Bill.—Hugh Bayley reported from the Education and Skills Bill Committee:

That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memoranda (reported on 22nd, 24th, 29th and 31st January and 5th, 7th, 19th, 21st and 26th February) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 81].

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

10 Welsh Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of Welsh Affairs—(Siobhain McDonagh);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Concentrated solar power and the case for the creation of an HVDC grid (Dr Howard Stoate).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals.—Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 465), dated 21st February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2 Equality.—Revised Draft Code of Practice: Trade Organisations, Qualifications Bodies and General Qualifications Bodies [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

3 Health Care and Associated Professions.—European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 462), dated 20th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


5 Rating and Valuation.—Central Rating List (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 429), dated 20th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Other Papers:

6 Tax Credits.—Report by the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs under Section 40 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 [by Act] [Jane Kennedy].

7 Work and Pensions.—Paper, entitled Department for Work and Pensions Commissioning Strategy [by Command] [Cm. 7330] [Secretary James Purnell].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Tourism: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 133-vi] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Health,—Dental Services: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 289-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Liaison,—Pre-Appointment Hearings by Select Committees: First Report from the Liaison Committee, with Annexes; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 384] [Mr Alan Williams].

4 Public Administration,—(1) Prime Minister’s Independent Adviser on Ministerial Interests: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 381-i]; and

   (2) Lobbying: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Gordon Prentice].

[No. 56; WH, No. 35]

Thursday 28th February 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 4th March.

[Adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

[No. 57.]

Friday 29th February 2008.

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 Peter Bone 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 Peter Bone, Mr Philip Hollobone: 0.

   Tellers for the Noes, Peter Luff, Keith Vaz: 36.

   So the Question was negatived.

4 British Board of Film Classification (Accountability to Parliament and Appeals) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Board of Film Classification (Accountability to Parliament and Appeals) Bill;

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

   And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 7th March.
5 Drugs (Reclassification) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Reclassification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th May.

6 Expenses of Public Servants (Publication) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expenses of Public Servants (Publication) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th June.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: National DNA database (Sarah Teather).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd March.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Medicines.—Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 464), dated 20th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Public Interest Disclosure (Prescribed Persons) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 531), dated 26th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Other Paper:

3 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 29th February 2008, concerning the gifting (loaning) of Works of Art to the British Council in Turkey and the UAE [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].
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 14th 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 Comptroller and Auditor General.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the
House, that the Address of 23rd January, praying that Her Majesty will appoint
Timothy John Burr to the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General, was presented to
Her Majesty, who was graciously pleased to comply with the request.

3 Business of the House (Lisbon Treaty) (No. 8).—A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, that the Order of 28th January be further amended as follows—

(1) in paragraph (1) for ‘the first business is’ substitute ‘the business includes’,

(2) in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 9—
   (a) in the second column, for ‘Clauses Nos. 3 to 7’ substitute ‘Clause No. 3, the
      Schedule, and Clauses Nos. 4 and 5’; and
   (b) in the third column, add ‘6 hours after commencement’,

(3) in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 10—
   (a) in the second column, for ‘Clauses Nos. 3 to 7, so far as not completed on allotted
      day 9’ substitute ‘Clauses Nos. 6 and 7, and any selected amendments to Clause
      No. 8 other than those making commencement contingent on a referendum’, and
   (b) in the third column, for ‘The moment of interruption’ substitute ‘6 hours after
      commencement’, and

(4) in the Table, in the entry for allotted day 11—
   (a) in the second column, for ‘Clause No. 8, the Schedule, New Clauses and New
      Schedules’ substitute ‘(1) remaining proceedings on Clause No. 8, and (2) New
      Clauses and New Schedules’, and
   (b) in the third column, for ‘The moment of interruption’ substitute ‘6 hours after
      commencement, and (2) 15 minutes after commencement’—(Mr Jim Murphy).

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the
Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [28th January].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Wayne David, Siobhain McDonagh: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 European Union (Amendment) Bill [9th allotted day].—The House, according to Order,
again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Changes of terminology).

Amendment (No. 39) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 12 and 13 and to insert the words—

‘(c) may be made only if a draft of the order has been—
   (i) laid before Parliament; and
   (ii) approved by a resolution of each House’.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 291.
Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed, in page 2, line 14, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr William Cash.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Alan Campbell: 317.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Steve McCabe: 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 148.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Increase of powers of European Parliament).

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

And it being six hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [26th January and this day].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Steve McCabe: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 152.

The Chairman then put the remaining Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Dave Watts reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

5 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 February] from the Liaison Committee—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

6 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Jeremy Browne be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Tom Brake be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Grimsbury relating to Post Office closures (Oxfordshire); and

(2) Canvey Island Royal British Legion and residents of Castle Point and others relating to Support for Armed Services

were presented and read.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Warmfront (Mr Robert Flello).

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 Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-one minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.21 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Draft Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008; and
   (2) draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

3 Trade Descriptions,—Draft Business Protection from Misleading Marketing Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Civil Aviation,—Aerodromes (Designation) (Chargeable Air Services) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 518), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Companies,—Statutory Auditors and Third Country Auditors (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 499), dated 26th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Environmental Protection,—(1) Radioactive Contaminated Land (Modification of Enactments) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 520); and
   (2) Radioactive Contaminated Land (Modification of Enactments) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 521), dated 25th February 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 516), dated 26th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Other Papers:

8 Commonwealth Scholarship Commission,—Forty-Seventh Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom to the Secretary of State for International Development for the year ended 30th September 2006 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

9 Communities and Local Government,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, Session 2007-08, on the Departmental Annual Report 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7335] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

10 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Management of Expenditure; and
   (2) Meeting needs?: The Offenders’ Learning and Skills Service [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 309 and 310] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, to be printed [No. 348-aj] [Mr Michael Jack].
2 Human Rights.—(1) A British Bill of Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 150-iv]; and (2) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Department for International Development: Providing budget support to developing countries: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 395-i]; and (2) National Audit Office Supply Estimate 2008–09: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 396-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 59.]

Tuesday 4th March 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform.—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on Monday 18th February should be proceeded with unamended.

2 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 16th May and to be printed [Bill 84].

3 Autumn Bank Holiday.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to introduce a bank holiday in the Autumn—(Shona McIsaac),

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):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Shona McIsaac, Mr David Amess, Gordon Banks, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Martyn Jones, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Rob Marris, Mr Gordon Marsden, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Adrian Sanders, Lynda Waltho and Derek Wyatt do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 Autumn Bank Holiday Bill.—Shona McIsaac accordingly presented a Bill to introduce a bank holiday in the Autumn: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 82].

5 European Union (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill; A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill that it have power to make provision in the Bill for the holding of a referendum on the United Kingdom’s continued membership of the European Union—(Mr Edward Davey);

Tony Cunningham 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 Roger Williams, Jenny Willott: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 471.

So the Question was negatived.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.
Clause No. 6 (Parliamentary control of decisions).

Amendment (No. 48) proposed, in page 2, line 39, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

'(1A) A Minister of the Crown shall vote against or otherwise reject a proposed decision in the European Council or the Council to be taken by unanimity that would or could create obligations on the United Kingdom, unless Parliamentary approval for the decision has been given in accordance with this section.

'(1B) A Minister of the Crown shall vote against or otherwise reject a proposed decision in the European Council or the Council in an area made subject to qualified majority voting by the Treaty of Lisbon, and which would or could create obligations on the United Kingdom, unless Parliamentary approval for the decision has been given in accordance with this section.

'(1C) Any decision adopted by the European Council or the Council by unanimity, or in an area made subject to qualified majority voting by the Treaty of Lisbon, shall not create an enforceable European Union right, European Union obligation or an object of the European Union for the purposes of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 if Parliamentary approval was not given for a Minister of the Crown to support that decision in accordance with this section.

'(1D) This section shall apply notwithstanding section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972.

'(1E) In this section, “the European Council” means that European Union institution founded on Article 15 of the Treaty on European Union, and “the Council” means that European Union institution founded on Article 16 of the Treaty on European Union.'—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 286) proposed, in page 2, line 39, at the beginning to insert the words—

'(A1) The Prime Minister may not attend a meeting of the European Council without having laid before Parliament a statement on their negotiating mandate and receiving Parliamentary approval in accordance with this section.

'(A2) A Minister of the Crown may not attend a meeting of any configuration of the Council (within the meaning of Article 9C of the Treaty on European Union) without having laid before Parliament a statement on their negotiating mandate and receiving Parliamentary approval in accordance with this section.

'(A3) A Minister of the Crown may not vote in favour of or otherwise support any legislative measure under any article of the Treaty on European Union or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union that relates to the internal market, if it applies to, or could be applied in relation to, any of the following, unless Parliamentary approval has been given in accordance with this section:

(a) health services provided by any NHS body,
(b) the statutory system of public education,
(c) social housing,
(d) postal services,
(e) public transport.

'(A4) A Minister of the Crown may not vote either in favour of or against or otherwise support or oppose any legislative measure under Article 153 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, unless Parliamentary approval has been given in accordance with this section.

'(A5) A Minister of the Crown may not authorise any person to represent the United Kingdom at a meeting of the special committee to assist the Commission in negotiating agreements with international organisations or third countries established in Article 188C of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union without having laid before Parliament a statement on their negotiating mandate, and where any person represents the United Kingdom at such a meeting, the Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament a statement on the matters discussed at the meeting, the positions taken by all persons representing the United Kingdom and the outcomes of the meeting, within 30 days of the meeting taking place.'—(Jon Trickett.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Corbyn, Kelvin Hopkins: 57.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 329.

Another Amendment (No. 47) proposed, in page 2, line 39, to leave out the words 'may not vote in favour of or otherwise support' and insert the words 'shall vote against or otherwise reject'.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 305.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 3, to leave out lines 21 to 35.—(Mr William Hague.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being six hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [28th January and 3rd March]—It was negatived.

The Chairman then put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 3, line 21, to leave out from the word 'given' to end of line 35 and insert the words 'by Act of Parliament'—(Mr William Hague.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 307.

The Chairman then put the remaining Question necessary to dispose of the business to be decided at that hour.

Question put, That Clauses Nos. 6 and 7 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 238.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Wayne David reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Netherton relating to Post Office closures (Oxfordshire); and
(2) residents of Castle Point and others relating to support for the Armed Forces were presented and read.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Proscription of the People’s Mujahedeen Organisation of Iran (Mr David Amess).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Wayne David);

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 Twelve o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.44 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Clean Air,—(1) Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 514), and
     (2) Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 515),
 dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


3 National Health Service,—Health and Social Care Information Centre (Transfer of Staff, Property and Liabilities) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 519), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

6 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 4th March 2008, concerning the gifting of equipment to the Government of Afghanistan [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

7 Energy,—Statement of the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 382] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 National Audit,—Fifteenth Report of the Public Accounts Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 402] [Mr Alan Williams].

9 Northern Ireland,—Secretary of State’s Third Report under section 11(1) of the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Act 2003, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 403] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 4th March; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform,—The Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Spring Supplementary Estimate: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 394-i] [Peter Luff].

3 Communities and Local Government,—Community Cohesion and Migration: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 369-ii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Harmful content on the Internet and in video games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 353-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

5 Defence,—(1) Operational costs in Afghanistan and Iraq: Spring Supplementary Estimate 2007–08: Eighth 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 19th February [No. 400]; and
     (2) The future of NATO and European defence: 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 19th June, 11th December and 15th January [No. 111]
 [Mr James Arbuthnot].
6 Environmental Audit,—(1) *Post-Kyoto: The international context for progress on climate change*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 355-ii]; and
(2) *Are biofuels sustainable?*: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

7 Home Affairs,—*Domestic Violence*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 263-v] [Keith Vaz].

8 Human Rights,—*Data Protection and Human Rights*: Fourteenth 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. 132] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

9 International Development,—*Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness*: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Hugh Bayley].

10 Justice,—(1) *Counter-Terrorism Bill*: Third Report from the Justice Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 405];
(2) *Protection of Private Data: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee*: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 406]; and
(3) *Consultation Sentence Guideline: Causing Death by Driving*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 407-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

11 Regulatory Reform,—*Draft Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008*: Second Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 398] [Andrew Miller].

12 Scottish Affairs,—*Employment and skills for the defence industry in Scotland*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 305-ii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

13 Treasury,—*Financial Reporting and the National Accounts*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 397-i] [John McFall].

14 Welsh Affairs,—*The provision of cross-border public services for Wales*:  
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 59; WH, No. 36]

*Tuesday 4th March 2008.*

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Free range produce and animal welfare (Mr Mark Oaten).
Future of the Post Office network in Lancashire (Mr Lindsay Hoyle).
Proposed eco-town development at Ford, West Sussex (Mr Nick Gibb).
Government policy on alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour (Helen Jones).
Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service (Mr Christopher Fraser).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. —(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

**CHAIRMEN’S PANEL**

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has nominated Robert Key and Joan Walley to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session and discharged Mr David Marshall from the Panel.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I., 2007, No. 3521).

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

2 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill.—The Order for reading the Pedlars (Street Trading Regulation) Bill a second time on Friday 7th March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 25th April.

3 Fireworks Act 2003 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the noise emitted by fireworks supplied in the United Kingdom: And that Rob Marris do prepare and bring it in.

4 Fireworks Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill.—Rob Marris accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the noise emitted by fireworks supplied in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 83].

5 European Union (Amendment) Bill [11th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 8 (Commencement).

Amendment (No. 293) proposed, in page 4, to leave out line 8 and insert the words—

‘(2A) Section [Referendum] comes into force on Royal Assent.

(2B) The other provisions of this Act come into force if an affirmative answer has been given to the question asked in a referendum held in accordance with section [Referendum] and any legal challenge made under an order made under that section has been disposed of by the court or courts in question.’.—(Mr William Hague.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 311.

It being more than six hours after the commencement of proceedings in the Committee, the Chairman put the Question on the Amendment selected for separate decision, pursuant to Orders [28th January and 3rd March].

Another Amendment (No. 296) proposed, in page 4, to leave out line 8 and insert the words—

‘(2A) Section [Referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 2)] and Schedule [Conduct of the Referendum (No. 2)] come into force on Royal Assent.

(2B) The other provisions of this Act come into force if an affirmative answer has been given to the question specified in section [Referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon (No. 2)] in a referendum held in accordance with that section and Schedule [Conduct of the Referendum (No. 2)] and any legal challenge made under that Schedule has been disposed of by the court or courts in question.’.—(Mr Ian Davidson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Ronnie Campbell: 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 311.

The Chairman then put the Question, That Clause No. 8 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Mr Frank Roy: 355.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 218.

A Clause (NC9) (Supremacy of Parliament)—(Mr William Cash)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Philip Hollobone: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 380.

Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Dave Watts reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Committee, to be read the third time to-morrow.

6 Public Petitions—Public Petitions from—

(1) constituents of Bristol West relating to UK foreign policy (Israel and the Palestinians); and

(2) residents of Castle Point and others relating to the EU constitution (referendum) were presented and read.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Devonport's role in supporting the Royal Navy (Linda Gilroy).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till a quarter past Eight o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2. Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Registration Card) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3. Land Registration,—Draft Land Registration (Network Access) Rules 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5. Children and Young Persons,—(1) Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Barring Procedure) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 474); and


7. Fees and Charges,—Blood Safety and Quality (Fees Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 525), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


12 Partnership,—Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 569), dated 26th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

13 Plant Health,—Seed Potatoes (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 560), dated 25th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


18 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 599), dated 4th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:


20 Low Pay Commission,—Paper, entitled National Minimum Wage: Low Pay Commission Report for 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7333] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Bercow, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Kevin Brennan, Annette Brooke, Lyn Brown, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Mark Harper, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Kelvin Hopkins, Barbara Keeley, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mrs Maria Miller, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Anne Snelgrove, Lynda Waltho and Mark Williams.

2 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Health and Safety (Offences) Bill Committee: John Bercow, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Michael Clapham, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Wayne David, Mr Jim Devine, Andrew George, Mr John Grogan, Mr John Heppell, Keith Hill, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Mrs Anne McGuire, John Robertson, Andrew Selous, Bob Spink and Mr Robert Sym. 

3 Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (B2007 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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 Richard Bacon, Tony Baldry, Ann Clwyd, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mark Hunter, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Alan Keen, Mr David Kidney, Mr Greg Knight, Mr John Leech, David Lepper, Mr Marsha Singh, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Dave Watts and Jeremy Wright.
4 Draft Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board (Prescribed Day) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second 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 Peter Bone, Peter Bottomley, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, James Duddridge, Bill Etherington, Mark Fisher, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Lynne Jones, Ms Sally Keeble, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Shahid Malik, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Richard Younger-Ross.

5 Draft Northern Rock plc Compensation Scheme Order 2008:
   (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 Graham Allen, Mr Chive Betts, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Angela Eagle, Mr Mark Field, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Doug Henderson, Keith Hill, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Brooks Newmark, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough) and Dr Gavin Strang.

6 Draft Offender Management Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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 David Barrowes, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr John Gummer, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Hanson, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Stephen Hesford, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Saqib Khan, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Denis Murphy, Mrs Linda Riordan, Emily Thornberry and Jenny Willott.

7 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth 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 Alan Beith, Mr Richard Benyon, Colin Burgon, Mr David Clelland, Jon Cruddas, Mr Jim Devine, Mr David Drew, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Margaret Hodge, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Michael Jack, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ann McKechin, Mr Gordon Prentice, Derek Wyatt and Richard Younger-Ross.

8 Draft Local Involvement Networks (Duty of Services-Providers to Allow Entry) Regulations 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth 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: Frank Dobson, Jim Dowd, Kate Hoey, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Brian Jenkins, Ann Keen, Robert Key, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Steve McCabe, Mr Austin Mitchell, Laura Moffatt, Greg Mulholland, Mr Stephen O'Brien, Sandra Osborne, Dr John Pugh, Mr Paul Truswell and Jeremy Wright.

European Committees

9 The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the European Committee in respect of European Union Documents No. 14937/07, No. 15413/07 and No. 16682/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to European defence equipment market and European Defence Agency.

10 European Union Documents No. 14490/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14491/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Economic Migration to the EU,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee, nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Ms Dawn Butler, Tony Cunningham, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Dominic Grieve, Meg Hillier, Chris Huhne, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Bob Laxton, Anne Main, John Penrose and Gwyn Prosser.

11 European Union Document No. 15371/07, relating to Electronic Communications Networks and Services.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr Michael Clapham, Tony Cunningham, Jim Dobbin, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Charles Hendry, John Reid, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Richard Shepherd, Sarah Teather, Mr Don Touhig and Malcolm Wicks.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Implementation of the Nitrates Directive in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 412-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 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. 16-xiv];
   (2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-iii]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Overseas Territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 147-iv] [Mike Gapes].

4 Home Affairs.—Domestic Violence: Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 21st February 2008; to be printed [No. 263-iv] [Keith Vaz].

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Regional Accountability: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 282-v] [Ms Harriet Harman].

6 Public Accounts.—Partnering for success: Preparing to deliver the 14-19 education reforms in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 413-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Statutory Instruments.—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xii] [David MacLean].

8 Transport.—(1) The Future of BAA: Fourth Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 119]; and
   (2) Delivering A Sustainable Railway: A 30-year Strategy for the Railways?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 219-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Work and Pensions.—(1) Health and Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 246-iv]; and
   (2) Winter Supplementary Estimate 2007 and Summer Supplementary Estimate 2008: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 60; WH, No. 37]

Wednesday 5th March 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Dial a Mobile and cash back contracts (Mr Roger Godsiff).
- Implementation of proposals in the Governance of Britain (Mr Graham Allen).
- Adaptation to climate change (Mr Andrew Tyrie).
- Post Office closures in Mole Valley (Sir Paul Beresford).
- Future of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (Mark Fisher).

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 to-morrow.
[No. 61.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 13th March.

2 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th March.

3 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th March.

4 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th March.

5 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th March.

6 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th March.

7 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th March.

8 Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th March.

9 Autumn Bank Holiday Bill,—The Order for reading the Autumn Bank Holiday Bill a second time on Friday 7th March was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 9th May.

10 International Women's Day,—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of International Women’s Day.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

11 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from those concerned about Post Office closures in the Maidenhead constituency relating to Post Office closures (Maidenhead) was presented and read.

12 Adjournment.
   Subject: Review of security at RAF Welford (Mr Richard Benyon).
   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)
   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

2 Sex Discrimination,—Draft Sex Discrimination (Amendment of Legislation) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture.—Rice Products from the United States of America (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 622), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Companies.—Companies (Cross-Border Mergers) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 583), dated 28th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


6 Education.—Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 532), dated 26th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].


8 Fees and Charges.—Medical Devices (Fees Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 530), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

9 Fire and Rescue Services.—Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority (Increase in Number of Members) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 566), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].


11 Housing.—(1) Home Information Pack (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 572), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command]; and

(2) Housing (Right to Buy) (Service Charges) (Amendment) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 533), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

12 Inheritance Tax.—(1) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Excepted Settlements) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 606); and


13 Medicines.—Medicines for Human Use (Prohibition) (Senecio and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 548), dated 28th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 547); and

(2) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 553), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


17 Tax Credits.—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 604), dated 5th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].
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Other Papers:

18 Health,—Government Response to the First Report from the Health Committee, Session 2007-08 on the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence [by Command] [Cm. 7331] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

19 Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 that the Aberdeen City Council Order should be allowed to proceed, subject to any recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Order [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Dental Services: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 289-iv] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration,—Lobbying:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 137-v]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Gordon Prentice].

[No. 61; WH, No. 38]
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment.
Subject: International Health Partnership.
Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th March.
[Adjourned at 3.41 p.m.]

[No. 62.]
Friday 7th March 2008.
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.—Andrew Miller 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, Andrew Miller, Jim Dowd: 0.
   Tellers for the Noes, Tony Lloyd, Mr Tom Clarke: 38.
   So the Question was negatived.

4 Private Equity (Transfer of Undertakings and Protection of Employment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Private Equity (Transfer of Undertakings and Protection of Employment) Bill.
   A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
   Bill withdrawn.

5 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;

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 14th March.

6 Copyright in Sound Recordings and Performers’ Rights (Term Extension) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Copyright in Sound Recordings and Performers’ Rights (Term Extension) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th March.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Walsall Council and Mr Mark Kemp, Liz McDonald, Mr David Parish and Mr Peter Francis (Mr Bruce George).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th March.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection.—Draft Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (Commencement No. 3 and Supplementary Provision) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—(1) Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 546), dated 28th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham];

(2) Education (Student Support) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 529), dated 27th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham]; and

(3) Teachers’ Pensions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 541), dated 28th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

3 Health Care and Associated Professions.—Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (Fees) Rules Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 554), dated 28th February 2008 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Medicines.—Medicines (Products for Human Use—Fees) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 552), dated 28th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 National Health Service.—NHS Professionals Special Health Authority (Establishment and Constitution) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 558), dated 28th February 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Pensions.—Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 592), dated 3rd March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

7 Police.—(1) Metropolitan Police Authority Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 631);

(2) Police and Justice Act 2006 (Supplementary and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 619); and

(3) Police Authority Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 630), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

8 Social Security.—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 636), dated 7th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].
Monday 10th March 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Bercow reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (B2007 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2008.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board (Prescribed Day) Order 2008.

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

3 European Committee B,—Frank Cook reported from European Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to European Defence Equipment Market and European Defence Agency, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 14937/07, Report by the Head of the European Defence Agency on its activity in 2007, No. 15411/07, the Council’s guidelines for the European Defence Agency’s work in 2008, and No. 16682/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication on a Strategy for a Stronger and More Competitive European Defence Industry, and endorses the Government’s approach to the development of the European Defence Agency and its view that the analysis and proposed solutions in the Commission’s Communication need further refinement before they could be supported.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Estimates [2nd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [3rd March], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 2007–08 (HM Treasury).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by HM Treasury—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £7,092,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 366,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £11,841,000, 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—(Alison Seabeck);

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, 2007–08 (Department for Transport).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Department for Transport—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £2,059,473,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 273,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,859,129,000, 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 Ten o’clock, the Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of the 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 Supplementary Estimates 2007–08.

Supplementary Estimates, 2007–08: HM Treasury

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by HM Treasury—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £7,092,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 366,
(2) a further sum, not exceeding £11,841,000, 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, 2007–08: Department for Transport*

**Resolved**, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2008, for expenditure by the Department for Transport—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £2,059,473,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 273,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £1,859,129,000, 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, 2008–09 (Navy) Vote A*

**Resolved**, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2009, a number not exceeding 41,270 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. 264 of this Session.

*Estimates, 2008–09 (Army) Vote A*

**Resolved**, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2009, a number not exceeding 122,870 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. 264 of this Session.

*Estimates, 2008–09 (Air) Vote A*

**Resolved**, That, during the year ending with 31st March 2009, a number not exceeding 46,130 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. 264 of this Session.

*Estimates, Excesses, 2006–07*

**Resolved**, That, for the year that ended with 31st March 2007—

(1) resources, not exceeding £38,611,000, 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. 294, and

(2) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.

*Supplementary Estimates, 2007–08*

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

(1) further resources, not exceeding £14,190,565,000, be authorised for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 273 and 290,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £5,692,926,000, 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, 2007–08, and Estimates, Excesses, 2006–07, and the Resolutions of 5th December relating to Supplementary and New Estimates 2007–08: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Yvette Cooper, Jane Kennedy, Angela Eagle and Kitty Ussher do prepare and bring it in.

6 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—Jane Kennedy 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 year ending with 31st March 2008; and to appropriate the supply authorised in this Session of Parliament for 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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 85].

7 Rating and Valuation.—**Ordered**, That the Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 386), dated 18th February, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Tony Cunningham.)
8 International Development.—Ordered, That James Duddridge be discharged from the International Development Committee and Daniel Kawczynski be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Mrs Vanda Jimmick, residents of Hadleigh and others relating to development (Essex) was presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Future of Harrogate Theatre (Mr Phil Willis).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection.—Draft Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (Commencement No. 3 and Supplementary Provision) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Local Government.—Draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Companies.—Companies (Defective Accounts and Directors’ Reports) (Authorised Person) and Supervision of Accounts and Reports (Prescribed Body) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 623), dated 5th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 Customs.—Export Control (Security and Para-military Goods) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 639), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Electronic Communications.—Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 643), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

7 Farriers.—Farriers’ Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 646), dated 5th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


9 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) and (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 571), dated 3rd March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

10 Plant Health.—Plant Health (Forestry) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 644), dated 7th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

11 Road Traffic.—(1) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Penalty Charge Notices, Enforcement and Adjudication) (Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 609), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy]; and

(2) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 642), dated 7th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
12 Social Care,—Fostering Services (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 640), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

13 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit (Local Housing Allowance, Information Sharing and Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 586), dated 3rd March 2008; and
   (2) Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Amendment Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 587), dated 26th February 2008
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereof [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

14 Town and Country Planning,—(1) Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 551); and
   dated 26th February 2008 [by Act] with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].


Other Papers:

16 House of Commons Members Estimate,—First Report from the House of Commons Members Estimate Committee on the Review of Members’ Allowances: Threshold for receipts; to be printed [No. 415] [The Speaker].

17 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 391] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

18 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Reducing passenger rail delays by better management of incidents [by Act]; to be printed [No. 308] [Clerk of the House].

19 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 414] [Clerk of the House].

20 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Non-Effective Benefits and Family Pensions) Delegation Order [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers withdrawn:

21 Consumer Protection,—Draft Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (Commencement No. 3 and Supplementary Provision) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 7th March].

22 Local Government,—Draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [laid 6th March].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (B2007 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of the First Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Mike Weir; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Greg Knight and David Lepper from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution David Crausby, Stephen Hammond and Mr Lindsay Hoyle.

2 Draft Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board (Prescribed Day) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Wayne David, Linda Gilroy and Mrs Madeline Moon.
European Committees

3 European Union Documents No. 14937/07, No. 15413/07 and No. 16682/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to European Defence Equipment Market and European Defence Agency.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Ainger and Mr Virendra Sharma from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr George Mudie and Mr John Spellar.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords]: First Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 359] [Mr Barry Sherman].

2 Human Rights,—A British Bill of Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights, to be printed [No. 150-v] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—The work and operation of the Copyright Tribunal: Second Report from the Innovation, Universities 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 28 January 2008 [No. 245] [Mr Phil Willis].

4 Public Accounts,—Preparations for Digital Switchover: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts, to be printed [No. 416-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 64.]

Tuesday 11th March 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Report of a Review of Foot and Mouth Disease 2007,—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 ‘Foot and Mouth Disease 2007: A review and Lessons Learned’, conducted by Dr Iain Anderson.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

2 Energy Bill,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Energy Bill Committee:
   (1) a memorandum; and
   (2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
Memoranda (reported on 5th and 19th February and this day) to be printed.
Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 79].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Northern Rock plc Compensation Scheme Order 2008.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Offender Management Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to the duties, powers and functions of waste regulation authorities concerning the unauthorised deposit of controlled waste on land; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr John Gummer, Mr Malcolm Moss, Kate Hoey, Mr Elwyn Llwyd, Mr David Crausby, Tony Baldry, Mr Alan Meale, Lembit Opik and Mr David Heathcoat-Amory do prepare and bring it in.

6 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Bernard Jenkin accordingly presented a Bill to amend Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to the duties, powers and functions of waste regulation authorities concerning the unauthorised deposit of controlled waste on land; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 86].
7 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill,
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
And the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

8 European Union (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the Day being read, for the Third Reading of the European Union (Amendment) Bill,
And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;
Secretary David Miliband, 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;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Liz Blackman: 346.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

9 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 Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Banks and Banking—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

10 Banks and Banking.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Northern Rock plc Compensation Scheme Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

11 Standing Orders (Select Committees),—Ordered, That the following amendments be made to the Standing Orders:
(1) In Standing Order No. 146 (Select Committee on Public Administration), in line 2, leave out from the word 'Administration' to the word 'which' in line 5, and insert the words 'and the Health Service Commissioner for England'.
(2) In Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee))—
(i) in sub-paragraph (1)(A), in line 18, leave out from the word 'any' to the end of the sub-paragraph, and insert the words 'remedial order or draft remedial order under Schedule 2 to the Human Rights Act 1998, 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
(ii) in sub-paragraph (1)(B), in line 29, leave out the words 'statutory instrument made by a member of the Scottish Executive or by the National Assembly for Wales' and insert the words 'Scottish statutory instrument or any statutory instrument made by the Welsh Ministers'.
(3) In Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments), in the Table in paragraph 2—
(i) in item 1, in the first column, leave out the words 'Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform' and insert the words 'Business and Enterprise', and
(ii) in item 10, in the first column, leave out the words 'Innovation, Universities and Skills' and insert the words 'Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills'.—(Alison Seabeck.)

12 Adjournment
Subject: Regeneration of Newton Aycliffe town centre (Phil Wilson).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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 Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Pilot) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

2 Political Parties,—Draft Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Regulation of Loans etc: Northern Ireland) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Companies,—Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 6, Saving and Commencement Nos. 3 and 5 (Amendment)) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 674), dated 7th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

4 Consumer Credit,—Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 645), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


6 Defence,—(1) Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Application to the Armed Forces) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 635); and

7 Education,—Penwith College, Penzance (Dissolution) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 633), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].


9 Immigration,—Immigration (Notices) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 684), dated 10th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


11 Legal Services,—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 666), dated 10th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

12 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 658), dated 7th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

13 Local Government,—(1) Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 625), dated 3rd March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears]; and
   (2) Police Authorities (Best Value) Performance Indicators Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 659), dated 10th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

14 National Assistance Services,—National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements and Assessment of Resources) Amendment (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 593), dated 5th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

15 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service Pension Scheme (Additional Voluntary Contributions) and National Health Service (Injury Benefits and Compensation for Premature Retirement) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 655); and
   (2) National Health Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 654); and
(3) National Health Service Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 653), dated 11th March 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

(2) Occupational Pension Schemes (Non-European Schemes Exemption) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 624), dated 4th March 2008; and

17 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 695), dated 10th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].


19 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Consumer Credit Appeals Tribunal Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 668), dated 10th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

20 Report of a Review of Foot and Mouth Disease 2007,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report entitled Foot and Mouth Disease 2007: A Review and Lessons Learned [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 312] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

21 Pollution Prevention and Control,—(1) Local Authority Permits for Part A Installations and Mobile Plant (Fees and Charges) (England) Scheme 2008; and
(2) Local Authority Permits for Part B Installations and Mobile Plant (Fees and Charges) (England) Scheme 2008 [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

APPENDIX II
General Committees

Draft Offender Management Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Clarke and Mr Denis Murphy from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Love and Mr Andy Slaughter.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Defence Equipment 2008: Tenth 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 15th January [No. 295] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Voluntary Carbon Offset Market: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2006-07: Second Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 418]; and
(2) Post-Kyoto: The international context for progress on climate change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 355-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 Home Affairs,—Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 364-iii] [Keith Vaz].

4 Scottish Affairs,—Employment and skills for the defence industry in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 305-iii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Work of the Wales Office: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 419-i] [Dr Hywel Francis].
11th—12th March 2008

Adjournment

Subjects:
- Disability poverty in the UK (Roger Berry).
- Spending on transport infrastructure in Yorkshire and Humberside (Mr Graham Stuart).
- Nursing and Midwifery Council (Mr Jim Devine).
- East Midlands Trains service (Mr Patrick McLoughlin).
- Woodhead rail route and options for its future (Ms Angela C. Smith).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Tony Cunningham.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

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

PRAYERS.

1 Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Special Educational Needs (Information) 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 on Friday 16th May.

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

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008.

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

3 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2008, as laid before this House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

4 Ways and Means.—Provisional Collection of Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 51 (Ways and means motions), That, pursuant to section 5 of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968, provisional statutory effect shall be given to the following motions:—

(a) Rates of duty on alcoholic liquor (Motion No. 8);
(b) Rates of tobacco products duty (Motion No. 9);
(c) Rates of vehicle excise duty (Motion No. 13);
(d) Amusement machine licence duty (Motion No. 18); and
(e) Alternative property finance (Motion No. 55)—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to.

5 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That,—

(1) It is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance.
(2) This Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—
(a) for zero-rating or exempting a supply, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding an amount of tax;
(c) for any relief, other than a relief that—
(i) so far as it is applicable to goods, applies to goods of every description, and
(ii) so far as it is applicable to services, applies to services of every description.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer);

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)
Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) customers of Westcott Place Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Swindon); and
(2) customers of Guildford Avenue Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Swindon)
were presented and read.

7 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from students from seven West Oxfordshire secondary schools; Bartholomew, Burford, Carterton, Chipping Norton, The Henry Box School, The Marlborough Schools and Wood Green relating to Darfur genocide was presented.

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prisons,—(1) Draft Early Removal of Fixed-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Eligibility Period) Order 2008; and
(2) draft Early Removal of Short-Term and Long-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2008
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) (Fees) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 652), dated 5th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

3 Broadcasting,—S4C (Investment Activities) Approval Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 693), dated 11th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

4 Employment,—Gangmasters (Licensing Conditions) (No. 2) (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 638), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].
5 Gender Recognition,—Gender Recognition (Application Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 715), dated 7th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


7 Insolvency,—(1) Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 670); and
   (2) Insolvency Practitioners and Insolvency Services Account (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 672), dated 9th March 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Insolvency, Scotland,—Insolvency (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 662), dated 9th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

9 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 106);
   (2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 107); and


Other Papers:

14 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report,—Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2008, entitled Stability and opportunity: building a strong, sustainable future [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 380] [Jane Kennedy].

15 Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for Budget 2008 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 345] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Robert Key Chairman; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr Crispin Blunt, James Brokenshire, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr David Curry, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Frank Dobson, Paul Farrelly, David Howarth, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Marsha Singh and Jenny Willott.
2 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2008, draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2008 and draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders and draft Regulations to the Second 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: Danny Alexander, Richard Burden, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, Mr Stephen Dorrell, James Duddridge, Clive Efford, Mr Nigel Evans, Dr Ian Gibson, Martin Linton, Mr Andrew Mackay, Greg Mulholland, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Nick Raynsford, Andrew Selous and Mr Andrew Smith.

3 Draft Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third 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: Jim Dowd, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr James Gray, Mr John Greenway, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr George Howarth, Mark Hunter, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr John Leech, John McDonnell, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Anne Snellgrove, Graham Stringer, Mark Tami, Jon Trickett and Jeremy Wright.

4 Draft Official Statistics Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Joana Walley Chairmain; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Mr Jeremy Browne, Greg Clark, James Duddridge, Jeff Ennis, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Adam Ingram, Susan Kramer, Chris McCafferty, Andrew Mackinlay, Helen Southworth, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Ian Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner, Mr Tom Watson and Dr Alan Whitehead.

5 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tobias Ellwood and Ms Diana R. Johnson from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Edward Vaizey and Mr Dave Watts.

6 Draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth 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 Bob Blizzard, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Jeremy Browne, Ben Chapman, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Ann Coffey, Angela Eagle, Mr Frank Field, Mr David Gauke, Nigel Griffiths, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Brooks Newmark, Jim Sheridan and Alan Simpson.

7 Draft Local Involvement Networks (Duty of Services-Providers to Allow Entry) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson, Jim Dowd, Kate Hoey, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Brian Jenkins, Anna Keen, Robert Key, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Steve McCabe, Mr Austin Mitchell, Laura Moffatt, Greg Mulholland, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Sandra Osborne, Dr John Pugh, Mr Paul Trusswell and Jeremy Wright from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations).

8 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education and Training) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth 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 John Baron, Ann Clwyd, Mr Wayne David, Mr Dai Havard, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mrs Sian C. James, Mr David Jones, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Elwyn Llwyd, Peter Luff, Alun Michael, Jessica Morden, Julie Morgan, Albert Owen, Chris Ruane, John Smith, Mrs Betty Williams, Mark Mardon and Mr Roger Williams.
9 Draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh 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, Alistair Burt, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Peter Ham, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Fabian Hamilton, John Healey, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Fraser Kemp, Chris Mole, Robert Neill, Dan Rogerson, Joan Ryan, Andrew Selous, Paddy Topping and Mr Dave Watts.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Eighth 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: John Austin, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr John Grogan. Chris Huhne, Mr Denis MacShane, Mark Pritchard, Mr John Redwood, Mr Jamie Reed, Mr David Ruffley, Martin Salter, David Simpson, Geraldine Smith and Mike Wood.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Ninth 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: Danny Alexander, Mr Bob Blizzard, Barry Gardiner, Mr David Gauke, Mr John Heppell, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Jane Kennedy, Mr Brooks Newmark, Paul Rowen, Mr Siôn Simon, Sir John Stanley, Ian Stewart, Mr Gary Streeter, Ms Dari Taylor, David Tredinnick, Phil Wilson and David Wright.

Grand Committees

12 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee: Anne Main and Mark Pritchard.

European Committees

13 The Speaker has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman of European Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Documents No. 14490/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14491/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Economic migration to the EU.

14 The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of European Committee C, nominated in respect of European Union Document No. 15371/07, relating to Electronic Communications Networks and Services.

15 European Union Documents No. 14993/07, No. 14995/07, No. 14996/07, No. 14997/07, No. 14999/07 and No. 15001/07, relating to the Accession Process in the Western Balkans, No. 15616/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 15690/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Interim Political Agreement on Co-operation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 15th February 2008.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee B, nominated in respect of the Documents: Ms Katy Clark, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr David Evenett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Ken Purchase, John Reid and Jo Swinson.

16 European Union Document No. 13832/07, relating to Insolvency and Second Chances.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee C, nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr John Baron, Lorley Burt, Mr James Clappison, Mr Tom Clarke, Tony Cunningham, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Brian Jenkins, Robert Key, Mr Pat McFadden, Anne Mofat and Sarah Teather.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Children, Schools and Families,—(1) Diversity of school provision: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 311-iii]; and
   (2) Testing and Assessment: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2. Culture, Media and Sport,—Tourism: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 133-vii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3. 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. 16-xv];
   (2) Minutes of the Public Deblerations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-iv]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4. Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Renewable Electricity-Generation Technologies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 216-iii] [Mr Phil Willis].

5. Northern Ireland Affairs,—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 333-iii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6. Public Administration,—(1) When Citizens Complain: Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 409];
   (2) Public Services: Putting People First: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 408]; and
   (3) Lobbying: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

7. Statutory Instruments,—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 38-xiii] [David Maclean].

[No. 65; WH, No. 40]

Wednesday 12th March 2008

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Review of HM Revenue and Customs offices in Northern Ireland (Mr Gregory Campbell).
Services for dry macular degeneration (Anne Main).
Looped cords on window blinds (Gordon Banks).
Trunk roads in Norfolk (Mr Henry Bellingham).

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.]
13th March 2008

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 20th March.

2 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th March.

3 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th March.

4 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th March.

5 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th March.

6 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th March.

7 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th March.

8 Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th March.

9 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.
   Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)
   Debate to be resumed on Monday 17th March.

10 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Gillian Eames relating to Ankylosing Spondylitis was presented.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Proposed closure of Abbeville Road Post Office, Clapham (Keith Hill).
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.46 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 665), dated 10th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

2. Building and Buildings,—(1) Building (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 671), dated 10th March 2008; and

3. Companies,—(1) Companies (Mergers and Divisions of Public Companies) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 690), dated 7th March 2008; and
   (2) Companies (Reduction of Capital) (Creditor Protection) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 719), dated 11th March 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

4. Copyright,—Copyright and Performances (Application to Other Countries) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 677), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].


   (2) Individual Savings Account (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 704), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle]; and

7. Insolvency,—Insolvency Proceedings (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 714), dated 10th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8. Legal Services Commission,—(1) Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 723); and
   (2) Criminal Defence Service (General) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 725), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


    (2) Occupational Pension Schemes (Internal Dispute Resolution Procedures Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 649), dated 5th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell]; and

12. Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 703), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy]; and


(2) Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 707), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Other Papers:

15. Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Paper, entitled Innovation Nation [by Command] [Cm. 7345] [John Denham].


17. National Assistance Services,—Explanatory Memorandum to the National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements and Assessment of Resources) Amendment (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 593) [by Command] [Alan Johnson].

18. Police,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 2005–07 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 163] [Jacqui Smith].

Papers withdrawn:


20. Pollution Prevention and Control,—(1) Local Authority Permits for Part A Installations and Mobile Plant (Fees and Charges) (England) Scheme 2008; and
(2) Local Authority Permits for Part B Installations and Mobile Plant (Fees and Charges) (England) Scheme 2008 [laid 11th March].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hilary Armstrong, Alistair Burt, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Fabian Hamilton, John Healey, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Fraser Kemp, Chris Mole, Robert Neill, Dan Rogerson, Joan Ryan, Andrew Selous, Paddy Tipping and Mr Dave Watts from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

Grand Committees

2. Welsh Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Baron and Anne Main from the Welsh Grand Committee.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Health.—Health Inequalities:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 422-II] [Mr Kevin Barron].
Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 18th March.

[Adjourned at 4.39 p.m.]

Friday 14th March 2008.

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 Stephen Crabb 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 Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, John Robertson, Liz Blackman: 27.

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 Animals Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animals Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill;

A Motion was 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.

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 Roger Williams, Mr Brooks Newmark: 26.

Tellers for the Noes, John Robertson, Stephen Pound: 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.

5 Environmental Protection (Airports) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Environmental Protection (Airports) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th May.

6 Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 25th January, That the Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 16th May.
7 Employment Retention Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Retention Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 25th April.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Conviction of Mr Luke Atkinson and Mr Michael Binnington in Cyprus (Mr Brooks Newmark).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 17th March.

[Adjourned at 3.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Companies,—(1) Companies (Authorised Minimum) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 729), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command], and

(2) Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 739), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 European Communities,—European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 728), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3 Fees and Charges,—Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 732), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].


5 Health and Safety,—Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 736), dated 11th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].


7 Insolvency,—(1) Insolvency (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 118), dated 12th March 2008 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw], and

(2) Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 737), dated 13th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 683), dated 6th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


10 Plant Health,—Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 702), dated 7th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


13 Social Security,—(1) Social Security Pensions (Low Earnings Threshold) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 726); and


Other Paper:

15 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Public Guardianship Office for 1st April–30th September 2007, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 194] [Secretary Jack Straw].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

Justice,—(1) Devolution: A Decade On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 75-v]; and
   (2) Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 13th March; to be printed [No. 425-i]
   [Mr Alan Beith].
Monday 17th March 2008

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Robert Key reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment) Order 2008.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2008, the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2008 and the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

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

3 European Committee B.—Ann Winterton reported from European Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to Economic Migration to the EU, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 14490/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third country nationals for the purpose of highly qualified employment, and No. 14491/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive on a single application procedure for a single permit for third country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third country nationals legally residing in a Member State; and supports the Government's intention not to opt in to these Directives.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Nail Bars and Special Treatment Premises (Regulation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the licensing of nail bars and premises where tattooing, cosmetic piercing and other prescribed treatments are carried out; and for connected purposes: And that Dr Phyllis Starkey, Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Clive Betts, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Richard Burden, Ms Sally Keeble, Fiona Mactaggart, Chris McCafferty, Kerry McCarthy, Martin Salter, Anne Snelgrove and Margaret Moran do prepare and bring it in.

5 Nail Bars and Special Treatment Premises (Regulation) Bill.—Dr Phyllis Starkey accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the licensing of nail bars and premises where tattooing, cosmetic piercing and other prescribed treatments are carried out; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 87].

6 Ways and Means.—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Wednesday 12th 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. Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr Wayne David.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

7 Justice.—Ordered, That Rosie Cooper be discharged from the Justice Committee and Mrs Linda Riordan be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) those concerned about Post Office closures in Cumbria relating to Post Office closures (Cumbria); and
(2) patients, families and friends of the Department of Dermatology in Wirral Hospital NHS Trust relating to Wirral Hospital NHS Trust 
were presented and read.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Winter fuel payments (John Robertson).

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Wayne David);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Wayne David.)
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 subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command], to be printed [No. 420] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3 Police, Northern Ireland,—Supply of Information (Register of Deaths) (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 700), dated 8th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

4 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 699); and

Other Paper:

5 Children, Schools and Families,—Paper, entitled Raising Expectations: Enabling the system to deliver [by Command] [Cm. 7348] [Secretary Ed Balls].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Farrelly and Mr Denis Murphy from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Kevan Jones and Ms Dari Taylor.

2 Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2008, the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2008 and the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Levies) (Amendment) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Richard Burden, Dr Ian Gibson and Mr Andrew Smith from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Andrew Mackinlay, Judy Mallaber and John Robertson.
European Committees

3 European Union Documents No. 14490/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14491/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Economic Migration to the EU.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dawn Butler and Mr Quentin Davies from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Nick Ainger and Mr Frank Roy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Existing Housing and Climate Change: Seventh Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 432].

(2) Planning Skills: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published,

(3) Community Cohesion and Migration: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published,

(4) Communities and Local Government Spring Supplementary Estimates 2008: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(5) Local Government Finance: Waste: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—(1) Withdrawal of funding for equivalent or lower level qualifications (ELQs): Third Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science 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 17th January and 5th February [No. 187-I and -II]; and

(2) Biosecurity in UK research laboratories: Minutes of Evidence taken before Biosecurity in UK Research Laboratories Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed [No. 360-i]

[Mr Phil Willis].

3 Public Accounts,—Major Projects Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 433-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].


(2) The 2007 Pre-Budget Report: Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 429]; and

(3) The 2008 Budget: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 430-i]

[John McFall].

[No 69.]

Tuesday 18th March 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2008. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
3 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Hywel Williams reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education and Training) Order 2008.

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

4 European Committee C.—Mr Eric Martlew reported from European Committee C, nominated in respect of a Document relating to Electronic Communications Networks and Services, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15371/07, Commission Communication, Report on the outcome of the Review of the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services in accordance with Directive 2002/21/EC and Summary of the 2007 Reform Proposals; further notes the Government’s support for the European Commission’s objectives and most of the Commission’s proposals to revise the regulatory framework for electronic communications and services in pursuit of open competition; but acknowledges the Government’s intention to continue to analyse both the case for a veto on national remedies and establishing a new EU Market Authority in order to consider whether alternative methods could better achieve the objectives.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

5 Land Use (Garden Protection).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the protection of gardens and urban green spaces; and for connected purposes—(Mrs Caroline Spelman).

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):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mrs Caroline Spelman, Greg Clark, Michael Fabricant, Mr Frank Field, Andrew George, Stephen Hammond, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Ms Gisela Stuart and Ms Dari Taylor do prepare and bring in the Bill.

6 Land Use (Garden Protection) Bill.—Mrs Caroline Spelman accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the protection of gardens and urban green spaces; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 88].

7 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 12th March, That—

(1) It is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance.

(2) This Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting a supply, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding an amount of tax;
(c) for any relief, other than a relief that—
(i) so far as it is applicable to goods, applies to goods of every description, and
(ii) so far as it is applicable to services, applies to services of every description.

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The 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 main rates for 2008–09)

Resolved, That—

(1) Income tax is charged for the tax year 2008–09.

(2) For that tax year—

(a) the basic rate is 20%, and
(b) 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. Income tax (personal allowances for those aged 65 or over)

Resolved, That—

(1) For the tax year 2008–09—

(a) the amount specified in section 36(1) of the Income Tax Act 2007 and section 257(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (personal allowance for those aged 65 to 74) is replaced with “£9,030”, and

(b) the amount specified in section 37(1) of the Income Tax Act 2007 and section 257(3) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (personal allowance for those aged 75 and over) is replaced with “£9,180”.

(2) Accordingly—

(a) section 57 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (indexation), so far as relating to the amounts specified in sections 36(1) and 37(1) of that Act, and

(b) section 257C of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, so far as relating to the amounts specified in section 257(2) and (3) of that Act,

(indexation) do not apply for the tax year 2008–09.

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.

4. Income tax (abolition of starting rate)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 6 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (rates at which income tax is charged)—

(a) in subsection (1), omit paragraph (a), and

(b) in subsection (2), omit “starting rate,”,

and accordingly, in the title, omit “starting rate,”.

(2) In section 10 of that Act (income charged at main rates: individuals)—

(a) omit subsection (1),

(b) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Income tax on an individual’s income up to the basic rate limit is charged at the basic rate (except to the extent that, in accordance with section 12, it is charged at the starting rate for savings).”,

(c) in subsection (4), omit the entry relating to section 12, and

(d) for subsection (5) substitute—

“(5) The basic rate limit is £36,000.

(6) The basic rate limit is increased in some circumstances: see—

(a) section 414(2) (gift aid relief), and

(b) section 192(4) of FA 2004 (relief for pension contributions).”,

and accordingly, in the title, omit “starting,”.

(3) Omit section 20 (starting rate limit and basic rate limit).

(4) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect for the tax year 2008–09 and subsequent tax years.

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, Alison Seabeck, Steve McCabe: 304.


So the Question was agreed to.

5. Corporation tax (charge and main rates for financial year 2009)

Resolved, That—

(1) Corporation tax is charged for the financial year 2009.

(2) 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.
6. Corporation tax (small companies’ rates and fractions for financial year 2008)

The Question being put, That—

(1) For the financial year 2008 the small companies’ rate is—
   (a) 21% on profits of companies other than ring fence profits, and
   (b) 19% on ring fence profits of companies, and

(2) For the financial year 2008 the fraction mentioned in section 13(2) of the Income
    and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 is—
   (a) 7/400ths in relation to profits of companies other than ring fence profits, and
   (b) 11/400ths in relation to ring fence profits of companies.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Steve McCabe: 301.
Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 245.

So the Question was agreed to.

7. Chargeable gains

The Question being put, That provision may be made amending, or making
amendments connected with, the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Steve McCabe: 300.
Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 244.

So the Question was agreed to.

8. Rates of duty on alcoholic liquor

The Question being put, That—

(1) The Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 is amended as follows.
(2) In section 5 (rate of duty on spirits), for “£19.56” substitute “£21.35”.
(3) In section 36(1AA)(a) (standard rate of duty on beer), for “£13.71” substitute
    “£14.96”.
(4) 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 “£172.33” substitute “£188.10”,
   (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 “£39.73” substitute
       “£43.37”, and
   (c) in paragraph (c) (rate of duty per hectolitre in any other case), for “£26.48”
       substitute “£28.90”.
(5) For the table in Schedule 1 substitute—

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(6) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force on 17 March 2008.

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, Alison Seabeck, Steve McCabe: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 240.

So the Question was agreed to.

9. Rates of tobacco products duty

Resolved, That—

(1) For the table in Schedule 1 to the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 substitute—

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(2) The amendment made by this Resolution comes into force at 6 p.m. on 12 March 2008.

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.

10. Fuel duty rates and rebates (simplification)

Resolved, That—

(1) The Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 6 (hydrocarbon oil: rates of duty), for subsection (1A) substitute—

“(1A) The rates are—
(a) £0.5035 a litre in the case of unleaded petrol,
(b) £0.6007 a litre in the case of light oil other than unleaded petrol, and
(c) £0.5035 a litre in the case of heavy oil.”

(3) In section 6AB(5) (duty on bioblend), omit the words from “of the description” to the end.

(4) In section 11(1) (rebate on heavy oil)—
(a) in paragraph (b), omit “which is not ultra low sulphur diesel”, and
(b) omit paragraph (ba).

(5) In section 13AA(6) (restrictions on use of rebated kerosene), omit “which is not ultra low sulphur diesel or sulphur-free diesel”.

(6) Omit section 13A (rebate on unleaded petrol).

(7) In section 20AAA(4)(a) (mixing of rebated oil), for “section 6(1A)(d)” substitute “section 6A(1A)(c)”.

(8) In Article 21(7) of the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations Order 2007, for “sulphur-free petrol” substitute “unleaded petrol”.

(9) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force on 1 April 2008.

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 (biodiesel and bioblend)

Resolved. That—

(1) The Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 is amended as follows.
(2) Section 1 (hydrocarbon oil) is amended as follows.
(3) In subsection (1), for “Subsections (2) to (7) below” substitute “The following provisions”.
(4) After subsection (7) insert—

“(8) “Kerosene” means heavy oil of which more than 50% by volume distils at a temperature of 240°C or less.”

(5) Section 2A (power to amend definitions) is amended as follows.
(6) In subsection (1), for paragraphs (a) to (e) substitute—

“(a) biodiesel;
(b) bioethanol;
(c) unleaded petrol.”

(7) Omit subsections (1A) and (1B).

(8) In section 6AA (excise duty on biodiesel), after subsection (3) insert—

“(4) See section 14A (biodiesel used other than as fuel for road vehicles) for rebates on duty charged under this section.”

(9) In section 6AB (excise duty on bioblend), for subsections (3) and (4) substitute—

“(3) The rate per litre of duty under this section on any bioblend is the sum of—

(a) HO% of the rate per litre of duty under section 6 in the case of heavy oil, and
(b) BD% of the rate per litre of duty under section 6AA.

(4) In subsection (3)—

“HO%” means the percentage of the bioblend that is heavy oil, and
“BD%” means the percentage of the bioblend that is biodiesel,
where the percentages are by volume to the nearest 0.001%.

(4A) See section 14B (bioblend used other than as fuel for road vehicles) for rebates on duty charged under this section.”

(10) In section 8 (excise duty on road fuel gas)—

(a) in subsection (2), for “in” substitute “for”, and
(b) omit subsection (6).

(11) In section 10 (restrictions on use of duty-free oil), omit subsection (8).

(12) In section 12 (rebate not allowed on fuel for road vehicles), omit subsection (3).

(13) In section 13 (penalties for misuse of rebated heavy oil), omit subsection (7).

(14) In section 13AA (restrictions on use of rebated kerosene), omit subsection (5).

(15) In section 13AB (penalties for misuse of kerosene), omit subsections (3) and (4).

(16) In section 14 (rebate on light oil for use as furnace fuel), omit subsection (9).

(17) After that section insert—

“14A Rebate on biodiesel used other than as fuel for road vehicles

(1) This section applies if, at the excise duty point, it is intended that biodiesel on which duty under section 6AA is charged will not be—

(a) used as fuel for a road vehicle, or
(b) used as an additive or extender in any substance so used.

(2) A rebate of duty is to be allowed on the biodiesel at a rate of £0.0969 a litre less than the rate of duty under section 6AA.

(3) In this section “the excise duty point” has the same meaning as in section 1 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1992.

14B Rebate on bioblend used other than as fuel for road vehicles

(1) This section applies if, on the delivery for home use of bioblend on which duty under section 6AB is charged—

(a) it is intended that the bioblend will not be—

(i) used as fuel for a road vehicle, or
(ii) used as an additive or extender in any substance so used, and

(b) if the heavy oil used to produce the bioblend was kerosene, it is intended that the bioblend will not be—

(i) used as fuel for an engine within paragraph (a) or (b) of section 13AA(1), or

(ii) used as an additive or extender in any substance so used.

(2) A rebate of duty is to be allowed on the bioblend.
14C Restrictions on use of rebated biodiesel and bioblend

(1) Rebated biodiesel or bioblend must not be—
   (a) used as fuel for a road vehicle,
   (b) used as an additive or extender in any substance so used, or
   (c) taken into a road vehicle as fuel or as an additive or extender in any
       substance used as fuel.

(2) Rebated bioblend that was produced by mixing kerosene and biodiesel must
   not be—
   (a) used as fuel for an engine within paragraph (a) or (b) of section 13AA(1),
   (b) used as an additive or extender in any substance so used, or
   (c) taken into the fuel supply of such an engine.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a quantity of biodiesel or bioblend if the
   amount specified in subsection (4) has been paid to the Commissioners, in
   accordance with regulations, in respect of it.

(4) The amount is—

   \[ Q \times R \]

   where—
   \( Q \) is the quantity (in litres) of the biodiesel or bioblend, and
   \( R \) is the rate of the rebate under section 14A or 14B at the time of payment.

(5) In subsection (3) “regulations” means regulations under section 24(1) made for
   the purposes of this section.

14D Penalties for misuse of rebated biodiesel or bioblend

(1) If biodiesel or bioblend is used or taken into a road vehicle in contravention of
   section 14C(1) or (2), the Commissioners may assess the amount specified in
   section 14C(4) as being excise duty due from any person who—
   (a) used the biodiesel or bioblend, or
   (b) was liable for it being taken into the vehicle,
   and may notify the person or the person’s representative accordingly.

(2) Conduct within any of the following paragraphs attracts a penalty under section
   9 of the Finance Act 1994 (civil penalties)—
   (a) using biodiesel or bioblend in contravention of section 14C(1) or (2),
   (b) becoming liable for biodiesel or bioblend being taken into a vehicle or the
       fuel supply of an engine in contravention of section 14C(1) or (2), and
   (c) supplying biodiesel or bioblend, intending that it will be put to a particular
       use that is a prohibited use.

(3) A person commits an offence if—
   (a) the person intentionally uses biodiesel or bioblend in contravention of
       section 14C(1) or (2),
   (b) the person is liable for biodiesel or bioblend being taken into a vehicle or
       the fuel supply of an engine in contravention of section 14C(1) or (2), and
       knows that the taking in is in contravention of that provision, or
   (c) the person supplies biodiesel or bioblend, intending that it will be put to a
       particular use that is a prohibited use.

(4) “Prohibited use” means a use that would contravene section 14C(1) or (2) if no
   payment under section 14C(3) were made in respect of the biodiesel or bioblend.

(5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
   (a) on summary conviction, to—
      (i) a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or (if it is greater) 3 times
          the value of the biodiesel or bioblend in question, or
      (ii) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months,
   or both, and
(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or both.

(6) Subsection (5)(a)(ii) has effect as if the reference there to 12 months were to 6 months—

(a) in this section as it extends to England and Wales, in relation to offences committed before the commencement of section 282 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (increase in maximum term that may be imposed on summary conviction of offence triable either way), and

(b) in this section as it extends to Northern Ireland."

(18) Omit section 17A (repayment of part of duty where biodiesel used otherwise than as road fuel).

(19) Section 20A (mixing: adjustment of duty) is amended as follows.

(20) For subsections (1) to (4) substitute—

“(1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply if—

(a) a relevant substance upon which duty under this Act has been charged is mixed in a pipe-line with another kind of relevant substance upon which such duty has been charged, and

(b) the mixing is approved mixing (see subsection (5)).

(2) If the Commissioners are of the opinion that—

(a) the amount of duty that would be charged on the mixture (if duty were charged at the time of mixing), is greater than

(b) the total amount of duty charged as mentioned in subsection (1)(a),

they may charge under this section a duty of excise on the mixture of an amount equal to the difference.

(3) If the Commissioners are of the opinion that the amount mentioned in subsection (2)(a) is less than the amount mentioned in subsection (2)(b), they may make under this section an allowance of an amount equal to the difference.

(4) Where a charge or allowance is made under this section, any relief or rebate which was permitted or allowed in respect of the charges mentioned in subsection (1)(a) is for the purposes of this Act to be disregarded.

(4A) In this section “relevant substance” means biodiesel, bioethanol, bioblend, bioethanol blend or hydrocarbon oil.

(4B) The cases that fall within subsection (1)(a) include cases where one kind of hydrocarbon oil is mixed with another kind of hydrocarbon oil.”

(21) In subsection (5)(a), for the words from “in a” to “only)” substitute “relevant substances (or specified kinds of relevant substances) in a pipe-line”.

(22) Section 20AAA (mixing of rebated oil) is amended as follows.

(23) Omit subsections (3) and (5).

(24) In subsection (9), for “, (2)(a) or (3)” substitute “or (2)(a)”.

(25) In section 20AA(1) (power to allow reliefs), after “12(2)” (in both places) insert “or 14C(3)”.

(26) In section 20AA(2)(a), for the words from “for the purposes of this Act to be disregarded” substitute “or the amount equal to the difference.”
(26) Before section 21 (but after the heading “Administration and enforcement”) insert—

“20AC Determination by Commissioners of composition of substance

(1) The Commissioners may, for any prescribed purpose, determine in such way as they consider appropriate the proportion of any substance that is biodiesel or bioethanol.

(2) In subsection (1) “prescribed purpose” means a purpose, prescribed by regulations made by the Commissioners, that relates to any duty under this Act.”

(27) In section 23 (prohibition on use etc of road fuel gas on which duty has not been paid), omit subsection (2).

(28) Section 24 (control of duty-free and rebated oil) is amended as follows.

(29) In subsection (1), for the words from “section 11,” to “section 14(1),” substitute “any of sections 11 to 14C,”.

(30) In subsection (2)—

(a) for the words from the beginning to “above” substitute “The regulations”, and

(b) for the words from “subsection (2)” to the end substitute “section 12(2), 13AA(3) or 14C(3) are to be effective for the purposes of those provisions.”

(31) In subsection (3)—

(a) after “hydrocarbon oil” insert “, biodiesel or bioblend”, and

(b) in paragraph (b), for “or rebated light oil” substitute “, rebated light oil, rebated biodiesel or rebated bioblend”.

(32) In subsection (4A)(a), after “oil” insert “, biodiesel or bioblend”.

(33) In subsection (5), after “oil” insert “, biodiesel or bioblend”.

(34) In section 24A (penalties for misuse of marked oil), omit subsection (4).

(35) Section 27 (interpretation) is amended as follows.

(36) In subsection (1)—

(a) in the definition of “controlled oil”, after “13AA” insert “or biodiesel or bioblend in respect of which a rebate has been allowed under section 14A or 14B”,

(b) after that definition insert—

“excepted vehicle” means a vehicle that is an excepted vehicle within the meaning of Schedule 1;”,

(c) after the definition of “hydrocarbon oil” insert—

“kerosene” has the meaning given by section 1(8);”,

(d) in the definition of “rebate”, after “14” insert “, 14A, 14B”, and

(e) in the definition of “road vehicle”, for the words from “vehicle which” to the end substitute “excepted vehicle;”.

(37) After that subsection insert—

“(1ZA) For the purposes of this Act, a substance is used as fuel for a vehicle if (and only if) it is used as fuel for—

(a) the engine provided for propelling the vehicle, or

(b) an engine which draws fuel from the same supply as that engine.

(1ZB) For those purposes, a substance is taken into a vehicle as fuel, or as an additive or extender in any fuel, if (and only if) it is taken into the vehicle as part of the supply from which the engine provided for propelling the vehicle draws fuel.

(1ZC) For those purposes, the following persons are liable for a substance being taken into a vehicle or into the fuel supply of an engine—

(a) the person who has charge of the vehicle or engine at the time the substance is taken in, and

(b) the owner of the vehicle or engine at that time (or, if another person is entitled to possession of it at that time, that other person).

(1ZD) Subsection (1ZC) applies in relation to appliances and storage tanks as it applies in relation to vehicles.”

(38) In Schedule 4 (regulations under section 24), in paragraph 22 (interpretation), omit the words from “and section 12(3)(a)” to the end.

(39) In Schedule 5 (sampling), in paragraph 3(1), omit “of oil”.

(40) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force—

(a) so far as they confer a power to make regulations, on 19 March 2008, and

(b) for all other purposes, on 1 April 2008.
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.

12. Fuel duty (other provision)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

13. Rates of vehicle excise duty

The Question being put, 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 “£180” substitute “£185”, and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2A) (vehicle not covered elsewhere in Schedule with engine cylinder capacity not exceeding 1.549cc), for “£115” substitute “£120”.

(3) In paragraph 1B (graduated rates for light passenger vehicles), for the table substitute—

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The table has effect in relation to vehicles first registered before 23 March 2006 as if—

(a) in column (3), in the last row, “195” were substituted for “385”, and

(b) in column (4), in the last row, “210” were substituted for “400”.

(4) In paragraph 13 (light goods vehicles)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) (vehicle which is not lower-emission van), for “£175” substitute “£180”, and

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) (lower-emission van), for “£115” substitute “£120”.

(5) In paragraph 2(1) (motorcycles)—

(a) in paragraph (b) (motorcycle and engine’s cylinder capacity more than 150cc but not more than 400cc), for “£32” substitute “£33”,

(b) in paragraph (c) (motorcycle and engine’s cylinder capacity more than 400cc but not more than 600cc), for “£47” substitute “£48”, and

(c) in paragraph (d) (any other case), for “£64” substitute “£66”.

(6) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to licences taken out on or after 13 March 2008.

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, Alison Seabeck, Steve McCabe: 364.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 177.

So the Question was agreed to.

14. Standard rate of landfill tax

Resolved, That provision may be made about the standard rate of landfill tax.

15. Rates of climate change levy

Resolved, That provision may be made about the rates of climate change levy.

16. Rate of aggregates levy

Resolved, That provision may be made about the rate of aggregates levy.
17. Carbon reduction trading schemes

Resolved, That provision may be made for the imposition of charges by the allocation of carbon reduction trading scheme allowances in return for payment.

18. Amusement machine licence duty

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 23(2) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 (amount of duty payable on amusement machine licence), for the table substitute—

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(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) has effect in relation to cases where the application for the amusement machine licence is received by the Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs after 4 p.m. on 14 March 2008.

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.

19. Residence

Resolved, That provision may be made about the residence of individuals in the United Kingdom.

20. Persons not domiciled or not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom

Resolved, That provision may be made about persons not domiciled or not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.

21. Expenditure on research and development

Resolved, That provision may be made about tax relief for expenditure on research and development.

22. Venture capital schemes

Resolved, That provision may be made about the corporate venturing scheme, the enterprise investment scheme and venture capital trusts.

23. Enterprise management incentives

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 5 to the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.

24. Company gains from investment life insurance contracts

Resolved, That provision may be made about gains by companies from investment life insurance contracts.

25. Changes in trading stock

Resolved, That provision may be made about the effect of certain changes in trading stock on the calculation of profits of trades for the purposes of income tax or corporation tax.

26. Investment managers

Resolved, That provision may be made about investment managers who act on behalf of non-residents.

27. Offshore funds

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about offshore funds and participants in them.
28. Insurance companies etc
Resolved. That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about insurance companies, friendly societies and companies which have mutual business.

29. Employment-related securities etc
Resolved. That—
(1) The Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 is amended as follows.
(2) In section 428(2)(b) as originally enacted (conditional interests in shares: amount of charge), insert at the end “(other than an amount of exempt income)”.
(3) In section 428(7)(b) (restricted securities: amount of charge), insert at the end “(other than an amount of exempt income)”.
(4) In section 446T(3)(b) (securities acquired for less than market value: amount of charge), insert at the end “(other than an amount of exempt income)”.
(5) In section 480(5)(a) (securities options: deductible amounts), insert at the end “(other than an amount of exempt income)”.
(6) The amendment made by paragraph (2) has effect in relation to events within section 427(1)(a) or (b) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (as originally enacted) occurring on or after 12 March 2008.
(7) The amendments made by paragraphs (3) and (5) have effect in relation to chargeable events occurring on or after that date.
(8) The amendment made by paragraph (4) has effect in relation to employment-related securities acquired (or treated as acquired) on or after that date.

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.

30. Relief for employee share acquisition
Resolved. That provision may be made amending Schedule 23 to the Finance Act 2003.

31. Leases of plant or machinery
Resolved. That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about leases of plant or machinery.

32. Double taxation relief
Resolved. That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about double taxation relief.

33. Restrictions on trade loss relief for individuals
Resolved. That provision may be made restricting reliefs for losses made by individuals carrying on trades otherwise than in partnership.

34. Restrictions on trade loss relief for partners
Resolved. That provision may be made amending section 103B(2) of the Income Tax Act 2007.

35. Financial arrangements avoidance
Resolved. That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending—
(a) sections 785A and 807A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988,
(b) Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 1996,
(c) Schedule 26 to the Finance Act 2002, and

36. Manufactured payments
Resolved. That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about manufactured payments (including deemed manufactured payments).

37. Controlled foreign companies
Resolved. That provision may be made about controlled foreign companies.

38. Intangible fixed assets
Resolved. That provision may be made amending Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2002.
39. Payments on account of income tax

Resolved, That provision may be made repealing section 964(5) of the Income Tax Act 2007.

40. Capital allowances

Resolved, That provision may be made about capital allowances.

41. Pension schemes

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about pension schemes.

42. Stamp duty land tax (notification and registration of transactions)

Resolved, That—

(1) Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003 (stamp duty land tax) is amended as follows.

(2) For section 77 substitute—

“77 Notifiable transactions

(1) A land transaction is notifiable if it is—

(a) an acquisition of a major interest in land that does not fall within one or more of the exceptions in section 77A,

(b) an acquisition of a chargeable interest other than a major interest in land where there is chargeable consideration in respect of which tax is chargeable at a rate of 1% or higher or would be so chargeable but for a relief,

(c) a land transaction that a person is treated as entering into by virtue of section 44A(3), or

(d) a notional land transaction under section 75A.

(2) This section has effect subject to—

(a) sections 71A(7) and 72A(7), and

(b) paragraph 30 of Schedule 15.

(3) In this section “relief” does not include an exemption from charge under Schedule 3.

77A Exceptions for certain acquisitions of major interests in land

(1) The exceptions referred to in section 77(1)(a) are as follows.

1. An acquisition which is exempt from charge under Schedule 3.

2. An acquisition (other than the grant, assignment or surrender of a lease) where the chargeable consideration for that acquisition, together with the chargeable consideration for any linked transactions, is less than £40,000.

3. The grant of a lease for a term of 7 years or more where

(a) any chargeable consideration other than rent is less than £40,000, and

(b) the relevant rent is less than £1,000.

4. The assignment or surrender of a lease where

(a) the lease was originally granted for a term of 7 years or more,

(b) the chargeable consideration for the assignment or surrender, other than any rent, is less than £40,000, and

(c) the relevant rent is less than £1,000.

5. The grant of a lease for a term of less than 7 years where the chargeable consideration does not exceed the zero rate threshold.

6. The assignment or surrender of a lease where

(a) the lease was originally granted for a term of less than 7 years, and

(b) the chargeable consideration does not exceed the zero rate threshold.
(2) Chargeable consideration for an acquisition does not exceed the zero rate threshold if it does not consist of or include—
   (a) any amount in respect of which tax is chargeable at a rate of 1% or higher, or
   (b) any amount in respect of which tax would be so chargeable but for a relief.

(3) In this section—
   “annual rent” has the meaning given in paragraph 9A of Schedule 5,
   “relevant rent” means—
   (a) the annual rent, or
   (b) in the case of the grant of a lease to which paragraph 11 or 19 of Schedule 15 applies, the relevant chargeable proportion of the annual rent (as calculated in accordance with that paragraph), and
   “relief” does not include an exemption from charge under Schedule 3.

(3) In section 79(2) (registration of land transactions), after “every” insert “notifiable”.

(4) In section 122 (index of defined expressions), in the definition of “notifiable (in relation to a land transaction)” after “72A(7)” insert “and paragraph 30 of Schedule 15”.

(5) In Part 4 of Schedule 6 (SDLT: disadvantaged areas relief), in paragraph 13, for “section 77 (which specifies) substitute “sections 77 and 77A (which specify)”.  

(6) In Schedule 17A (SDLT: further provisions relating to leases), in paragraphs 3(2) and (5) and 4(1) and (4A), for “section 77” substitute “sections 77 and 77A”.

(7) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to transactions with an effective date on or after 12 March 2008.

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.

Resolved, That—

(1) Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 2003 (amount of SDLT chargeable: rent) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 9 (SDLT chargeable in respect of consideration other than rent)—
   (a) in sub-paragraph (1), insert at the end “(but see paragraph 9A)”, and
   (b) omit sub-paragraphs (2), (2A) and (3),

(3) After that paragraph insert—
   “Tax chargeable in respect of consideration other than rent: 0% band

9A (1) This paragraph applies in the case of a transaction to which this Schedule applies where there is chargeable consideration other than rent.

(2) If—
   (a) the relevant land consists entirely of land that is non-residential property, and
   (b) the relevant rent is at least £1,000,
   the 0% band in Table B in section 55(2) does not apply in relation to the consideration other than rent and any case that would have fallen within that band is treated as falling within the 1% band.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) apply if—
   (a) the relevant land is partly residential property and partly non-residential property, and
   (b) the relevant rent attributable, on a just and reasonable apportionment, to the land that is non-residential property is at least £1,000.

(4) For the purpose of determining the amount of tax chargeable under section 55 in relation to the consideration other than rent, the transaction (or, where it is one of a number of linked transactions, that set of transactions) is treated as if it were two separate transactions (or sets of linked transactions), namely—
   (a) one whose subject-matter consists of all of the interests in land that is residential property, and
   (b) one whose subject-matter consists of all of the interests in land that is non-residential property.

(5) For that purpose, the chargeable consideration attributable to each of those separate transactions (or sets of linked transactions) is the chargeable consideration so attributable on a just and reasonable apportionment.
(6) In this paragraph, “the relevant rent” means—
   
   (a) the annual rent in relation to the transaction in question, or
   
   (b) if that transaction is one of a number of linked transactions for which the
       chargeable consideration consists of or includes rent, the total of the annual
       rents in relation to all of those transactions.

(7) In sub-paragraph (6), the “annual rent” means the average annual rent over the
    term of the lease or, if—
    
    (a) different amounts of rent are payable for different parts of the term, and
    
    (b) those amounts (or any of them) are ascertainable at the effective date of the
        transaction,
        
        the average annual rent over the period for which the highest ascertainable rent is
        payable.

(8) In this paragraph, “relevant land” has the meaning given in section 55(3) and
    (4).”

(4) Each of the following provisions of Schedule 6 to that Act (SDLT: disadvantaged
areas relief) is amended in accordance with paragraph (5) of this Resolution—
   
   (a) paragraph 3(4) (residential land wholly situated in disadvantaged area),
   
   (b) paragraph 6(6) (mixed land wholly situated in disadvantaged area),
   
   (c) paragraph 9(4) (residential land partly situated in disadvantaged area), and
   
   (d) paragraph 10(6) (mixed land partly situated in disadvantaged area).

(5) In those provisions—
   
   (a) in paragraph (a), omit sub-paragraph (i) (and the “and” after it), and
   
   (b) omit paragraph (b).

(6) In paragraph 12 of that Schedule (rent and annual rent) for “9(2)” substitute “9A”.

(7) In Schedule 8 to that Act (SDLT: charities relief) in paragraph 3—
   
   (a) in sub-paragraph (3)(b), for “does not exceed £600” substitute “is less than
       £1,000”, and
   
   (b) in sub-paragraph (5), for “9(2)” substitute “9A”.

(8) In Schedule 15 to that Act (SDLT: partnerships)—
   
   (a) in paragraph 11(2B)(a), for “9(2A)” substitute “9A(6)”,
   
   (b) in paragraph 19(2B), for “9(2A)” substitute “9A(6)”, and
   
   (c) in paragraph 23(3)(c), for “9(2)” substitute “9A”.

(9) In Schedule 17A to that Act (SDLT: further provisions relating to leases) in
    paragraph 18A(5)(a)—
   
   (a) for “9(2)” substitute “9A”,
   
   (b) for “the Tables” substitute “Table B”, and
   
   (c) for “the relevant rental figure exceeds £600” substitute “the relevant rent
       attributable to non-residential property is not less than £1,000”.

(10) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to transactions
     with an effective date on or after 12 March 2008.

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.

44. Stamp duty land tax (withdrawal of group relief)

Resolved, That—

(1) Part 1 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 2003 (group relief) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 3(5), for “paragraph 4” substitute “paragraphs 4 and 4ZA”.

(3) In paragraph 4 (cases in which group relief not withdrawn)—
   
   (a) omit sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), and
   
   (b) in sub-paragraph (5), for “sub-paragraphs (3) and (4)” substitute “sub-
       paragraph (4)”.

(4) After that paragraph insert—
   
   "Group relief not withdrawn where vendor leaves group
   
   4ZA(1) Group relief is not withdrawn under paragraph 3 where the purchaser ceases
       to be a member of the same group as the vendor because the vendor leaves the
       group.
   
       (2) The vendor is regarded as leaving the group if the companies cease to be members
           of the same group by reason of a transaction relating to shares in—
           
           (a) the vendor,
(b) another company that—

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

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

(3) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (2) a company is “above” the vendor in the group structure if the vendor, or another company that is above the vendor in the group structure, is a 75% subsidiary of the company.

(4) But if there is a change in the control of the purchaser after the vendor leaves the group, paragraphs 3, 4(6) and (7), 5 and 6 have effect as if the purchaser had then ceased to be a member of the same group as the vendor.

(5) For the purposes of this paragraph there is a change in the control of the purchaser if—

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

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

(c) the purchaser is wound up.

(6) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (5) a person does not control, or obtain control of, the purchaser if that person is under the control of another person or other persons.

(7) In this paragraph references to “control” shall be interpreted in accordance with section 416 of the Taxes Act 1988 (subject to sub-paragraph (6)).”

(5) In paragraph 4A(1) (withdrawal of group relief in certain cases involving successive transactions), in the words following paragraph (d), for “and 4” substitute “, 4 and 4ZA”.

(6) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect—

(a) in relation to transactions with an effective date on or after 13 March 2008, and

(b) (subject to paragraph (7)) in relation to transactions with an effective date before that day if, on or after that day, there is a change in control of the purchaser (within the meaning of paragraph 4ZA(5) of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 2003, inserted by this Resolution).

(7) The amendments made by this Resolution do not have effect by virtue of paragraph 6(6) where the change of control takes place in pursuance of a contract entered into before 13 March 2008.

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.

45. Stamp duty (exemption from ad valorem duty for low value transactions)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with 19 March 2008 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Paragraph 1 of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999 (charge to stamp duty on conveyance or transfer on sale) is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (3), for “(4)” substitute “(3A)”.

(3) After that sub-paragraph insert—

“(3A) Stamp duty is not chargeable under sub-paragraph (1) on a transfer of stock or marketable securities where—

(a) the amount or value of the consideration for the sale is £1,000 or under, and

(b) the instrument is certified at £1,000.”

(4) In paragraph 6(1) of that Schedule (meaning of instrument being certified at an amount), for “paragraph” substitute “paragraphs 1(3A) and”.

(5) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to instruments executed on or after 13 March 2008 and not stamped before 19 March 2008.

(6) For the purposes of section 14(4) of the Stamp Act 1891 (instruments not to be given in evidence etc unless stamped in accordance with the law in force at the time of first execution), the law in force at the time of execution of an instrument—

(a) executed on or after 13 March 2008 but before 19 March 2008, and

(b) not stamped before 19 March 2008,

shall be deemed to be the law as varied in accordance with this Resolution.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.
Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with 19 March 2008 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) In section 129(1) of the Finance Act 1982 (exemption from duty on grants, transfers to charities etc), omit “, or paragraph 16,”.

(2) Part 3 of the Finance Act 1985 (stamp duty) is amended as follows.

(3) In section 83 (transfers in connection with divorce, dissolution of civil partnership, etc), omit subsection (2) (fixed duty).

(4) In section 84 (death: varying dispositions, and appropriations)—
(a) omit subsections (8) and (9) (fixed duty and adjudication), and
(b) in subsection (11) (commencement), omit from “and,” to “subsection (8) above”.

(5) Part 3 of the Finance Act 1986 (stamp duty) is amended as follows.

(6) In section 66 (company’s purchase of own shares), omit subsection (2A) (fixed duty).

(7) In section 67 (stamp duty on certain transfers to depositary receipt systems)—
(a) in subsection (1), after “instrument” insert “(other than a bearer instrument)”,
(b) in subsection (3), for the words from the beginning to “then,” substitute “In any other case—
(a) stamp duty is chargeable on the instrument under this subsection, and
(b) “,
(c) in subsection (9) (transfer of securities between depositary receipt systems), for “the stamp duty chargeable on the instrument is £5” substitute “stamp duty is not chargeable on the instrument”, and
(d) after subsection (9) insert—
“(9A) In this section “bearer instrument” has the meaning given in paragraph 3 of Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 1999.”

(8) In section 70 (stamp duty on certain transfers to a clearance system)—
(a) in subsection (1), after “instrument” insert “(other than a bearer instrument)”,
(b) in subsection (3), for the words from the beginning to “then,” substitute “In any other case—
(a) stamp duty is chargeable on the instrument under this subsection, and
(b) “,
(c) in subsection (9) (transfer of securities between clearance systems), for “the stamp duty chargeable on the instrument is £5” substitute “stamp duty is not chargeable on the instrument”, and
(d) after subsection (9) insert—
“(9A) In this section “bearer instrument” has the meaning given in paragraph 3 of Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 1999.”

(9) In section 72A(1) (transfer of securities between depositary receipt system and clearance system), for paragraph (b) substitute—
“(b) stamp duty is not chargeable on the instrument.”

(10) In Part 3 of the Finance Act 1987 (stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax)—
(a) in section 50(1) (warrants to purchase Government stock, etc), omit ”, or paragraph 16”, and
(b) in section 55(1) (Crown exemption), omit ”, or paragraph 16”.

(11) Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999 (instruments chargeable to stamp duty and rates of duty) is amended as follows.

(12) In paragraph 1(5) (treasury shares), for the words from “any instrument” to the end substitute “sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to any instrument to which sub-paragraph (6) applies.”

(13) In Part 3 (other instruments chargeable to stamp duty and rates of duty) omit—
(a) paragraph 16 (fixed duty on transfer otherwise than on sale) and the heading before it,
(b) paragraph 17 (fixed duty on declaration of use or trust) and the heading before it,
(c) paragraph 18(2) (fixed duty on disposition of certain property in Scotland),
(d) paragraph 19(1) (fixed duty on duplicate or counterpart),
(e) paragraph 21(3) (fixed duty on partition or division),
(f) paragraph 22 (fixed duty on release or renunciation) and the heading before it, and
(g) paragraph 23 (fixed duty on surrender) and the heading before it.
(14) Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 1999 (stamp duty: bearer instruments) is amended as follows.

(15) Omit paragraph 6 (fixed duty on instrument given in substitution for a like instrument stamped ad valorem).

(16) At the beginning of Part 2 (exemptions) insert—

“Substitute instruments

12A (1) Stamp duty is not chargeable on a substitute instrument.

(2) A substitute instrument is a bearer instrument given in substitution for a like instrument stamped ad valorem (whether under this Schedule or otherwise) (“the original instrument”).

(3) The substitute instrument shall not be treated as duly stamped unless it appears by some stamp impressed on it that the full and proper duty has been paid on the original instrument.”

(17) In paragraph 20 (variation of original terms or conditions), for paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) has been stamped in accordance with paragraph 12A, or”.

(18) In paragraph 26 (instruments treated as duly stamped), omit paragraph (b) (and the “or” before it).

(19) Paragraphs (1) to (4), (10)(b) and (11) to (13) do not have effect in relation to an instrument effecting a land transaction or a duplicate or counterpart of such an instrument.

(20) In paragraph 19 “land transaction” has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003, except that it does not include a transfer of an interest in a property-investment partnership (within the meaning of Schedule 15 of that Act).

(21) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to instruments executed on or after 13 March 2008 and not stamped before 19 March 2008.

(22) For the purposes of section 14(4) of the Stamp Act 1891 (instruments not to be given in evidence etc unless stamped in accordance with the law in force at the time of first execution), the law in force at the time of execution of an instrument—

(a) executed on or after 13 March 2008 but before 19 March 2008, and

(b) not stamped before 19 March 2008,

shall be deemed to be the law as varied in accordance with this Resolution.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

47. Expenses of management of investment business (oil extraction etc)

Resolved, That provision may be made about deduction of expenses of management of investment business from profits arising from oil extraction activities and oil rights.

48. Value added tax (time limits for assessments of excess credits etc)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 73 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 (assessment of overpaid VAT credits etc), after subsection (6) insert—

“(6A) In the case of an assessment under subsection (2), the prescribed accounting period referred to in subsection (6)(a) and in section 77(1)(a) is the prescribed accounting period in which the repayment or refund of VAT, or the VAT credit, was paid or credited.”

(2) Section 80 of that Act (credit for, or repayment of, overstated or overpaid VAT) is amended as follows.

(3) After subsection (4A) insert—

“(4AA) An assessment under subsection (4A) shall not be made more than 2 years after the later of—

(a) the end of the prescribed accounting period in which the amount was credited to the person, and

(b) the time when evidence of facts sufficient in the opinion of the Commissioners to justify the making of the assessment comes to the knowledge of the Commissioners.”

(4) In subsection (4C), for “(2)” substitute “(3)”.

(5) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force on 19 March 2008.

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. Value added tax (time limits for old claims)

Resolved, That—

(1) The requirement in section 80(4) of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 that a claim under that section be made within 3 years of the relevant date does not apply to a claim in respect of an amount brought into account, or paid, for a prescribed accounting period ending before 4 December 1996 if the claim is made before 1 April 2009.

(2) The requirement in section 25(6) of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 that a claim for deduction of input tax be made at such time as may be determined by or under regulations does not apply to a claim for deduction of input tax that became chargeable, and in respect of which the claimant held the required evidence, in a prescribed accounting period ending before 1 May 1997 if the claim is made before 1 April 2009.

(3) In this Resolution—

“input tax” and “prescribed accounting period” have the same meaning as in the Value Added Tax Act 1994 (see section 96 of that Act), and

“the required evidence” means the evidence of the charge to value added tax specified in or under regulation 29(2) of the Value Added Tax Regulations 1995.

(4) This Resolution has effect on and after 19 March 2008.

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.

50. Inheritance tax (interests in possession)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 53 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984.

51. Vehicle excise duty (rebates)

Resolved, That provision may be made about rebates of vehicle excise duty.

52. Climate change levy (coal mine methane)

Resolved, That provision may be made for coal mine methane to cease to be regarded as a renewable source for the purposes of climate change levy.

53. Landfill tax credit (withdrawing approval of environmental bodies)

Resolved, That—

(1) Part 3 of the Finance Act 1996 (landfill tax) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 53(4)(d) (withdrawal of approval of environmental body or regulatory body), for “approval of an environmental body or the regulatory body to be withdrawn” substitute “the withdrawal of approval of an environmental body by the Commissioners or by the regulatory body, and the withdrawal of approval of the regulatory body by the Commissioners,”.

(3) In section 54(1) (review of Commissioners’ decisions), after paragraph (c) insert—

“(ca) a decision to withdraw approval of an environmental body under any provision contained in regulations by virtue of section 53(4)(d) above;”.

(4) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force on 19 March 2008.

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. Air passenger duty (standard class travel)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the definition of standard class travel for the purposes of air passenger duty.

55. Alternative property finance

Resolved, That—

(1) The Finance Act 2003 is amended as follows.

(2) For the title of section 73A substitute “Sections 71A to 73: relationship with Schedule 7”.

(3) After section 73A insert—

“73AB Sections 71A to 72A: arrangements to transfer control of financial institution

(1) Section 71A, 72 or 72A does not apply to alternative finance arrangements if those arrangements, or any connected arrangements, include arrangements for a person to acquire control of the relevant financial institution.

(2) That includes arrangements for a person to acquire control of the relevant financial institution only if one or more conditions are met (such as the happening of an event or doing of an act).
(3) In this section—
“alternative finance arrangements” means the arrangements referred to in section 71A(1), 72(1) or 72A(1);
“arrangements” includes any agreement, understanding, scheme, transaction or series of transactions (whether or not legally enforceable);
“connected arrangements” means any arrangements entered into in connection with the making of the alternative finance arrangements (including arrangements involving one or more persons who are not parties to the alternative finance arrangements);
“relevant financial institution” means the financial institution which enters into the alternative finance arrangements.
(4) Section 840 of the Taxes Act 1988 applies for the purposes of determining who has control of the relevant financial institution.”

(4) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to alternative finance arrangements entered into on or after 12 March 2008.

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.

56. Alternative finance arrangements

Resolved. That provision may be made for amending Chapter 5 of Part 2 of the Finance Act 2005 by order.

57. Duties (abolition of disregard of fractions of penny)

Resolved. That provision may be made repealing section 137(4) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979.

58. 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 2009,
(b) provision about the standard rate of landfill tax,
(c) provision about the rates of climate change levy,
(d) provision about the rate of aggregates levy, and

Procedure (First-Year Tax Credits).—Resolved. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may include provision for first-year tax credits to be paid in connection with first-year qualifying expenditure under the Capital Allowances Act 2001.

Procedure (Information and Inspection Powers in Connection with Certain Foreign Taxes).—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 make provision about obtaining information and documents, and inspecting premises, in connection with—
(a) a tax of a member State, other than the United Kingdom, which is covered by the provisions for the exchange of information under the Directive of the Council of the European Communities dated 19th December 1977 No. 77/799/EEC (as amended from time to time),
(b) taxes and duties imposed under the law of a territory outside the United Kingdom and covered by arrangements having effect by virtue of section 173 of the Finance Act 2006, and
(c) value added tax charged in accordance with the law of a member State, other than the United Kingdom.

Finance [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Finance [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance (“the Act”), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) sums incurred by the Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs in making payments under the Act to charities who are given donations under the gift aid scheme,
(b) sums incurred by the Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs in preparing for the introduction of a new duty chargeable in respect of flights by aircraft, and
(c) sums incurred by the Treasury in making payments under the Act from the Exchequer accounts in satisfaction of financial claims concerning any of those accounts.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions, and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Hilary Benn, Mr Secretary Hutton, Secretary James Purnell, Secretary Ruth Kelly, Secretary Ed Balls, Yvette Cooper, Jane Kennedy, Angela Eagle and Kitty Ussher do prepare and bring it in.

8 Finance Bill.—Jane Kennedy 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 89].

9 Ecclesiastical Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

10 Probation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Offender Management Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

11 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

12 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 2008, which were laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

13 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Cap) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

14 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 Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

15 Disabled Persons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (R2007 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

16 International Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board (Prescribed Day) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 4th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

17 Regulatory Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft regulatory reform orders), That the draft Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 18th February, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster).—It was agreed to.

18 European Defence Equipment Market and European Defence Agency.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 14937/07, Report by the Head of the European Defence Agency on its activity in 2007, No. 15413/07, the Council’s guidelines for the European Defence Agency’s work in 2008, and No. 16682/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication on a Strategy for a Stronger and More Competitive European Defence Industry, and endorses the Government’s approach to the development of the European Defence Agency and its
view that the analysis and proposed solutions in the Commission’s Communication need further refinement before they could be supported—(Mr Michael Foster);

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).

19 Economic Migration to the EU.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of the conditions of entry and residence of third country nationals for the purpose of highly qualified employment, and No. 14491/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive on a single application procedure for a single permit for third country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third country nationals legally residing in a Member State; and supports the Government’s intention not to opt in to these Directives—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

20 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of the Croyle ward of Wellingborough and surrounding areas relating to road improvements (Wellingborough) was presented and read.

21 Adjournment.

Subject: Chippenham Hospital (Mr James Gray).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.37 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 744), dated 11th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

2 Social Security.—Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 721), dated 12th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

3 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 17th May 2006, 7th March 2007 and 13th June 2007, made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College in the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Clerk of the House].

Other Papers:

4 Civil List.—List of new and supplementary pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 2007–08 [by Act] [Angela Eagle].

5 Health.—Treasury Minute, dated 18th March 2008, concerning the dissolution and reconfiguration of certain NHS Trusts: Remission of outstanding public dividend capital [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Preparing for Sporting Success at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Beyond [by Act]; to be printed [No. 434] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Howarth, John McDonnell, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mark Tami and Jon Trickett from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Nigel Griffiths, Kelvin Hopkins, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Mr Jamie Reed and Mr Dave Watts.

2 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education and Training) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Albert Owen from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ian Lucas.
European Committees

3 European Union Document No. 15371/07, relating to Electronic Communications Networks and Services.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian H. Donohoe and John Red from European Committee C (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Ben Chapman and Mr Frank Roy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 18th March; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Harmful content on the Internet and in video games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 353-iii][Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence.—The Iran hostages incident: the lessons learned: Government response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Fourth Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 399][Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—British Waterways: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 438-i][Mr Michael Jack].

5 Home Affairs.—A Surveillance Society?: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 58-i][Keith Vaz].

6 Human Rights.—Legislative Scrutiny: Fifteenth 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, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 3rd and 17th December, 14th and 28th January and 26th February [No. 440][Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Justice.—The Work of the Electoral Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 439-i][Mr Alan Beith].

8 Scottish Affairs.—Credit Unions in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 437-i][Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Standards and Privileges.—Employment of family members through the staffing Allowance: Seventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with Appendices; to be printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 436][Sir George Young].

10 Treasury.—The 2008 Budget: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 430-ii][John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Energy in Wales—follow-up enquiry: Government response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Second Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 435]; and

(2) The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 401-ii]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 69; WH, No. 42]

Tuesday 18th March 2008

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Government water strategy and the OFWAT price review (Matthew Taylor).
Reorganisation of fire and rescue services in Humberside (Shona McIsaac).
Bovine tuberculosis (Daniel Kawczynski).
HIV and AIDS in developing countries (Dr Gavin Strang).
Post Office closures in the Highlands and Islands (Danny Alexander).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.


2 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Local Authority Powers (Election Campaigns) Bill,—Mr Tobias Ellwood accordingly agreed to.

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

- Local Authority Powers (Election Campaigns),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose restrictions on the types of decisions that local authorities can take during specified periods prior to local elections; and for connected purposes—(Mr Tobias Ellwood);

- 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 Tobias Ellwood, Sir John Butterfill, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Richard Benyon, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr David Evennett, Mr Edward Vaizey, Greg Clark and Anne Main do prepare and bring in the Bill.

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5 Local Authority Powers (Election Campaigns) Bill.—Mr Tobias Ellwood accordingly presented a Bill to impose restrictions on the types of decisions that local authorities can take during specified periods prior to local elections; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 90].

6 Opposition Day [7th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

- Post Office closures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the proposal to close up to 2,500 post offices; recognises the vital role post offices play in local communities; notes the concern and unpopularity amongst the general public of closing such a large portion of the network; has concerns that the access criteria laid down for the closures consultation do not adequately take into account local geographical factors and public transport networks; is concerned that the consultation period is only for six weeks rather than three months, as recommended by Cabinet Office guidelines; believes that post offices must move with the times in the services they offer and that options for business expansion and developing business opportunities with local authorities should be explored further; and calls upon the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform to instruct Post Office Limited to suspend the compulsory closure of sub-post offices while these issues are re-assessed—(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 ‘recognises the vital social and economic role of post offices, in particular in rural and deprived urban communities; notes the decline in post office customer numbers in recent years and the financial losses of £174 million incurred by the network in 2007; further recognises the effect of changes such as direct debit facilities and increased use of the internet for payment and communication; commends the Government’s action to support the post office network with investment of up to £1.7 billion up until 2011, including an annual subsidy of £150 million; further notes that this subsidy did not exist under the last government and that without it thousands more post offices would be under threat; and urges the Government to continue working with Post Office Limited to ensure a viable and sustainable network for the future’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Hutton.)

- And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
7 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

European Defence Equipment Market and European Defence Agency.—That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 14937/07, Report by the Head of the European Defence Agency on its activity in 2007, No. 15413/07, the Council’s guidelines for the European Defence Agency’s work in 2008, and No. 16682/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication on a Strategy for a Stronger and More Competitive European Defence Industry, and endorses the Government’s approach to the development of the European Defence Agency and its view that the analysis and proposed solutions in the Commission’s Communication need further refinement before they could be supported.

Ayes: 254.
Noes: 194.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Opposition Day [7th allotted day],—Post Office closures.—The Question being again 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, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 268.
Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Wayne David: 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, Steve McCabe, Mr Wayne David: 290.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 251.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises the vital social and economic role of post offices, in particular in rural and deprived urban communities; notes the decline in post office customer numbers in recent years and the financial losses of £174 million incurred by the network in 2007; further recognises the effect of changes such as direct debit facilities and increased use of the internet for payment and communication; commends the Government’s action to support the post office network with investment of up to £1.7 billion up until 2011, including an annual subsidy of £150 million; further notes that this subsidy did not exist under the last government and that without it thousands more post offices would be under threat; and urges the Government to continue working with Post Office Limited to ensure a viable and sustainable network for the future.

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 National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education and Training) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—

It was agreed to.

10 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 Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 18th February, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—

It was agreed to.

11 Government Resources and Accounts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That the draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Tony Cunningham)—

It was agreed to.

12 Electronic Communications Networks and Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 15371/07, Commission Communication, Report on the outcome of the Review of the EU regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services in accordance with Directive No. 2002/21/EC and Summary of the 2007 Reform Proposals; further notes the
Government’s support for the European Commission’s objectives and most of the Commission’s proposals to revise the regulatory framework for electronic communications and services in pursuit of open competition; but acknowledges the Government’s intention to continue to analyse both the case for a veto on national remedies and establishing a new EU Market Authority in order to consider whether alternative methods could better achieve results—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Wirral relating to Clatterbridge Hospital (Wirral);
(2) residents of Bristol relating to climate change; and
(3) the friends of All Saints Southill, the parishioners of Southill, Byng family members and the supporters of Admiral John Byng in relation to Admiral John Byng were presented and read.

14 Adjournment.

Subject: Organ donation (Gordon Banks).
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 one minute past Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Excise.—(1) Hydrocarbon Oil, Biofuels and Other Fuel Substitutes (Determination of Composition of a Substance and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 753); and
(2) Other Fuel Substitutes (Rates of Excise Duty etc.) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 754), dated 19th March 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

2 Immigration,—Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 760), dated 18th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3 Landfill Tax,—Landfill Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 770), dated 19th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].


5 Medical Profession,—Abortion (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 735), dated 13th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

7 National Security Strategy.—Paper, entitled The National Security Strategy of the United Kingdom: Security in an interdependent world [by Command] [Cm. 7291] [The Prime Minister].

8 Registration Service,—Mortality Statistics: Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales for 2006 [by Act] [Angela Eagle].

9 Wales,—Pre-Legislatice Scrutiny of the Proposed Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare and Other Fields) Order 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7343] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Health and Safety Offences Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of the Health and Safety Offences Bill Committee.

2 Draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008:
   (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: Hilary Armstrong, Abhijit Bhatt, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Fabian Hamilton, John Healey, Mr Nick Hurd, Chris Mole, Robert Neill, Dan Rogerson, Joan Ryan, Andrew Selous, Ian Stewart, Paddy Tipping and Mr Dave Watts.

3 Draft Local Involvement Networks (Duty of Services-Providers to Allow Entry) Regulations 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Bruce George, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mrs Sian C. James, Helen Jones, Ann Keen, Mr Edward Leigh, Martin Linton, Mr Andrew Love, Steve McCabe, Greg Mulholland, Mr Stephen O'Brien, Dr John Pugh and Mr Virendra Sharma.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Joan Walley Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Annette Brooke, Michael Fabricant, Paul Flynn, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), David Heyes, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Laws, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mrs Marta Miller, Mr Denis Murphy, Christine Russell, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Robert Syms and Jon Trickett.

5 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Robert Key Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Richard Burden, Paul Farrelly, Michael Jabez Foster, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Nick Hurd, Mrs Jacqui Lait, David Lepper, David Maclean, Margaret Moran, Lembit Opik, Chris Ruane, Alison Seabeck, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Andrew Turner, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Anthony Wright and Mr Iain Wright.

6 Draft Categories of Casino Regulations 2008 and the draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Large and Small Casino Premises Licences) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Order to the Fifth 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: Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Richard Caborn, Colin Challen, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Don Foster (Bath), Mr George Howarth, Mr Adam Ingram, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Andrew Smith, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Paul Truswell, Peter Viggers, Mr Charles Walker and Richard Younger-Ross.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations 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: Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Stewart Jackson, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Alan Milburn, Chris Mole, Mr Elliot Mortley, Lembit Opik, Sandra Osborne, Sir Peter Soulsby, Mr Robert Walker, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Rob Wilson and Mr Tim Yeo.
8 Draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 and the draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments) (Taxes and National Insurance) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Seventh 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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Richard Bacon, Tony Baldry, Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Linda Gilroy, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Alan Keen, John McDonnell, Dr Nick Palmer, Alison Seabeck, Ms Gisela Stuart, Sarah Teather, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Mark Todd and Sir George Young.


10 Draft Sex Discrimination (Amendment of Legislation) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eighth 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: Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Geoffery Cox, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr David Crausby, Lynne Featherstone, Barbara Follett, Keith Hill, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Barbara Keeley, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Andrew Robathan, Jo Swinson, Emily Thornberry and Mr Shalesh Vara.

11 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Regulations 2008, the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Order 2008, the draft Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and the draft Child Benefit Up-rating Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ian Stewart from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Chris McCafferty.

Grand Committees

12 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on 26th March.

European Committees

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of European Committee C, nominated in respect of European Union Document No. 13832/07, relating to Insolvency and second chances.

14 European Union Documents No. 14993/07, No. 14995/07, No. 14996/07, No. 14997/07, No. 14999/07 and No. 15001/07, relating to the Accession Process in the Western Balkans, No. 15616/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 15690/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Interim Political Agreement on Co-operation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 15th February 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Katy Clark, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Ken Purchase, John Reid and Jo Swinson from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Documents).

15 European Union Document No. 16071/07, relating to Fisheries: Control, Inspection and Sanction Systems.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee A, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Richard Benyon, Ms Karen Buck, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Tony Cunningham, Jim Dobbin, Mr James Gray, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Angus MacNeil, Jonathan Shaw, Helen Southworth, Dr Gavin Strang and Bill Wiggin.

16 European Union Documents No. 5055/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 10327/07, No. 14593/07, No. 15336/07 and No. 6427/08, relating to The European Police Office (EUROPOL) have been referred to European Committee B.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) British Waterways: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 438-i]; and
   (2) Correspondence with Defra: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

3 European Scrutiny.—(1) Eighteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xvi];
   (2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-v]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs Committee.—(1) Global Security: Japan and Korea: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 449-i]; and
   (2) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2007–08: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mike Gapes].

5 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—(1) The use of Government Statistics in Evidence-Based Policy-Making: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 443-i]; and
   (2) Biosecurity in UK research laboratories: Memoranda laid before the Biosecurity in UK Research Laboratories Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be published [Dr Ian Gibson].

6 International Development.—DFID and the African Development Bank:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 441-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 333-iv] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

8 Procedure.—e-Petitions: First Report from the Procedure Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 136] [Mr Greg Knight].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Management of expenditure: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 447-i]; and
   (2) Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Letter laid before the Committee [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Public Administration.—(1) Better Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee; to be printed [No. 431-i]; and
    (2) Lobbying: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

11 Statutory Instruments.—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 38-xiv] [David Maclean].
12 Transport, — Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-year Strategy for the Railways? Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 219-v] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

13 Treasury, — The 2008 Budget: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 430-iii] [John McFall].

14 Work and Pensions, — Health and Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 246-v] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 70; WH, No. 43]

Wednesday 19th March 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Neighbourhood policing (Mr David Kidney).
Housing need in Warrington (Helen Jones).
Access to safe water in developing countries (Alistair Burt).
Commercial activities of the Forestry Commission (Mr Christopher Chope).
Impact of the Licensing Act 2003 in Durham (Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. — (Mr Bob Blizzard.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]

[No. 71.]

Thursday 20th March 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill, — The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 27th March.

2 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords], — The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th March.

3 Canterbury City Council Bill, — The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th March.

4 Leeds City Council Bill, — The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th March.

5 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill, — The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th March.

6 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords], — The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th March.

7 Nottingham City Council Bill, — The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th March.

8 Reading Borough Council Bill, — The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th March.
9 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Joan Walley reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Official Statistics Order 2008.

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

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

The Lords have come to the following Resolutions, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

Consolidation, &c, Bills.—That the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c, Bills,

Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill.—That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Constitutional Renewal Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown.

11 Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Lords Message relating to the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

12 Iraq War Inquiry Bill.—Mr Edward Davey, supported by Mr Nick Clegg, Nick Harvey, Willie Rennie, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Don Foster, Paul Holmes, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Alan Reid and Sir Menzies Campbell, presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment of an inquiry into the war on Iraq; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 91].

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


14 The United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.—(Meg Munn.)

15 Adjournment.

Subject: Border and Immigration Agency’s procedures relating to qualification for indefinite leave to remain (Andrew Stunell).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Wayne David.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 25th March, pursuant to Resolution [26th February].

[Adjourned at 6.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Access to Justice (Northern Ireland).—Business Plan of the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission for 2007–08 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 404] [Secretary Jack Straw].

3 General and Specialist Medical Practice.—Report and Accounts of the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board for 2003–04, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 423] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Government Trading Funds.—Treasury Minute, dated 20th March 2008, relating to the Ordnance Survey Trading Fund [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

5 Post-Legislative Scrutiny.—Paper, entitled Post-Legislative Scrutiny: the Government’s Approach [by Command] [Cm. 7320] [Ms Harriet Harman].

6 Railways.—Statement of Policy, relating to the Exercise of the Secretary of State’s Power under Section 26(1) of the Act [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Official Statistics Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adam Ingram, Andrew Mackinlay, Chris McCafferty, Helen Southworth and Dr Alan Whitehead from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Gordon Prentice, Martin Salter, Mr Dennis Skinner and Ms Dari Taylor.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Business and Enterprise, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development,—

Strategic Exports Controls

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees; to be printed [No. 254-ii]; and

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

[Roger Berry]

[No. 71; WH, No. 44]

Thursday 20th March 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Creative industries.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Michael Foster);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 25th March.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
25th March 2008

No. 72.

Tuesday 25th March 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Local Involvement Networks (Duty of Services-Providers to Allow Entry) Regulations 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Robert Key reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Bercow reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Categories of Casino Regulations 2008 and the draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Large and Small Casino Premises Licences) Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 European Committee C.—Mr Martyn Jones reported from European Committee C, nominated in respect of a European Union Document relating to Insolvency and Second Chances, the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13832/07, Commission Communication, Overcoming the Stigma of Business Failure—for a Second Chance Policy—implementing the Lisbon partnership for growth and jobs; agrees that it is desirable to make a distinction between honest and dishonest failure; acknowledges the Commission’s assertion that Member States need to encourage entrepreneurs who have failed through no fault of their own to try again; and further acknowledges that the interests of creditors of the failed business, and potential creditors, suppliers and customers who support the new venture need to be sufficiently protected.
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Sustainable Energy (Local Plans) Bill.—Alan Simpson, supported by Mr Tim Yeo, Julia Goldsworthy, Colin Challen, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Elyn Llwyd, Jim Dowd, Steve Webb, John Battle and Mr David Drew, presented a Bill to promote energy efficiency; to require specified bodies to publish sustainable energy plans; to make provision for the transfer of functions to principal councils; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 92].

8 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.

Iraq inquiry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls for 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 its aftermath and to make recommendations on lessons to be drawn 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 Resolutions of this House of 31st October 2006 and 11th June 2007 on an Iraq inquiry; recognises that this House has already twice voted against holding an inquiry at these times; further recognises that a time will come when an inquiry is appropriate; but declines to make a proposal for a further inquiry at this time, whilst important operations are under way in Iraq to support the people and government of Iraq’, instead thereof.—(Secretary David Miliband)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 271.
Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Dave Watts: 299.
So the Question was negatived.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Dave Watts: 299.
Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 259.
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 Resolutions of this House of 31st October 2006 and 11th June 2007 on an Iraq inquiry; recognises that this House has already twice voted against holding an inquiry at these times; further recognises that a time will come when an inquiry is appropriate; but declines to make a proposal for a further inquiry at this time, whilst important operations are underway in Iraq to support the people and government of Iraq.

9 Local Government Finance.—Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 129) on the grant to be paid towards the cost of implementing the new statutory minimum bus travel concession in England (House of Commons Paper No. 256), which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved.—(Ms Rosie Winterton.)

Wednesday 26th March 2008

10 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved.—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

11 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Alison Seabeck).—It was agreed to.

12 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

13 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 2008, which were laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Alison Seabeck).—It was agreed to.

14 Proceeds of Crime.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Alison Seabeck).—It was agreed to.

15 Proceeds of Crime.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Serious Crime Act 2007 (Amendment of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 20th February, be approved—(Alison Seabeck).—It was agreed to.

16 Proceeds of Crime.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Code of Practice) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Alison Seabeck).—It was agreed to.

17 Official Statistics.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Official Statistics Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Alison Seabeck).—It was agreed to.
18 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That Mr Nick Clegg be discharged from the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills, and Mr Alistair Carmichael be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

19 Finance and Services.—Ordered, That Sir Alan Haselhurst be added to the Finance and Services Committee.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

20 Adjournment.

Subject: Tina Thompson and war widows' pensions (Lynda Waltho).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.21 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 759), dated 18th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Other Papers:

2 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Report on Human Rights for 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7340] [Secretary David Miliband].

3 Governance of Britain,—Paper, entitled Governance of Britain: Constitutional Renewal (3 volumes) [by Command] [Cm. 7342-I, -II and -III] [Secretary Jack Straw].

4 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Treasury Minute, dated 25th March 2008, on the Defence Support Group Trading Fund; and

(2) Treasury Minute, dated 25th March 2008, on the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency Trading Fund

[by Act] [Yvette Cooper].


6 Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement),—Report on the Inquiry into the Devolution of Policing and Justice Matters (Volumes 1 and 2) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hilary Armstrong from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Miller.

2 Draft Local Involvement Networks (Duty of Services-Providers to Allow Entry) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Keen and Mr Jeremy Hunt from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Dawn Primarolo and Jeremy Wright.

3 Draft Categories of Casino Regulations 2008 and the draft Gambling (Geographical Distribution of Large and Small Casino Premises Licences) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Caborn and Mr George Howarth from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Charles Clarke and Mr David Crausby.

European Committees

4 European Union Document No. 13832/07, relating to Insolvency and Second Chances,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne Moffat from European Committee C (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Jim Sheridan.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Communities and Local Government Winter Supplementary Estimates 2007: Memorandum laid before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Defence,—Recruitment and retention in the Armed Forces: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 424-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Post-Kyoto: The international context for progress on climate change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 355-iv], and (2) The Challenge of Climate Change: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Home Affairs,—Domestic Violence: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 263-vi] [Keith Vaz].

5 Human Rights,—Scrutiny of Mental Health Legislation: Follow Up: 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 and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 3rd and 10th December and 9th January [No. 455] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

[No. 72; WH, No. 45]

Tuesday 25th March 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Remply (Frank Cook).

Prison policy (Mr Philip Hollobone).

Mission in Helmand Province (Paul Flynn).

Rural development overseas (Martin Horwood).

Town and village greens and planning (Tom Levitt).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Sadiq Khan);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 73.]

Wednesday 26th March 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 St. Austell Market Bill.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the St. Austell Market Bill and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

2 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Health and Safety (Offences) 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 on Friday 13th June. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 386).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, referred to it on 20th February.

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

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

Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the delivery of local authority social work services for children and young persons; to amend Parts 2 and 3 of the Children Act 1989; to make further provision about the functions of local authorities and others in relation to children and young persons; to make provision about the enforcement of care standards in relation to certain establishments or agencies connected with children; to make provision about the independent review of determinations relating to adoption; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords].—The Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 96].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 96-EN].

7 Microgeneration (Definition) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr David Drew presented a Bill to amend the definition of “microgeneration” in certain Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 95].

8 Local Transport Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Transport 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 Local Transport Bill [Lords] because it encourages the introduction of Quality Contract schemes to re-regulate bus networks, thus preventing free competition between bus operators, undermining service quality for passengers and jeopardising the partnerships between operators and local authorities that have helped to improve service quality; because it fails to give due weight to the importance of consultation and local consent when local congestion charging schemes are considered, and because it transfers revenue-raising powers to the National Assembly for Wales without proper constitutional justification and in doing so allows Wales to be used as a test bed for the Government’s untried, untested national road pricing scheme’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa Villiers.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, James Duddridge: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Sadiq Khan: 347.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

9 Local Transport 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 Local Transport 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 8th May 2008.

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 Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

10 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 Motions in the name of Secretary Hazel Blears relating to Local Government and Secretary Alan Johnson relating to the National Health Service—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

11 Local Transport Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Transport 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 Local Transport 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 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—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

12 Local Transport 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 Local Transport Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the charging of fees in respect of the cancellation or continuation in force of the registration of services under section 6 of the Transport Act 1985;

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

13 Insolvency and Second Chances.—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 Transport Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

Overcoming the Stigma of Business Failure—for a Second Chance Policy—implementing the Lisbon partnership for growth and jobs, agrees that it is desirable to make a distinction between honest and dishonest failure; acknowledges the Commission’s assertion that Member States need to encourage entrepreneurs who have failed through no fault of their own to try again, and further acknowledges that the interests of creditors of the failed business, and potential creditors, suppliers and customers who support the new venture need to be sufficiently protected—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

14 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

15 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 Local Involvement Networks (Duty of Services-Providers to Allow Entry) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

16 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 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Prescribed Criteria) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

17 Town and Country Planning.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—It was agreed to.

18 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 Casino Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Wayne David)—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 (Geographical Distribution of Large and Small Casino Premises Licences) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Wayne David).—It was agreed to.

20 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 31st March, Standing Order No. 17 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Mr David Cameron relating to Banking (S.I., 2008, No. 432).—(Mr Wayne David.)

21 Justice.—Ordered, That David Howarth be discharged from the Justice Committee and Mr David Heath be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

22 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
1. Rt Rev Neville Chamberlain, Master of Hugh Sexey’s Hospital, and others of like disposition relating to Hugh Sexey’s Hospital; and
2. FOCUS and The Richmond Fellowship Scotland relating to means tested benefits were presented and read.

23 Adjournment.
Subject: Co-operative model in education in Portsmouth (Sarah McCarthy-Fry).
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Wayne David.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Immigration.—Immigration (Disposal of Property) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 786), dated 20th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

2. Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 27th November 2007, made by the Governing Body of Christ’s College in the University of Cambridge amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

3. 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 2008–09 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].


5. Health Service Commissioner.—Joint Report by the Local Government Ombudsman and the Health Service Ombudsman for England on Injustice in residential care [by Act]; to be printed [No. 421] [Clerk of the House].

6. Human Rights.—Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2007–08, on Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights (Eighth Report): Counter-Terrorism Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7344] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

7. National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Protecting consumers’ removing retail price controls [by Act]; to be printed [No. 342] [Clerk of the House].

8. Police (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Northern Ireland Policing Board: Best Value Performance Plan for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 444] [Clerk of the House].

9. Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the First to Sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7323] [Angela Eagle].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill Committee: Lorely Burt, Ms Dawn Butler, Philip Davies, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Frank Doran, Jim Dowd, Mr John Heppell, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Peter Lilley, Tony Lloyd, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Andrew Miller, Adam Price and Mrs Betty Williams.

2 Draft Early Removal of Short-Term and Long-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2008 and the draft Early Removal of Fixed-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Eligibility Period) Order 2008:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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: Mr Peter Bone, Peter Bottomley, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr David Hanson, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Alan Meale, Anne Mofitt, Mr Elliot Morley, John Reid, Lynda Waltho and Jenny Willott.

3 Draft Immigration (Registration Card) Order 2008:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second 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: Hilary Armstrong, John Battle, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Blunkett, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr William Cash, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr David Curry, Damian Green, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Ian Lucas, Mr John Spellar and Jenny Willott.

4 Draft Land Registration (Network Access) Rules 2008:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules 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: Jim Cousins, Mrs Ann Cryer, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Nigel Evans, Mark Fisher, Dr Ian Gibson, Stephen Hesford, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Glenda Jackson, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Ken Purchase, Geraldine Smith, Jenny Willott and Mr Michael Wills.

5 Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 386),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Parmjit Dhanda and Mr Elliot Morley from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution John Healey and John McDonnell.

6 Draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 and the draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments) (Taxes and National Insurance) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Lindsay Hoyle from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Chris Mole.

7 Draft Sex Discrimination (Amendment of Legislation) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Charles Clarke from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Andy Reed.

European Committees

8 European Union Documents No. 5849/08 and Addendum and No. 5862/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, relating to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2020 and Review of the Emissions Trading Scheme: The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee A, nominated in respect of the Documents: Gregory Barker, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr James Claphson, Ms Katy Clark, Mr David Clelland, Tony Cunningham, David Lepper, Miss Anne McIntosh, Dr Doug Naysmith, Steve Webb, Mr Mike Weir and Mr Phil Woolas.

9 The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of European Committee A, nominated in respect of European Union Document No. 16071/07, relating to Fisheries: control, inspection and sanction systems.
10 European Union Document No. 5947/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Diplomatic and consular protection of Union citizens in third countries, has been referred to European Committee B.

11 European Union Document No. 7210/08 and Addendum, relating to Financial Management, has been referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—Companies House: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 456-i] [Peter Luff].

2 Children, Schools and Families,—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Committee on Climate Change: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 462-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xvii]; and
   (2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-vi]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Overseas Territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 147-v]; and
   (2) Global Security: Japan and Korea: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Mike Gapes].

6 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—(1) The UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation: Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 459]; and
   (2) Renewable Electricity-Generation Technologies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 216-xiv]
   [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Public Accounts,—NHS Pay Modernisation: New Contracts for general practice services in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 463-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Public Administration,—(1) Work of the Committee in 2007: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2007–08: Fifth Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 458]; and
   (2) Political Campaigning by Charities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 451-i]
   [Dr Tony Wright].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xv] [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—(1) Ticketing and Concessionary Travel on Public Transport: Fifth Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 84]; and
   (2) The London Underground and the Public-Private Partnership Agreements: Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 461]; and
(3) Road Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 460-i]
[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury.—(1) Re-appointment of Dr Andrew Sentance to the Monetary Policy Committee: Eighth Report from the Treasury Committee, with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 454]; and
(2) The February 2008 Inflation Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, and Memoranda; to be printed [No. 453]
[John McFall].

[No. 73; WH, No. 46]
Wednesday 26th March 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Government policy on park home sites (Richard Younger-Ross).
Delivery of public services in the South West by Southwest One and IBM (Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger).
Development of nuclear weapons at Atomic Weapons Establishment Aldermaston (Jeremy Corbyn).
Changes in planning law affecting high street shops (Martin Linton).
Recycling of plastics (Dr John Pugh).

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. 74.]
Thursday 27th March 2008.
The House met at half-past Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Broad Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 3rd April.

2 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd April.

3 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd April.

4 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd April.

5 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd April.

6 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd April.
7 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd April.

8 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd April.

9 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr John Bercow reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc.) Order 2008 and the draft Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments) (Taxes and National Insurance) Order 2008.

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

10 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Sex Discrimination (Amendment of Legislation) Regulations 2008.

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

11 Policing in London (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of policing in London—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

12 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund.—Ordered, That Mr Terry Rooney and Mr David S. Borrow be discharged as Managing Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund and Jim Dowd and Mr Don Touhig be appointed as Managing Trustees in pursuance of section 1 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1987.—(Sir John Butterfill)

13 Standards and Privileges.—Resolved, That this House approves the Seventh Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 436) on Employment of family members through the Staffing Allowance, and endorses the changes proposed by the Committee in the purpose and form of the Register of Members’ Interests.—(Steve McCabe)

14 Adjournment.

Subject: Boston’s road infrastructure (Mark Simmonds).

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

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 31st March.

[Adjourned at 4.02 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 National Health Service.—National Health Service Pension Scheme (Correction to Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 906), dated 26th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


(2) Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 794), dated 25th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell]; and

(3) Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 840), dated 26th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].
Other Papers:

4 Government Trading Funds.—(1) Treasury Minute, dated 27th March 2008, relating to the FCO Services Trading Fund; and
   (2) Treasury Minute, dated 27th March 2008, relating to the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund
   [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

5 Hong Kong.—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong: July–December 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7339] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 Marshall Aid Commemoration.—Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for October 2006 to September 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7353] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Liaison,—(1) Government Finance: Recreating Financial Scrutiny: Second Report from the Liaison Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 426]; and
   (2) Work of committees in 2007: Third Report from the Committee, with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 427]
   [Mr Alan Williams].

[No. 74; WH, No. 47]

Thursday 27th March 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 1st April.

[Adjourned at 4.49 p.m.]
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 Early Removal of Short-Term and Long-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2008 and the draft Early Removal of Fixed-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Eligibility Period) Order 2008.

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

2 European Committee A.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from European Committee A, nominated in respect of the European Union Document relating to Fisheries: Control, Inspection and Sanction Systems, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 16071/07, European Court of Auditors Special Report No. 7/2007 on the control, inspection and sanction systems relating to the rules on conservation of Community fisheries resources; and supports the Government's aim of contributing positively to discussions for further improvements in fisheries 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.

3 Housing and Regeneration Bill [Ways and Means] (No. 2).—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Housing and Regeneration Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) provision about the fiscal consequences of transfer schemes, and
(2) consequential amendment of fiscal legislation. —(Mr Iain Wright.)

4 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing and Regeneration Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC11) (Possession orders relating to certain tenancies)—(Mr Iain Wright)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC12) (Shared ownership leases: protection for certain leases)—(Alison Seabeck)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC13) (Service charges: provision of information and designated accounts)—(Alison Seabeck)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC14) (Duty to give financial assistance in respect of certain disposals)—(Mr Iain Wright)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [27th November].—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Clauses (NC15) (Companies exempt from audit), (NC16) (Exempt companies: accountant’s report), (NC17) (Exempt companies: reporting accountant), (NC18) (Application of Companies Act), (NC19) (Exempt companies: extraordinary audit), (NC20) (Interim manager), (NC21) (Right to acquire), (NC22) (Interpretation: “publicly funded”), (NC23) (Interpretation: “remained in the social rented sector”), (NC24) (Interpretation: other expressions), (NC25) (Right to acquire: supplemental), (NC26) (Right to acquire: consequential amendments), (NC27) (Exercise of enforcement powers) and (NC28) (Amalgamation)—(Mr Iain Wright)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on new Clauses selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC1) (Consultation Principles)—(Simon Hughes)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Tony Cunningham: 263.

Another Clause (NC8) (Subsidy arrangements: formula and exclusions)—(Mr Austin Mitchell)—brought up and read the first time.
Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, David Taylor, Kelvin Hopkins: 74.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Tony Cunningham: 259.

Another Clause (NC32) (Definition of 'community land trust')—(Grant Shapps)—brought up and read the first time.
Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Nick Hurd: 186.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Tony Cunningham: 278.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining Amendments and new Schedules moved by a Minister of the Crown.
Amendments (Nos. 16 to 24, 60, 25, 135, 136, 29, 26, 6, 30, 61 to 128 and 31 to 50) made to the Bill.
Schedules (NS1) (Transfer Schemes: Tax), (NS2) (Possession orders relating to certain tenancies) and (NS3) (Service charges: provision of information and designated accounts)—(Liz Blackman)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.
Other Amendments (Nos. 27, 51, 7, 52, 53, 8, 129, 54 to 56, 130, 57, 9, 28, 58 and 59) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;
Mr Nicholas Brown, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.
Mr Nicholas Brown, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed;
And it being Ten o'clock the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [27th November].—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

5 Banking (S.I., 2008, No. 432),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Northern Rock plc Transfer Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 432), dated 21st February 2008, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st February, be annulled—(Mr Mark Hoban);
And the Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 2nd April, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

6 Taxes,—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 (Consequential Amendments) (Taxes and National Insurance) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 20th February, be approved—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

7 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 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

8 Sex Discrimination,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Sex Discrimination (Amendment of Legislation) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.
9 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Marcus, Cain-Dean and Joshua Perry and others relating to the Perry family (citizenship) was presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Immigration status of non-UK nationals resident in the United Kingdom: the case of Ms Deborah Phillips (David Davis).

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 28th March 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Road Traffic.—Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Penalty Charge Notices, Enforcement and Adjudication) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 913), dated 27th March 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Murphy].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 31st March 2008:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

3 Representation of the People.—Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Children and Young Persons.—Childcare (Voluntary Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 793), dated 19th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 6th December 2007, made by the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, amending Statute B of the University [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

6 Animal Health.—Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and incidences of disease in imported animals for the year 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Children, Schools and Families.—Paper, entitled Promoting achievement, valuing success: A strategy for 14-19 qualifications [by Command] [Cm. 7354] [Secretary Ed Balls].

8 Constitutional Reform.—Review of the Administration of Justice in the Courts by the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 448] [Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales].

9 Enterprise.—Plan of the Office of Fair Trading for 2008-09 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 374] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

10 Health Professions.—Report and Accounts of the Health professions Council for 2006-07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 164] [Secretary Jack Straw].

11 House of Commons Members Estimate.—Second Report from the House of Commons Members Estimate Committee on the Review of Members' Allowances: Issues; to be printed [No. 464] [The Speaker].

12 Parliamentary Constituencies.—Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland: Fifth Periodical Report [by Command] [Cm. 7321] [Mr Secretary Woodward].
13 Public Processions (Northern Ireland).—Report and Financial Statements of the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 392] [Mr Secretary Woodward].


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Early Removal of Short-Term and Long-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2008 and the draft Early Removal of Fixed-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Eligibility Period) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Sadiq Khan and Mr Alan Meale from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Dr Ian Gibson and Siobhain McDonagh.

European Committees

2 European Union Document No. 16071/07, relating to Fisheries: Control, Inspection and Sanction Systems.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dawn Butler and Ms Karen Buck from European Committee A (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Nia Griffith and Mr Fraser Kemp.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—The Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Children’s Plan: Second Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 213] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—Biosecurity in UK research laboratories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Biosecurity in UK Research Laboratories Subcommittee of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 360-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) The budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 85];

(2) The Pensions Regulator: Progress in establishing its new regulatory arrangements: Fifteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 122];

(3) Government on the internet: Progress in delivering information and services online: Sixteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 143];

(4) Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Managing risk in the Overseas Territories: Seventeenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 176];

(5) Improving corporate functions using shared services: Eighteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 190];

(6) BBC Procurement: Nineteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 221]; and

(7) Increasing employment rates for ethnic minorities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 472-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Welsh Affairs.—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 1st April 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration (Registration Card) Order 2008.

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:

Climate Change Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to set a target for the year 2050 for the reduction of targeted greenhouse gas emissions; to provide for a system of carbon budgeting; to establish a Committee on Climate Change; to confer powers to establish trading schemes for the purpose of limiting greenhouse gas emissions or encouraging activities that reduce such emissions or remove greenhouse gas from the atmosphere; to make provision about adaptation to climate change; to confer powers to make schemes for providing financial incentives to produce less domestic waste and to recycle more of what is produced; to amend the provisions of the Energy Act 2004 about renewable transport fuel obligations; to make other provision about climate change; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Climate Change Bill [Lords].—The Climate Change Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 97].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Climate Change Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 97–EN].

4 Offshore Oil and Gas Industries (Health and Safety).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision to secure the health, safety and welfare of persons at work in offshore oil and gas industries; and for connected purposes. And that Mr Frank Doran, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Anthony Wright, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Sir Robert Smith, Ms Dari Taylor, Andrew Miller, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Russell Brown and Jim Sheridan do prepare and bring it in.

5 Offshore Oil and Gas Industries (Health and Safety) Bill.—Mr Frank Doran accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision to secure the health, safety and welfare of persons at work in offshore oil and gas industries; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 93].

6 Counter-Terrorism Bill.—The Counter-Terrorism Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 Counter-Terrorism Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Counter-Terrorism 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 15th May 2008.

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 and Third Reading shall be completed in two days.

5. Proceedings on consideration (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the second day.

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

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

Other proceedings

8. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.
8 Counter-Terrorism Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Counter-Terrorism Bill [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Counter-Terrorism Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenses of the Secretary of State under the Act, and
(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

9 Counter-Terrorism 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 Counter-Terrorism Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) provision requiring designated gas transporters to pay all or part of the costs incurred by the Secretary of State in connection with the provision of extra police services in or around certain gas facilities, and
(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of—
(a) any sums received by the Secretary of State under the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

10 Prisons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Early Removal of Fixed-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Eligibility Period) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

11 Prisons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Early Removal of Short-Term and Long-Term Prisoners (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

12 Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 16071/07, European Court of Auditors Special Report No. 7/2007 on the control, inspection and sanction systems relating to the rules on conservation of Community fisheries resources; and supports the Government’s aim of contributing positively to discussions for further improvements in fisheries management and control, thereby contributing to the long-term sustainability of fish stocks—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

13 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 22nd April, Standing Order No. 17 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Simon Hughes relating to Immigration (House of Commons Paper No. 321).—(Liz Blackman).

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) local residents of Harrow Road, Queen’s Park and neighbouring areas relating to Post Office closures (West London);
(2) local residents of Little Venice, Maida Vale and neighbouring areas relating to Post Office closures (West London);
(3) residents of, employees in and visitors to Knaresborough relating to Post Office closures (Knaresborough); and
(4) those concerned about the proposed closure of Oxbridge Lane Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Teesside)

were presented and read.

15 Adjournment.

Subject: Hundredth anniversary of the Territorial Army (Mr Mark Lancaster).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2008 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Jacqui Smith).

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Mental Health,—Mental Health Act 2007 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 800), dated 19th March 2008 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alan Johnson).

3 Pensions,—Draft Code of Practice: Dispute resolution—reasonable periods (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Purnell).

Other Papers:

4 Judicature (Northern Ireland),—Account of Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon (by Act); to be printed (No. 465) (Clerk of the House).

5 Justice,—Paper, entitled Her Majesty’s Courts Service Framework Document (by Command) (Cm. 7350) (Secretary Jack Straw).

6 National Audit,—Reports of—
   (1) the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Tackling the hidden economy; and
   (2) the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Procurement of the National Roads Telecommunications Services (by Act); to be printed (Nos. 341 and 340) (Clerk of the House).

7 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 1st April 2008 (by Act) (Secretary Des Browne).

8 Social Security Administration,—Accounts of the National Insurance Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon (by Act); to be printed (No. 466) (Clerk of the House).

9 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. 467) (Clerk of the House).

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

European Committees

European Union Documents No. 5849/08 and Addendum and No. 5862/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, relating to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2020 and Review of the Emissions Trading Scheme.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gregory Barker from European Committee A (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Hurd.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions as its meeting on 1st April, to be published (Mr Frank Doran).

2 Business and Enterprise,—(1) Funding the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Fourth Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report (No. 394);
   (2) Waking up to India: Developments in UK-India economic relations: Fifth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report (No. 209); and
Tuesday 1st April 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Situation in Darfur (James Duddridge).
Future of the Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus (Mr Mike Hall).
Elder abuse (Mr Paul Burstow).
Black and ethnic minority pupils and school exclusions (Ms Diane Abbott).
Tibet (Norman Baker).

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 tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Transport for London Bill [Lords].—Mr Christopher Fraser reported from the Committee on the Transport for London Bill [Lords], that it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Cummings reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Land Registration (Network Access) Rules 2008.

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:

That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of the Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Marine Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown.

4 Illegally Logged Timber (Prohibition of Sale and Distribution).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it an offence for any importer or distributor to sell or distribute in the United Kingdom any wood harvested, manufactured or otherwise dealt with illegally in the country from which the wood originated or through which it passed or was transhipped; and for connected purposes: And that Barry Gardiner, Margaret Beckett, Mr Elliot Morley, Eric Joyce, Mr Andrew Dismore, Chris Huhne, Alun Michael, Joan Walley, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr James Paice, Mr Ian Cawsey and John Mann do prepare and bring it in.

5 Illegally Logged Timber (Prohibition of Sale and Distribution) Bill.—Barry Gardiner accordingly presented a Bill to make it an offence for any importer or distributor to sell or distribute in the United Kingdom any wood harvested, manufactured or otherwise dealt with illegally in the country from which the wood originated or through which it passed or was transhipped; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 94].

6 Opposition Day [9th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

The economy, repossessions and the housing market.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the risk of recession in the United Kingdom economy; recognises that although the collapse of the United States mortgage market and the global ‘credit crunch’ are a catalyst to the current downturn in the United Kingdom economy, record levels of personal debt and the extreme bubble in the housing market were already major destabilising factors; further notes that because of inflation and weak public finances there is little scope for stimulating demand; applauds the efforts of central banks to reintroduce stability into the world money markets, but warns against the use of taxpayers’ money in bail-outs which cause serious concerns about moral hazard; further notes with dismay rising levels of personal debt, exacerbated by high mortgage interest rates; further notes the rising evidence of a major slowdown in the United Kingdom housing market; registers with concern the increasing number of people requesting help regarding mortgage payments; further notes with concern that repossession orders are now at the same level as in 1990; regrets the Government’s failure both to admit the current problems in the housing market and to act to prevent mass home repossessions; calls upon the Government to consider options being used in the United States, particularly to encourage banks to explore options other than repossession; and further calls upon the Bank of England to include house prices in the measure of inflation—(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 ‘acknowledges the resilience of the United Kingdom economy, which grew faster than any other major economy in 2007 and in which employment is at record levels; notes that the record of economic stability since 1997 has laid the foundation for rising home ownership, with the number of owner-occupier households rising by 1.8 million since 1997; further notes that household finances remain strong, with household assets worth over £7.5 trillion, more than five times the level of personal debt; believes that the United Kingdom is well placed to
respond to the challenges arising from the continuing international financial turbulence; applauds the Government for managing the public finances within its fiscal rules; recognises that the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee has cut interest rates twice in recent months; further acknowledges that mortgage interest rates are currently around half the level of those reached in the early 1990s and that the proportion of repossessions is less than one third of the rate in the peak year of 1991; welcomes the Council of Mortgage Lenders' recent statement, which sets out the steps that the industry is taking to support borrowers facing repossession, including working with debt advisers, pro-actively identifying at-risk borrowers and only repossessing as a last resort; and supports the Government's initiatives to assist home ownership, including new measures to encourage long term fixed rate borrowing and new forms of shared equity. — (Jane Kennedy)

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

7 Deferred Divisions.— The Deputy Speaker announced the result of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Banking (S.I., 2008, No. 432),— That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Northern Rock plc Transfer Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 432), dated 21st February 2008, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st February, be annulled.

Ayes: 124.

Noes: 322.

So the Question was negatived.

8 Opposition Day [9th allotted day],— The economy, repossessions and the housing market,— The Question being again proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, John Hemming: 71.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 299.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Tony Cunningham: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 209.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House acknowledges the resilience of the United Kingdom economy, which grew faster than any other major economy in 2007 and in which employment is at record levels; notes that the record of economic stability since 1997 has laid the foundation for rising home ownership, with the number of owner-occupier households rising by 1.8 million since 1997, further notes that household finances remain strong, with household assets worth over £7.5 trillion, more than five times the level of personal debt; believes that the United Kingdom is well placed to respond to the challenges arising from the continuing international financial turbulence; applauds the Government for managing the public finances within its fiscal rules; recognises that the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee has cut interest rates twice in recent months; further acknowledges that mortgage interest rates are currently around half the level of those reached in the early 1990s and that the proportion of repossessions is less than one third of the rate in the peak year of 1991; welcomes the Council of Mortgage Lenders' recent statement, which sets out the steps that the industry is taking to support borrowers facing repossession, including working with debt advisers, pro-actively identifying at-risk borrowers and only repossessing as a last resort; and supports the Government's initiatives to assist home ownership, including new measures to encourage long term fixed rate borrowing and new forms of shared equity.

Government policy on Heathrow Airport,— A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the urgent need to curb carbon dioxide emissions to tackle climate change, condemns the Government for following policies that will instead lead to significant growth in emissions from the aviation sector; particularly condemns plans to allow a third runway at Heathrow, believes that the consultation paper Adding Capacity at Heathrow Airport was deeply flawed and is concerned at the
undue influence BAA played in the drafting of the paper; notes that the paper significantly overstated the economic case for a third runway while greatly underplaying the serious environmental consequences, including, as well as the extra emissions from flights, the increase in intensity and distribution of noise for those living under the flight path through runway alternation and the threat of forced relocation for the inhabitants of Sipson village; and calls on the Government to withdraw permanently plans for a third runway at Heathrow, to keep the present cap of 480,000 flights per year as opposed to the 700,000 envisaged in the consultation document, to rule out any further increase in airport capacity in the South East, and to indicate to the aviation sector that it will have to live within its existing infrastructure capacity—(Norman Baker);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises that the Government’s policy on airport expansion is consistent with its long term, balanced and sustainable aviation strategy as set out in the 2003 White Paper The Future of Air Transport, that its support for emissions trading represents the most effective way of tackling climate change concerns, that the Adding Capacity at Heathrow Airport consultation is a robust document that is the product of a lengthy period of comprehensive analysis, that the consultation process followed best practice as set out by the Cabinet Office, that the economic case for the expansion of Heathrow Airport, as set out in the consultation, accurately reflects the Government’s current understanding of all the relevant costs and benefits, and that Ministers should base their forthcoming decisions on the future of Heathrow on all the evidence available, including the responses to the consultation’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Ruth Kelly.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jenny Willott, Dan Rogerson: 66.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Alan Campbell: 265.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Alan Campbell: 257.

Tellers for the Noes, Jenny Willott, Dan Rogerson: 193.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises that the Government’s policy on airport expansion is consistent with its long term, balanced and sustainable aviation strategy as set out in the 2003 White Paper The Future of Air Transport, that its support for emissions trading represents the most effective way of tackling climate change concerns, that the Adding Capacity at Heathrow Airport consultation is a robust document that is the product of a lengthy period of comprehensive analysis, that the consultation process followed best practice as set out by the Cabinet Office, that the economic case for the expansion of Heathrow Airport, as set out in the consultation, accurately reflects the Government’s current understanding of all the relevant costs and benefits, and that Ministers should base their forthcoming decisions on the future of Heathrow on all the evidence available, including the responses to the consultation.

9 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Immigration (Registration Card) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) those concerned about the proposed closure of Brampton Road Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Kent);

(2) Kevin Staling, Lyn Barton and Nigel Offen and pupils and former pupils of Alderman Blaxill School, Colchester, together with parents, residents and others relating to Alderman Blaxill School;
(3) Carshalton and Wallington residents relating to Post Office closures (Surrey); and

(4) people of the greater Reading area relating to planning and development (Reading)

were presented and read.

11 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Ilford North and others relating to Post Office closures (Ilford North) was presented.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Biosimilar medicines (Dr Brian Iddon).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Banks and Banking,—Draft Cash Ratio Deposits (Value Bands and Ratios) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Yvette Cooper].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Bede Sixth Form College, Billingham (Dissolution) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 812), dated 25th March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].


4 Legal Services Commission,—Criminal Defence Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 957), dated 2nd April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 843);

(2) Trustees for the Hammersmith Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 895); and

(3) Trustees for the St Mary’s National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 894), dated 26th March 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Draft Heritage Protection Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7349] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

8 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of CITB-ConstructionSkills for 2007, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 387] [Secretary John Denham].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Counter-Terrorism Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Dominic Grieve, Andrew Gwynne, Mr David Heath, Mr Tony McNulty and Mr Jamie Reed members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Counter-Terrorism Bill Committee.

2 Counter-Terrorism Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O'Hara and Mr John Bercow Chairmen of the Counter-Terrorism Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Vernon Coaker, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Dominic Grieve, Andrew Gwynne, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Tony McNulty, Patrick Mercer, Kali Mountford, Mr Jamie Reed, Martin Salter, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Ben Wallace and Phil Wilson.

3 Local Transport Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Norman Baker, Stephen Hammond, Mr David Kidney, Ms Angela C Smith, Mr Dave Watts, Ms Rosie Winterton and Jeremy Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Local Transport Bill [Lords] Committee.

4 Local Transport Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Taylor and Ann Winterton Chairmen of the Local Transport Bill [Lords] Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Norman Baker, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Douglas Carswell, Stephen Hammond, Mrs Sian C. James, Mr David Kidney, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr John Leech, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Lee Scott, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Ian Stewart, Graham Stringer, Mr Dave Watts, Ms Rosie Winterton and Jeremy Wright.

5 Draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Pilot) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First 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: John Battle, Mr Crispin Blunt, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Philip Dunne, Damian Green, Mr John Gummer, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Meg Hillier, Mr George Howarth, Chris Huhne, Ian Lucas, Mr Ian McMurtry, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Ken Purchase and Jenny Willott.

6 Draft Land Registration (Network Access) Rules 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Sadq Khan, Mr Ken Purchase and Geraldine Smith from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Rules) and nominated in substitution Nia Griffiths, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Alan Meale and Jessica Morden.

European Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of European Committee A, nominated in respect of European Union Documents No. 5849/08 and Addendum and No. 5862/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, on Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and Review of the Emissions Trading Scheme.

8 European Union Documents No. 14993/07, No. 14995/07, No. 14996/07, No. 14997/07, No. 14999/07 and No. 15001/07, relating to the Accession Process in the Western Balkans, European Union Documents No. 15616/07, Addenda 1 and 2, No. 15690/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Interim Political Agreement on Co-operation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee B, nominated in respect of the Documents: Nick Ainger, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Greg Hands, Mr John Horam, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Ann McKechin, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Jim Murphy and Jo Swinson.
9 The European Scrutiny Committee has withdrawn its recommendation [19th March 2008] that European Union Document No. 6427/08, relating to The European Police Office (EUROPOL), be further considered and the Document no longer stands referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 168-iii] [Peter Luff].

2 Environmental Audit Committee,—Climate change and local, regional and devolved government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 225-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

3 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. 16-xvii];

(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-vii]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs Committee,—Global Security: Japan and Korea: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 449-ii] [Mike Gapes].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 333-v] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts,—Preparing for sporting success at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 477-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 38-xvi]; and

(2) Government Response to the First Special Report from the Committee. Session 2006-07: Scrutinising Statutory Instruments: Departmental Returns, 2006: First Special Report from the Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 476] [David Maclean].

8 Transport,—The Blue Badge (Disabled Parking) Reform Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 475-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Transport for London Bill [Lords],—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Opposed Bill Committee on the Transport for London Bill [Lords]; to be published [Christopher Fraser].

10 Work and Pensions,—The role of the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive in regulating workplace health and safety: Third Report of 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 16th January [No. 246-I and -II] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 77; WH, No. 49]

Wednesday 2nd April 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (Nick Ainger).
Future of Wirral Metropolitan College’s Carlett Park Campus (Ben Chapman).
Impact of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2005 on small pharmacies in Chelmsford (Mr Simon Burns).
Trial and imprisonment of Mr Michael Burk in Italy (Barbara Keeley).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Siobhain McDonagh);

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 5.19 p.m.]

[No. 78.]

Thursday 3rd April 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Broads Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday 24th April.

2. Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 24th April.

3. Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 24th April.

4. Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 24th April.

5. London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 24th April.

6. Manchester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 24th April.

7. Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 24th April.

8. Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 24th April.

9. Drug Strategy (Topical Debate),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of Drug Strategy — (Mr Vernon Coaker);

   And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

10. Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn — (Ms Diana R. Johnson);

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

11. Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

    (1) those concerned about the proposed closure of Derby Road Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Bristol); and
(2) local residents in the constituency of Kingston and Surbiton relating to Post Office closures (Kingston and Surbiton) were presented and read.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Charities (Barry Gardiner).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 21st April, pursuant to Resolution [26th February].

[Adjourned at 6.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Building Societies,—Draft Building Societies (Financial Assistance) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Evidence,—Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 972), dated 3rd April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

3 Food,—Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 916), dated 31st March 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Court Funds (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 156), dated 2nd April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

5 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 [by Command] [Cm. 7356] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

6 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Draft Marine Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7351] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Health,—Paper, entitled Pharmacy in England: Building on strengths—Delivering the future [by Command] [Cm. 7341] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Counter-Terrorism Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Douglas Carswell from the Counter-Terrorism Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Douglas Hogg.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].
2 Public Administration.—(1) Parliamentary Commissions of Inquiry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration, to be printed [No. 473-i]; and

(2) Cabinet Office Autumn Performance Report 2007: Letter laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 78 WH, No. 50]
Thursday 3rd April 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 22nd April.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
[No. 79.]

Monday 21st April 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

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

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Member for Crewe & Nantwich. 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 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Pilot) Regulations 2008.

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

3 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 put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Siobhain McDonagh: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 223.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That—

(1) Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 49, 90 and 117 and new Clauses amending section 74 of the Finance Act 2003 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.—(Jane Kennedy.)

Committee to-morrow.

4 Finance Bill.—Ordered, That the Finance Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.—(Liz Blackman.)

5 Land Registration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees). That the draft Land Registration (Network Access) Rules 2008, which were laid before this House on 5th March, be approved.—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from professionals in the nursery sector, concerned parents and members of the public relating to Nurseries Code of Practice was presented and read.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: A417 traffic improvement scheme (Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.01 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table

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 7th April 2008

1 Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Thirty-seventh Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [Cm. 7327] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 Nursing and Other Health Professions,—Twenty-third Report of the Review Body on Nursing and Other Health Professions [Cm. 7337] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3 Treaty Series (No. 3, 2008).—Agreement, done at London on 23rd November 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam concerning Air Services [Cm. 7357] [Secretary David Miliband].

Wednesday 9th April 2008

4 School Teachers,—Seventeenth Report Part Two of the School Teachers’ Review Body [Cm. 7352] [Secretary Ed Balls].

Tuesday 15th April 2008

5 Treaty Series (No. 4, 2008).—Agreement, done at London on 21st November 2007, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning Air Services [Cm. 7362] [Secretary David Miliband].

Wednesday 16th April 2008

6 Treaty Series (No. 32, 2007).—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2007 [Cm. 7360] [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 4th April 2008


Monday 7th April 2008

9 Medicines,—Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) and Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 941), dated 31st March 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Tuesday 8th April 2008


13 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1038), dated 1st April 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Wednesday 9th April 2008


Thursday 10th April 2008

19 Road Traffic.—(1) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Cornwall) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1055); and

(2) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Devon) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1051),

dated 5th April 2008, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Friday 11th April 2008


(3) Childcare (Exemptions from Registration) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 979), dated 31st March 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment; and

(4) Childcare (General Childcare Register) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 975), dated 31st March 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Ed Balls].


Monday 14th April 2008

23 Agriculture.—Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1079), dated 14th April 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Wednesday 16th April 2008


28 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1083), dated 14th April 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Thursday 17th April 2008


31 Road Traffic,—(1) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Cheshire) (Borough of Macclesfield) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1084); and
   (2) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Nottinghamshire) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1086), dated 15th April 2008, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Friday 18th April 2008


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 21st April 2008:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

33 Animals,—Draft Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


35 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Draft Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


37 Friendly Societies,—(1) Friendly Societies (Accounts and Related Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1144); and

38 Immigration,—(1) Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (Fast Track Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1089); and
(2) Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1088),
dated 11th April 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


40 Water Resources,—Bathing Water Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1097), dated 16th April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

41 Charities,—Report under section 70(9) of the Charities Act 2006 on Ministerial provision of financial assistance to charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institutions, dated 21st April 2008 [by Act] [Secretary James Purnell].

42 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2007–08, on Ticket Touting [by Command] [Cm. 7346] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

43 Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 21st April 2008, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2009 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

44 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 17th April 2008, concerning the use of indemnities by the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) to facilitate firearms training [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

45 Human Rights,—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2007–08, on Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights (Ninth Report): Annual Renewal of Control Orders Legislation 2008 [by Act] [Cm. 7368] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

46 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Financial Management in the European Union [by Act]; to be printed [No. 480] [Clerk of the House].

47 Prevention of Terrorism,—Government Response to the Third Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation [by Command] [Cm. 7367] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

48 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses for 2008 [by Command], to be printed [No. 489] [Yvette Cooper].

49 Supply Estimates,—(1) Main Supply Estimates for 2008–09 for—
   (i) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 479] [Yvette Cooper];
   (ii) House of Commons: Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 486] [The Speaker];
   (iii) the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 488] [Mr Alan Williams]; and

(2) Central Government Supply Estimates 2008–09: Supplementary Budgetary Information [by Command] [Cm. 7359] [Yvette Cooper].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Pilot) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Richard Caborn and Mr Ian McCartney from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Phil Wilson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children Schools and Families,—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee, to be printed [No. 442-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—The Supply of Rented Housing: Eighth 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. 457] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Biosecurity in UK research laboratories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Biosecurity in UK research laboratories of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 360-iii] [Mr Phil Willis].

[No. 80.]

Tuesday 22nd April 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Counter-Terrorism Bill,—John Bercow reported from the Counter-Terrorism 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 be published.

2 Local Transport Bill [Lords],—David Taylor reported from the Local Transport 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 be published.

3 European Committee A,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from European Committee A, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2020 and Review of the Emissions Trading Scheme, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 5849/08 and Addendum 1, Draft Decision on the effort of Member States to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Community’s greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments up to 2020, and No. 5862/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, Draft Directive amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to improve and extend the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading system in the Community; and supports the Government’s aim of contributing positively towards the negotiation of both instruments to maintain the ambition of the Commission’s legislative package and the strong EU leadership in tackling climate change and putting the EU on track to become a low-carbon economy.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Road Traffic (Safety),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the content of driving tests; to create offences relating to dangerous driving; and for connected purposes: And that James Brokenshire, Mike Penning, Mr John Leech, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Lee Scott and David T. C. Davies do prepare and bring it in.

5 Road Traffic (Safety) Bill,—James Brokenshire accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the content of driving tests; to create offences relating to dangerous driving; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th June and to be printed [Bill 98].

6 Pensions Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Pensions Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC17) (Crown employment)—(Mr Mike O’Brien)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC18) (Armed forces)—(Mr Mike O’Brien)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC19) (Police)—(Mr Mike O’Brien)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC1) (Start date of personal accounts)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC2) (Means testing)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC6) (Existing pension provision)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC7) (Earnings link)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC12) (Investment principles)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [7th January].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 173.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Alison Seabeck: 290.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on a new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC16) (Earnings link)—(Jim Cousins)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, David Taylor: 195.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Alison Seabeck: 269.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 34 to 36) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Secretary James Purnell, 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 proposed;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Speaker put the Question:—It was agreed to.

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

7 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Pilot) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Alison Seabeck);

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).

8 Adjournment (May).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on
Thursday 1st May 2008, do adjourn till Tuesday 6th May 2008.—(Alison Seabeck).—It was agreed to.

Adjournment (Whitsun).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 22nd May 2008, do adjourn till Monday 2nd June 2008.—(Alison Seabeck).—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Johnno Hills and British citizens relating to policing in Britain; and

(2) those concerned about the proposed closures of the Sub Post Offices in the East Londonderry constituency relating to Post Office closures (East Londonderry)

were presented and read.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Inspection of children’s homes (Ann Coey).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law.—Draft Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

2 Consumer Protection.—Draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Agriculture.—Common Agricultural Policy Single Payment and Support Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1139), dated 18th April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

5 Customs.—Export Control (Burma) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1098), dated 21st April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Tribunals and Inquiries.—Membership of the Tribunal Procedure Committee Transitional Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1149), dated 18th April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Paper:

7 Broadcasting.—Report and Financial Statements of Channel Four Television Corporation for 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

European Union Documents No. 5849/08 and Addendum and No. 5862/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, relating to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2020 and Review of the Emissions Trading Scheme.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham and Dr Doug Naysmith from European Committee A (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Kelvin Hopkins and Mr George Mudie.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 22nd April; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business and Enterprise and Culture, Media and Sport,—Ofcom Annual Plan 2008-09: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise and Culture, Media and Sport Committees; to be printed [No. 494-i] [Mr Peter Lil].

3 Communities and Local Government,—Community Cohesion and Migration: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be published [No. 369-iv] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Defence,—Recruitment and retention in the Armed Forces:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 424-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Home Affairs,—Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 364-iii] [Keith Vaz].

6 Human Rights,—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: 1) Employment Bill; 2) Housing and Regeneration Bill; 3) Other Bills: Seventeenth 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 and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 17th December, 9th and 21st January, 19th February and 3rd March [No. 301];
   (2) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (3) Human Rights Judgements: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Investigating the oceans: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Investigating the oceans Sub-Committee of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 469-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

8 International Development,—The World Food Programme and global food security:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 493-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Malcolm Bruce].

9 Justice,—Devolution: A Decade On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 75-vii] [Mr Alan Beith].

10 Treasury,—(1) Climate Change and the Stern Review: the Implications for Treasury Policy: Government’s response to the Fourth Report from the Committee; Session 2007–08: Eighth Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 493]; and
   (2) Inherited Estates: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 496-i] [John McFall].
Tuesday 22nd April 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Metals recycling industry (Dr Alan Whitehead).
Local consultation on large scale housing developments (Mr Philip Hollobone).
Piece Hall, Halifax (Mrs Linda Riordan).
Government subsidies for wind turbines (Mr Keith Simpson).
Plymouth growth plans (Linda Gilroy).

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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjoined at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 81.]

Wednesday 23rd April 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 St Austell Market Bill,—Ordered, That the St Austell Market Bill be now considered.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Opposition Day [10th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Family Doctor Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the family doctor service, and recognises that it is the first point of contact for the majority of patients; further recognises the invaluable role that GPs have in the NHS; regrets the undermining and undervaluing of GPs by the Government; is concerned about the lack of empirical and clinical evidence for the establishment of polyclinics in every primary care trust; opposes the central imposition of polyclinics against local health needs and requirements; is further concerned about the delay in publishing evidence on the cost-effectiveness of walk-in centres; believes that patients should be able to choose the most convenient GP practice, whether close to home or work; calls for GPs to be given real budgets, incentives to make savings, the freedom to re-invest for their patients and the ability to innovate in contracts with healthcare providers; supports rewarding GPs who choose to provide services in deprived areas or areas of expanding population; and further supports the incorporation of patient-reported outcome measures into the Quality and Outcomes framework and the development of structures and services in general practice that are designed by GPs and primary care providers in response to patients’ needs and choice—(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 fact that the Government is providing £250 million, in addition to existing GP services, for 152 new state-of-the-art GP-led health centres open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week; notes that these will offer a wide range of health services including pre-bookable GP appointments and walk-in services; further notes that where patients previously had trouble seeing their GP or had to make numerous visits to a variety of health professionals, they will now be able to see a doctor more quickly, collect their prescriptions, get their eyes tested, have a variety of diagnostic tests or see a physiotherapist in the same building and at times convenient to the patient; further welcomes the additional centrally funded 100 GP practices to be located in the most deprived areas which will have a strong focus on promoting health and reducing inequalities; acknowledges the landmark agreement with GPs to extend surgery hours in evenings and on Saturdays and agrees that extended access will benefit hard-working families; further welcomes the extension of the role of pharmacies to be able to prescribe for and deal with minor ailments on the NHS, as well as promoting good health, supporting those with long-term conditions and preventing illnesses through additional screening and advice; recognises that the Government is on the side of patients; and agrees that extending access to GP services through extended hours and new GP health
centres can have a real impact on health inequalities', instead thereof.—(Secretary Alan Johnson.)

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

3 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the result of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Immigration,—That the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Pilot) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 11th March, be approved.
Ayes: 265.
Noes: 65.
So the Question was agreed to.

4 Opposition Day [10th allotted day],—Family Doctor Services,—The Question being again proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Michael Fabricant: 211.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 306.
So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the fact that the Government is providing £250 million, in addition to existing GP services, for 152 new state-of-the-art GP-led health centres open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week; notes that these will offer a wide range of health services including pre-bookable GP appointments and walk-in services; further notes that where patients previously had trouble seeing their GP or had to make numerous visits to a variety of health professionals, they will now be able to see a doctor more quickly, collect their prescriptions, get their eyes tested, have a variety of diagnostic tests or see a physiotherapist in the same building and at times convenient to the patient; further welcomes the additional centrally funded 100 GP practices to be located in the most deprived areas which will have a strong focus on promoting health and reducing inequalities; acknowledges the landmark agreement with GPs to extend surgery hours in evenings and on Saturdays and agrees that extended access will benefit hard-working families; further welcomes the extension of the role of pharmacies to be able to prescribe for and deal with minor ailments on the NHS, as well as promoting good health, supporting those with long-term conditions and preventing illnesses through additional screening and advice; recognises that the Government is on the side of patients; and agrees that extending access to GP services through extended hours and new GP health centres can have a real impact on health inequalities.

Crime in London,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the dedication of police officers in the City of London Police, the Metropolitan Police Service and the British Transport Police but notes the unacceptable trend in teenage murders in London, including the shocking figure of 27 murdered in 2007; believes that Londoners' daily experience of crime, particularly lower level crime and anti-social behaviour, is now far removed from some official statistics; is deeply concerned that violent crime in London as measured by the British Crime Survey is the highest of all the regions in England and Wales and that fear of crime in London is now also the highest of all the regions in England and Wales; further notes the link between gun crime and drugs; further believes that local communities should be given greater freedom to direct the efforts of their police force if streets are to be made safer; and condemns the current Mayor of London for his complacent attitude to these serious crime issues—(Mr David Raffley);

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 commitment and enthusiasm of the police officers of the Metropolitan Police Service, the City of London Police and the British Transport Police and further recognises the valuable contribution made by police community support officers and police staff to cutting crime in London; notes that police numbers in London now stand at record levels; welcomes the aim of the Mayor of London to add 1,000 more as part of his clear commitment to making London one of the world’s safest capital cities; supports the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing Teams in all 600 wards in London to give communities greater access to policing in their areas; praises the work of the Metropolitan Police Service, which enjoys high levels of public satisfaction; further recognises the success of its enforcement operations
and actions to tackle violent crime which have led to major reductions in gun and knife crime; acknowledges the importance of community and faith organisations in helping to make communities safer; welcomes the significant falls in overall recorded crime in London; and notes that homicide levels in London are at their lowest for nine years', instead thereof.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

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: 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 308.

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 Dave Watts: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises the commitment and enthusiasm of the police officers of the Metropolitan Police Service, the City of London Police and the British Transport Police and further recognises the valuable contribution made by police community support officers and police staff to cutting crime in London; notes that police numbers in London now stand at record levels; welcomes the aim of the Mayor of London to add 1,000 more as part of his clear commitment to making London one of the world's safest capital cities; supports the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing Teams in all 600 wards in London to give communities greater access to policing in their areas; praises the work of the Metropolitan Police Service, which enjoys high levels of public satisfaction; further recognises the success of its enforcement operations and actions to tackle violent crime which have led to major reductions in gun and knife crime; acknowledges the importance of community and faith organisations in helping to make communities safer; welcomes the significant falls in overall recorded crime in London; and notes that homicide levels in London are at their lowest for nine years.

5 Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2020 and Review of the Emissions Trading Scheme.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 5849/08 and Addendum, Draft Decision on the Effort of Member States to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to meet the Community’s greenhouse gas emission reduction commitments up to 2020 and No. 5862/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, Draft Directive amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to improve and extend the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading system in the Community; and supports the Government’s aim of contributing positively towards the negotiation of both instruments to maintain the ambition of the Commission’s legislative package and the strong EU leadership in tackling climate change and putting the EU on track to become a low-carbon economy—(Liz Blackman).—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Patricia Anne Davies relating to complaints against churches was presented.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Public family law (John Hemming).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.52 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Cultural Objects,—Protection of Cultural Objects on Loan (Publication and Provision of Information) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1159), dated 21st April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

Other Papers:

2 Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel Northern Ireland for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 446] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

3 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of—
   (1) the Office of the Oversight Commissioner for 1st April–31st May 2007; and
   (2) the Office of the Oversight Commissioner for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 503 and 504] [Clerk of the House].

4 Supply Estimates,—Electoral Commission: Main Supply Estimate for 2008–09 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 487] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (Commencement No. 3 and Supplementary Provision) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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: Mr John Baron, Mr David S. Borrow, Ms Karen Buck, Colin Burgon, Lorely Burt, Harry Cohen, Mark Fisher, Mr Alan Meale, Albert Owen, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Mark Prisk, Alison Seabeck, Sarah Teather, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Rob Wilson, Mr Tim Yeo and Sir George Young.

2 Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second 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: Liz Blackman, Mark Durkan, Barry Gardiner, Paul Goggins, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mr Denis MacShane, Alun Michael, Stephen Pound, Mr John Prescott, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Geraldine Smith, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Andrew Turner, Angela Watkinson and Sammy Wilson.

3 Draft Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Regulation of Loans etc: Northern Ireland) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third 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: Liz Blackman, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Gregory Campbell, Ben Chapman, Mr Mark Field, Paul Goggins, Mr James Gray, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr George Howarth, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Rob Marris, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson and Mrs Betty Williams.

European Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of European Committee B in respect of European Union Documents No. 14999/07, No. 15001/07, No. 14995/07, No. 14993/07, No. 14996/07, No. 14997/07, relating to The Accession Process in the Western Balkans and No. 15616/07, Addenda 1 and 2, No. 15690/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 15th February 2008, relating to Interim
Political Agreement on Co-operation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—London 2012 Games: the next lap: 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. 104-I and -II] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Flooding: 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. 49]; and

   (2) Climate change: the “citizen’s agenda” and the Bali Summit: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 362]

   [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. 16-xix].

   (2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-vii]; and

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

   [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Scrutiny of Diplomatic Appointments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 507-i] [Mike Gapes].

5 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Science Budget Allocations: Fourth Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 215-I and -II] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Evasion of vehicle excise duty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 227-i]; and

   (2) National Probation Service: The supervision of Community Orders in England: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 508-i]

   [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 81; WH, No. 52]

Wednesday 23rd April 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Prison overcrowding and sentencing policy (Mr Elfyn Llwyd).
West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy revision (Peter Luff).
Housing needs in London (Ms Karen Buck).
Private sector rented housing (Ms Sally Keeble).
Post Office closures in Northavon (Steve Webb).

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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.14 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Broads Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Broads Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday 7th May at Four o’clock.

2 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 1st May.

3 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 1st May.

4 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 1st May.

5 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 1st May.

6 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 1st May.

7 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 1st May.

8 Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 1st May.

9 Supermarkets (Topical Debate),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of supermarkets—(Joan Ruddock);

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

10 Points-based Immigration System,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of a points-based immigration system—(Mr Liam Byrne);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

11 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Irchester ward and surrounding area relating to anti-social behaviour (Northamptonshire) was presented and read.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Development of Basildon Golf Course (Angela E. Smith).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Electricity,—Electricity and Gas (Billing) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1163), dated 23rd April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Savings Banks,—National Savings Bank (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1164), dated 23rd April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

Other Paper:

3 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 24th April 2008, concerning liabilities arising from the Bank of England’s special liquidity scheme [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Modernising Medical Careers: Third Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 25-I and -III] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Home Affairs,—Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 364-iv] [Keith Vaz].

3 International Development,—(1) Reconstructing Afghanistan: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 509]; and

(2) DFID and the African Development Bank: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 441-i]

[Malcolm Bruce].

4 Public Administration,—(1) User Involvement in Public Services: Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 410]; and

(2) Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 499-i]

[Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 82; WH, No. 53]

Thursday 24th April 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Ticket touting, Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee and the Government’s response thereto.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman )

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 29th April.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
[No. 83.]
Friday 25th April 2008.

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,—Jim Dowd 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, Jim Dowd, Jim Sheridan: 0.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Russell Brown, Andrew Gwynne: 44.

   So the Question was negatived.

4 Food Products (Marketing to Children) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food Products (Marketing to Children) 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 6th June.

5 Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th May.

6 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 16th May.

7 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 6th June.

8 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th June.

9 Employment Retention Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Retention Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

10 Adjournment.

   Subject: Application of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 to candidates for directly elected office (Mr Greg Hands).

   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 28th April.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals.—Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1180), dated 24th April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2 National Health Service.—National Health Service Delegation of Functions to the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Counter Fraud and Security Management) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1148), dated 21st April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

PRAYERS.

1 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr Stephen Dorrell reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill; and had agreed to a Report which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th April.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 450].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 450].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 450].

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (Commencement No. 3 and Supplementary Provision) Order 2008.

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

3 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008.

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

4 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 21, 49, 90 and 117 and new Clauses amending Section 74 of the Finance Act 2003).

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the order in which proceedings in the Committee of the whole House on the Finance Bill are taken shall be: Clauses Nos. 5, 6, 21, 3, 49 and 90, new Clauses amending section 74 of the Finance Act 2003 and Clauses Nos. 117 and 15.—(Jane Kennedy.)

Clause No. 5 (Small companies' rates and fractions for financial year 2008 etc).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 36, to leave out '21%' and insert '20%'.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, Mr Brooks Newmark: 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 296.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Rate etc).

Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 3, line 20, to leave out from '(1)' to the end of line 21 and add the words 'will have effect from a day which the Treasury may by order appoint.

(4) No order may be made under subsection (3) until—

(a) the Treasury has compiled and laid before the House of Commons a report containing an assessment of the impact of changes to the rate of capital gains tax on—

(i) businesses seeking investment,

(ii) investors who normally pay tax via capital gains tax, and

(iii) the availability and cost of houses to buy and rent; and

(b) the report has been approved by a resolution of the House of Commons.'.—(Stewart Hosie.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Pete Wishart, Hywel Williams: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Siobhain McDonagh: 302.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Siobhain McDonagh: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Brooks Newmark: 212.

Clause No. 21 (Amusement machine licence duty).

Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 11, line 17, at the end to add the words—

‘(3) The amendment made by subsection (1) ceases to have effect on 1st April 2009 unless the Secretary of State has made regulations under the Gambling Act 2005 which permit up to one-fifth of the gaming machines in bingo halls and arcades to be Category B3 machines (as defined in regulations made under section 236 of that Act).’—(Justine Greening.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr John Baron: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Siobhain McDonagh, Tony Cunningham: 309.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Abolition of starting and savings rates and creation of starting rate for savings).

Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 2, line 21, at the beginning to insert the words ‘Save as provided in subsection (6A).’—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Wayne David, Mr Sadiq Khan: 307.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Wayne David, Mr Sadiq Khan: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 262.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Alison Seabeck.)

The Deputl Speaker resumed the Chair and Alison Seabeck 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.

5 Business and Enterprise.—Ordered, That Mark Hunter be discharged from the Business and Enterprise Committee and Mr Mark Oaten be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Taunton constituency and others relating to Post Office closures (Taunton);

(2) residents of Taunton constituency and others relating to nurses’ pay;

(3) Councillor Ruth Potter of City of York Council and the people of York relating to single use plastic bags; and

(4) customers and residents of West Moors in the Christchurch constituency relating to local bus services (Dorset)

were presented and read.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Funding of NHS services in York (Hugh Bayley).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.11 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Paper:

1. Social Security.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations (S.I., 2008, No. 1042) [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers withdrawn:

2. Social Security.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations (S.I., 2008, No. 1042) [laid 11th April].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Prescott from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Ms Dawn Butler.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Business and Enterprise.—(1) Turkey: Trade and EU Accession: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 367-iii]; and
   (2) Recent developments in trade: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 208-i]
   [Peter Lui]l.

2. Children, Schools and Families.—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3. Communities and Local Government.—(1) Ordnance Survey: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee: First Special Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 516], and
   (2) Planning Skills: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 517-i]
   [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4. Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—The Leitch Review of Skills: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 471-i] [Mr Gordon Marsden].

5. Public Accounts.—(1) HM Revenue and Customs: Helping individuals understand their tax forms: Twentieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 47];
   (2) The Carbon Trust: Accelerating the move to a low carbon economy: Twenty-first Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 157];
   (3) Improving central government’s use of office property: Twenty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 229];
   (4) Report of the NHS Summarised Accounts 2006–07: Achieving financial balance: Twenty-third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 267];
   (5) The BBC’s management of risk: First Special Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 518]; and
   (6) Improving finance resource management to deliver better public services: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 519-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 29th April 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 St Austell Market Bill,—The St Austell Market Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Transport for London Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Transport for London Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read the third time.

3 Counter-Terrorism Bill,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported certain Memoranda from the Counter-Terrorism Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

4 European Committee B,—Mr David Wilshire reported from European Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 14999/07, No. 15001/07, No. 14993/07, No. 14996/07, No. 14997/07, progress reports on Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, No. 15616/07 and Addenda 1 and 2; Draft Council Decisions on the signing and on the conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia, No. 15690/07 and Addenda 1 and 2; Draft Council Decision concerning the signing and conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community and the Republic of Serbia, and unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th February 2008, Interim Political Agreement on Co-operation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia; and supports the Government’s position that European integration offers the best prospects for regional stability in the Western Balkans and is therefore in favour of a clear European perspective for the countries of the Western Balkans.

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:

Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the establishment of the Local Better Regulation Office; for the co-ordination of regulatory enforcement by local authorities; for the creation of civil sanctions in relation to regulatory offences; for the reduction and removal of regulatory burdens; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords],—The Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 103].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 103-EN].

7 Right to Roam (Mobile Phones),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about roaming by mobile phone users between telephone networks within the United Kingdom; to make provision about the sharing of transmission masts; and for connected purposes: And that Greg Clark, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mrs Maria Miller, Nick Herbert, Mark Pritchard, Gregory Barker, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Michael Fabricant, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr David Ruffley and Dr Andrew Murrison do prepare and bring it in.

8 Right to Roam (Mobile Phones) Bill,—Greg Clark accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about roaming by mobile phone users between telephone networks within the United Kingdom; to make provision about the sharing of transmission masts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th June and to be printed [Bill 101].

9 Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 21, 49, 90 and 117 and new Clauses amending Section 74 of the Finance Act 2003).
(In the Committee)

Clause No. 49 (Greater London Authority: severance payments).

Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 25, line 21, to leave out ‘2008’ and add ‘2009.’.—(Mr Philip Hammond)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 90 (Zero-carbon homes).

Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 51, line 11, to leave out from ‘acquisition”’ to the end of line 12 and insert the words ‘means the acquisition of a dwelling when it has not been previously acquired by a buyer’.—(Justine Greening)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Frank Roy: 336.

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (NC1) (Collective enfranchisement by leaseholders)—(Mr David Gauke)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, James Duddridge: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Siobhain McDonagh, Liz Blackman: 321.

Clause No. 117 (Penalties for errors).

Amendment (No. 1A) proposed, in page 73, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) An order under subsection (2) may not be made until—

(a) the provisions of Schedule 24 to FA 2007 which are amended by Schedule 40 have been in force for not less than 12 months, and

(b) the Treasury has laid before the House of Commons a report setting out its assessment of the effectiveness of those provisions.’.—(Mr David Gauke)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Sadiq Khan: 297.

Another Amendment (No. 3A) proposed, in page 73, line 13, to leave out subsections (4) to (6).—(Mr David Gauke)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Sadiq Khan: 300.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Rates of vehicle excise duty).

Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 8, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) In paragraph 1C (the reduced rate)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “or C” substitute “C or D”;

(b) after sub-paragraph (4) insert—

“(4A) Condition D is that the vehicle is a working vehicle.”; and

(c) in sub-paragraph (6) insert at the appropriate place—

““working vehicle” has such meaning as may be prescribed by the Treasury in regulations made by statutory instrument.”’.—(Stewart Hosie)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Pete Wishart, Mr Mike Weir: 43.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Sadiq Khan: 287.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 8, line 17, at the end to add the words—

‘(7) The Treasury shall publish, not later than the date of the Budget 2009, an estimate, audited by the Independent Committee on Climate Change (as established by the Climate Change Act 2008), of the carbon emissions savings resultant from the changes to vehicle excise duty contained in this section.’—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 299.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 145.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 21, 49, 90 and 117 and new Clauses amending Section 74 of the Finance Act 2003) to be reported, without Amendment.

The Deputyspeaker resumed the Chair and Alison Seabeck reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 21, 49, 90 and 117 and new Clauses amending Section 74 of the Finance Act 2003), and had directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 21, 49, 90 and 117) do lie upon the Table.

10 Housing.—Ordered, That the Home Information Pack (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 572) dated 27th February 2008, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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 Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (Commencement No. 3 and Supplementary Provision) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved.—(Alison Seabeck):—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 Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved.—(Alison Seabeck):—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 Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland consequential Amendments) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved.—(Alison Seabeck):—It was agreed to.

14 Business of the House.—Ordered, That,

(1) at the sitting on Wednesday 7th May,

(a) notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business) opposition business may be proceeded with, for three hours or until four o’clock whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of,

(b) notwithstanding Standing Order No. 20 (Time for taking private business) the Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means shall be entered upon at the conclusion of opposition business (whether before, at or after four o’clock), and may then be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours, after which the Speaker shall interrupt the business; and

(c) the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any message from the Lords has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported; and

(2) at the sitting on Thursday 8th May, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he has notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Alison Seabeck.)
15 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 13th May, the Motion in the name of Simon Hughes relating to Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 321) may be proceeded with as if Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents) was applied to it.—(Alison Seabeck.)

16 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Romford and the surrounding area relating to Post Office closures (Essex);

(2) residents of Hornchurch and the surrounding area relating to Post Office closures (Essex);

(3) the people of Shepherds Bush and Hammersmith relating to Post Office closures (Shepherds Bush); and

(4) the people of Acton relating to Post Office closures (Acton)

were presented and read.

17 Adjournment.

Subject: Support for victims of rape (Mr Charles Walker).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Alison Seabeck);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.13 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Medicines,—(1) Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1161); and

(2) Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1162),

dated 22nd April 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Paper:

3 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 478] [Secretary Jack Straw].

APPENDIX II

European Committees

European Union Documents No. 14993/07, No. 14995/07, No. 14996/07, No. 14997/07, No. 14999/07 and No. 15001/07 relating to the Accession Process in the Western Balkans, European Union Documents No. 15616/07, Addenda 1 and 2, No. 15690/07 and Addenda 1 and 2 relating to Interim Political Agreement on Co-operation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia, and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Murphy from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Documents and Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Meg Munn.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Harmful content on the Internet and in video games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 353-v] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Are biofuels sustainable? The Government Response: Fourth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 528]; and
(2) Making Government Operations more sustainable: A progress check: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 529] [Joan Walley].

3 Home Affairs,—Human Trafficking: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 318-ii] [Keith Vaz].

4 Human Rights,—(1) Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2007–08: The Work of the Committee in 2007 and the State of Human Rights in the UK: Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 526];
(2) UNCAT: Allegations of Torture and Inhuman Treatment in Iraq: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [527-i];
(3) Counter-terrorism policy: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
(4) Human Rights Judgments: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(5) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

5 International Development,—Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 520-i] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Public Administration,—(1) Investigating the conduct of ministers: Seventh 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. 381];
(2) Parliament and public appointments: Pre-appointment hearings by select committees: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2007–08: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 515];
(3) Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 499-ii]; and
(4) Lobbying: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

7 Regulatory Reform,—Getting Results: The Better Regulation Executive and the Impact of the Regulatory Reform Agenda: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 474-ii] [Andrew Miller].

8 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Poverty in Scotland and Child Poverty in Scotland: Responses by the Government and the Scottish Executive to the Committee’s Second and Third Reports of Session 2007–08: Second Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 525]; and
(2) Employment and skills for the defence industry in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 305-v]
[Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Standards and Privileges,—The Complaints System and the Criminal Law: Eighth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 523] [Sir George Young].
10 Treasury.—Re-appointment of Mervyn King as Governor of the Bank of England: Tenth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Minutes of Evidence and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 524-I and -II] [John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs.—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-iv]; and

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

[No. 85; WH, No. 54]

Tuesday 29th April 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Zimbabwe and the application of sanctions (Norman Lamb).
Primary Care Trusts and exceptional cases (Dr Ian Gibson).
Tax credits (Daniel Kawczynski).
Commonwealth immigration visas (Mr Austin Mitchell).
Bromley Hospitals NHS Trust (Mr John Horam).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 86.]

Wednesday 30th April 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Crewe & Nantwich Writ.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 Crewe & Nantwich in the room of Gwyneth Patricia Dunwoody, deceased—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon);

And the Motion being opposed, further proceeding stood postponed.

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Regulation of Loans etc: Northern Ireland) Order 2008.

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

3 Education (Children with Autism) Bill.—The Order for reading the Education (Children with Autism) Bill a second time on Friday 9th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

4 Crewe & Nantwich Writ.—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, 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 Crewe & Nantwich in the room of Gwyneth Patricia Dunwoody, deceased.

And the Question being put;

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 Crewe & Nantwich in the room of Gwyneth Patricia Dunwoody, deceased.
5 Citizens’ Initiative (Legislation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit members of the public to initiate legislation; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Mark Field, Greg Clark, Stephen Hammond, Mr Frank Field, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Philip Dunne and Mr David Gauke do prepare and bring it in.

6 Citizens’ Initiative (Legislation) Bill.—Mr Douglas Carswell accordingly presented a Bill to permit members of the public to initiate legislation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 102].

7 Energy Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Energy Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Clauses (NC6) (Exception for activities carried on partly on land etc), (NC7) (Disposal of hazardous material), (NC8) (Power to amend licence conditions: smart meters), (NC9) (Power to amend licence conditions: procedure) and (NC10) (Smart meters: supplemental)—(Malcolm Wicks)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC4) (Tari...—(Alan Simpson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, Dr Ian Gibson: 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Wayne David: 250.

And it being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [22nd January], put the Question on Amendments proposed by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 64) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Jane Kennedy, 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.

Jane Kennedy, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

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

8 Western Balkans and EU-Serbia Co-Operation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 14999/07, No. 15001/07, No. 14995/07, No. 14993/07, No. 14996/07, No. 14997/07, progress reports on Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, No. 15616/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Draft Council Decisions on the signing and on the conclusion of the Stabilisation Association Agreement between the European Communities and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia, No. 15690/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, Draft Council Decision concerning the signing and conclusion of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community and the Republic of Serbia, and unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th February 2008, Interim Political Agreement on Co-operation between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Serbia; and supports the Government’s position that European integration offers the best prospects for regional stability in the Western Balkans and is therefore in favour of a clear European perspective for the countries of the Western Balkans—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

9 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill (Joint Committee).—Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords Message of 20th March, that it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Constitutional Renewal Bill presented to both Houses.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of eleven Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the draft Constitutional Renewal Bill (Cm. 7342).

That the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 18th July 2008.
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 Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Christopher Chope, Michael Jabez Foster, Mark Lazarowicz, Martin Linton, Ian Lucas, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Virendra Sharma, Emily Thornberry, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Sir George Young be members of the Committee—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith

10 Adjournment.
Subject: Provision of fertility treatment in Dudley Primary Care Trust (Lynda Wal tho).

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Church of England Marriage Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 511] [Clerk of the House].

2 Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008; and
(2) draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Armorial Bearings, Ensigns and Flags,—Lyon Court and Office Fees (Variation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1166), dated 28th April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

4 Housing.—(1) Disabled Facilities Grants (Maximum Amounts and Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1189); and

5 Social Security.—Discretionary Housing Payment (Grants) Amendment Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1167), dated 24th April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Other Papers:

6 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Church of England Marriage Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 510] [Clerk of the House].

7 Government Resources and Accounts.—Resource Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Market for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 497] [Jane Kennedy].

8 Justice.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2006–07, on the Constitutional Role of the Attorney General [by Command] [Cm. 7355] [The Solicitor General].
9 Treaty Series (No. 33, 2007).—Index to Treaty Series 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7369] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 21, 49, 90, and 117 and new Clauses amending Section 74 of the Finance Act 2003) Committee:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton, Mr Frank Cook and Mr Jim Hood Chairmen of the Finance Bill Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-four Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Ben Chapman, Angela Eagle, Clive Efford, Mr Mark Field, Mr David Gauke, Justine Greening, Patrick Hall, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Greg Hands, Stephen Hesford, Mr Mark Hoban, Stewart Hosie, Eric Joyce, Jane Kennedy, Jessica Morden, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dr Nick Palmer, John Penrose, Stephen Pound, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mr Sion Simon, Emily Thornberry, John Thurso, Mr Mark Todd, Kitty Ussher, Peter Viggers and David Wright.

2 Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock and Mr Eric Martlew Chairmen of the Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill Committee.

3 Draft Business Protection from Misleading Marketing Regulations 2008 and the draft Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First 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 John Baron, Lorely Burt, Jon Cruddas, Mrs Ann Cryer, Jim Dowd, Anna Main, Margaret Moran, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Mark Prisk, Mrs Linda Riordan, Mr Lee Scott, Alison Seabeck, Mr Andy Slaughter, Sir John Stanley, Sarah Teather, Mr Gareth Thomas and Dr Desmond Turner.

4 Draft Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Regulation of Loans etc: Northern Ireland) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr George Howarth and Sir Gerald Kaufman from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Tom Levitt, Mr Dennis Skinner and Geraldine Smith.

European Committees

5 European Union Document No. 7210/08 and Addendum, relating to Financial Management.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee B, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Richard Caborn, Tony Cunningham, Frank Dobson, Mr David Gauke, Keith Hill, Mr George Howarth, Mr George Mudie, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Anthony Sweeny, Mr Gareth Thomas and Mr Dennis Skinner.

6 European Union Document No. 5853/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Carbon Capture and Storage.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee C, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr John Baron, Mr Michael Clapham, Ann Clwyd, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Charles Hendry, Kelvin Hopkins, Martin Horwood, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Paddy Tipping, Steve Webb, Malcolm Wicks and Mrs Betty Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966: 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. 348];

(2) Defra priorities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 121(ii)]; and

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

[Mr Michael Jack].
2 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. 16-xx];

(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-ix]; and

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

[Michael Connarty].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 533-i] [Mike Gapes].

4 Health.—Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-iv] [Mr Kevin Barron].

5 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—(1) Investigating the Oceans: Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2006–07: Fourth Special Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 506];

(2) Engineering:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 470-i]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) UK Centre For Medical Research and Innovation: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Phil Willis].

6 International Development,—The humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 522-i]; and

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

[Malcolm Bruce].

7 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—(1) Debating departmental objectives and annual reports: Second 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. 530]; and

(2) Recall and dissolution: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Ms Harriet Harman].

8 Procedure,—Topical debates: Memorandum laid before the Procedure Committee; to be published [Mr Greg Knight].

9 Public Accounts.—The roll-out of the Jobcentre Plus Office Network: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 532-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xvii]; and

(2) Third Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 39-iii]

[David Maclean].

11 Transport.—Road Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 460-ii] [Mr David Clelland].

12 Treasury.—Inherited Estates: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 496-ii] [John McFall].

13 Work and Pensions.—(1) Department for Work and Pensions 3 Year Plan: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 531-i]; and

(2) Carers: 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.

Subjects:

Teenage knife crime (Mr Andrew Love).
Local tuberculosis services (Julie Morgan).
Developments in Ukraine (Mr Richard Spring).
A14 and A45 roads and development in North Northamptonshire (Mr Peter Bone).
VAT on membership of sports and leisure trusts (Mr Brian H. Donohoe).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned,—(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.

[No. 87.]

Thursday 1st May 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 8th May.

2 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 8th May.

3 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 8th May.

4 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 8th May.

5 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 8th May.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 8th May.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 8th May.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill to be considered on Tuesday 6th May; and printed pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) and 78 (Lords amendments) on 30th April [Bill 104].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill be printed [Bill 104–EN].

10 The Middle East (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the Middle East—(Dr Kim Howells).

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

11 Child Poverty in Scotland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of child poverty in Scotland—(Mrs Anne McGuire).

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Violent crime against taxi drivers (Mr Brian Binley).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 6th May, pursuant to Resolution [22nd April].

[Adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Food.—Food Labelling (Declaration of Allergens) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1188), dated 24th April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


3 Public Health.—Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection (Defence Medical Services) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1181), dated 24th April 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Road Traffic.—(1) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Gloucestershire) (Forest of Dean District) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1212), and (2) Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Rutland) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1211), dated 28th April 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

5 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Fifth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08, on Global Security: Iran [by Command] [Cm. 7361] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Eighteenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 502] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

APPENDIX II

Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 21, 49, 90 and 117 and new Clauses amending Section 74 of the Finance Act 2003).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Brady from the Finance Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Bone.
Thursday 1st May 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 6th May.

[Adjourned at 4.56 p.m.]
Tuesday 6th May 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The Transport for London Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Jim Hood reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Business Protection from Misleading Marketing Regulations 2008 and the draft Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

   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 eleven Lords to join with the Committee appointed by this House to consider and report on the draft Constitutional Renewal Bill presented to both Houses on 25th March (Cm. 7342-II) and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 18th July 2008;

   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 appoint specialist advisers;

   That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom;

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

   That the reports of the Committee from time to time shall be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House;

   That the evidence taken by the Committee shall, if the Committee so wishes, be published; and

   That the Committee meet with the Committee appointed by this House today at Four o'clock in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House.

4 Criminal Justice and Immigration 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 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 8th October 2007 and 11th October 2007, in the last Session of Parliament, and 9th January 2008 (Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (Programme), Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (Programme) (No. 2) and Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (Programme) (No. 3)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at this day's sitting.

2. The proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table.

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4. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

5. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Ms Diana R. Johnson).—It was agreed to.
5 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 9.

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, Siobhain McDonagh, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, James Duddridge: 216.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

And it being more than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Orders [8th October 2007, in the last Session of Parliament, and this day] put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 301 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 327 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 86.

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, Siobhain McDonagh, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 288.


So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 86 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No 88.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 89.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 87, 90 and 91 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 285.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Maria Eagle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Liz Blackman, Alison Seabeck: 338.

Tellers for the Noes, James Duddridge, Mr Nick Hurd: 136.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Maria Eagle);

And it being four and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 115 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 173.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Secretary Jack Straw).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Liz Blackman: 271.


So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 117 and 127 were disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (e)) were made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 117 and 127 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 118 to 126 and 149 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 116.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Maria Eagle);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Liz Blackman: 378.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr Gerald Howarth: 57.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The Speaker then put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 8, 10 to 85, 92 to 114, 150 to 172, 174 to 284, 286 to 300, 302 to 326 and 328 to 348 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 92 to 95 and 304 to 306.

A consequential Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill.

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. 173 and 285.

That Mr Edward Garnier, Mr David Hanson, David Howarth, Mr Sadiq Khan 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; and

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

6 Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) 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 a Minister of the Crown or government department; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Pat McFadden).

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).
7 Criminal Justice and Immigration 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 Criminal Justice and Immigration 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. 173 for the following Reason:
Because it affects the arrangements relating to the making of payments out of public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 285 for the following Reason:
Because it makes unnecessary provision.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

8 Political Parties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Regulation of Loans etc: Northern Ireland) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Mr. Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Health and safety in graveyards (John Mann).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell),

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eight minutes past Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.08 p.m.

APPENDIX I

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):

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

Friday 2nd May 2008

1 British Nationality.—British Overseas Territories Citizenship (Designated Service) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1240), dated 30th April 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 6th May 2008:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Extradition.—Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education.—School Admissions (Alteration and Variation of, and Objections to, Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1258), dated 6th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

4 National Health Service.—(1) General Ophthalmic Services Contracts Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1185);
(2) National Health Service (Performers Lists) Amendment and Transitional Provisions Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1187);
(3) Primary Ophthalmic Services Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1186); and
(4) Primary Ophthalmic Services Transitional Provisions Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1209),
dated 28th April 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].
5 Universities and Colleges (Trusts),—Statute, dated 30th January 2008, made by the Governing Body of Clare Hall, in the University of Cambridge revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

6 Human Rights,—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights on A Life Like Any Other? Human Rights of Adults with Learning Disabilities [by Command] [Cm. 7378] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Identity Cards,—Paper, entitled Identity Cards Scheme Cost Report: May 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

8 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Paper, entitled Belfast Harbour Police: An Inspection of the Belfast Harbour Police [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

9 Transport,—Draft Marine Navigation Bill: Consultation Document [by Command] [Cm. 7570] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

10 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 6th May 2008, concerning Northern Rock [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 49, 90 and 117 and new Clauses amending Section 74 of the Finance Act 2003),—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Thurso from the Finance Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Dr John Pugh.

2 Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim McGovern from the Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Alison Seabeck.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 6th May; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Refuse Collection: Waste Reduction Pilots—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee: Second Special Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 541]; and

(2) Planning Skills: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 517-ii]
[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Defence,—(1) Medical care for the Armed Forces: Government response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08: Sixth Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 500]; and

(2) ISTAR:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 535-i]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Home Affairs,—Beijing Olympic Torch Relay: Torch Attendants: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 534-i] [Keith Vaz].

5 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Michael Jabez Foster reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on the draft Constitutional Renewal Bill, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

6 Treasury,—Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 536-i] [John McFall].
Tuesday 6th May 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Flood defences in Norfolk (Mr Keith Simpson).
- Welfare to work city strategies (Mr Graham Allen).
- Post Office closures in Stroud constituency (Mr David Drew).
- Collapse of Ujima Housing Association (Mr Rob Wilson).
- Post Office closure programme in Great Yarmouth (Mr Anthony Wright).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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

Adjourned at 2 p.m.

Wednesday 7th May 2008.

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

PRA YERS.

1 Iraq War Inquiry Bill,—The Order for reading the Iraq War Inquiry Bill a second time on Friday 9th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13th June.

2 Immigration (Discharged Gurkhas),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Immigration Rules in connection with the requirements for indefinite leave to enter and remain in the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army: And that Bob Russell, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr Don Touhig, Nick Harvey, Patrick Mercer, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr David Drew, Andrew Mackinlay, Andrew Rosindell, Mark Pritchard and Mr Bruce George do prepare and bring it in.

3 Immigration (Discharged Gurkhas) Bill,—Bob Russell accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Immigration Rules in connection with the requirements for indefinite leave to enter and remain in the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 107].

4 Opposition Day [11th 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’s Management of the Civil Service and Communications,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the Government’s management of the Civil Service; condemns the excessive increase in the Government’s spending on communications, advertising and marketing; further notes with alarm the increasing number of civil servants employed as press and communications officers despite the aims of the Gershon Review to reduce the administrative costs of Government; observes the increase in the number of political ministerial adviser appointees; further notes the creation of bodies and quangos which are unaccountable to the public; considers there to be widespread failures in the efficient implementation of Government policies by No. 10 Downing Street, Government departments and agencies; and calls on the Government to enshrine Civil Service independence in law in a Civil Service Act, bring in a strengthened Ministerial Code and a more transparent means of enforcing it, ask the Committee on Standards in Public Life to establish a code of conduct for the impartiality and accuracy of Government publications and advertising campaigns, and to take urgent steps to restore trust in the UK system of government by making it more efficient, transparent, accountable and effective.—(Mr Francis Maude).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘commends the Government’s
measures to protect the impartiality of the Civil Service, in particular through its decision to legislate for the core principles and values of the Civil Service; believes that this decision builds on previous improvements, including an enhanced role for the Civil Service Commissioners, the publication of a code of conduct for special advisers and an updated code of conduct for civil servants; welcomes the improvements in efficiency of the Civil Service, which have allowed its size to be reduced in line with the Gershon recommendations; further welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to effective public information campaigns; supports the other steps to strengthen the accountability of government, including a new Ministerial Code and a new independent adviser on Ministerial interests, as well as pre-appointment hearings for key public appointments; and believes that all these measures contribute to a more efficient, transparent, accountable and effective government to better serve the people of this country'. instead thereof.—(Edward Miliband)

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

5 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the result of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill [Money].—That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) 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 a Minister of the Crown or government department; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.

Ayes: 267.
Noes: 196.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Opposition Day [11th allotted day: first part].—Government’s Management of the Civil Service and Communications.—The Question being again proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Jeremy Wright: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Dave Watts: 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Dave Watts: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 225.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House commends the Government’s measures to protect the impartiality of the Civil Service, in particular through its decision to legislate for the core principles and values of the Civil Service; believes that this decision builds on previous improvements, including an enhanced role for the Civil Service Commissioners, the publication of a code of conduct for special advisers and an updated code of conduct for civil servants; welcomes the improvements in efficiency of the Civil Service, which have allowed its size to be reduced in line with the Gershon recommendations; further welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to effective public information campaigns; supports the other steps to strengthen the accountability of government, including a new Ministerial Code and a new independent adviser on Ministerial interests, as well as pre-appointment hearings for key public appointments; and believes that all these measures contribute to a more efficient, transparent, accountable and effective government to better serve the people of this country.
7 Broads Authority Bill.—The Broads Authority Bill was, according to Order, read the third
time, and passed.

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [29th April].

8 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant
to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, consideration
of any Lords Messages that may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed,
until any hour—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

9 Church of England (General Synod) Measures.—Ordered, That the Church of England
Marriage Measure (House of Commons Paper No. 511), laid before this House on 30th
April, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

10 Trade Descriptions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant
to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Business
Protection from Misleading Marketing Regulations 2008, which were laid before this
House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—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
Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008, which were laid before this
House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [29th April].

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

The Lords insist on certain Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill
to which this House has disagreed; they agree to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of certain of their Amendments; and they
agree to the Amendments proposed by this House to certain of their Amendments.

13 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—Lords Reasons for insisting on certain Amendments
to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill to be printed [Bill 105]

14 Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [6th May], proceeded
forthwith to consider the Lords Message [this day] relating to the Criminal Justice and
Immigration Bill.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its disagreement with the Lords in their
Amendments Nos. 9, 301 and 327.—(Mr David Hanson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House does not insist on
its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment No. 285—(Maria Eagle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Liz Blackman: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Jenny Willott, Paul Rowen: 46.

So the Question was agreed to.

15 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from those concerned about the safety of Lower Road
Bridge in Nash Mills relating to road safety (Hertfordshire) was presented and read.

16 Adjournment.

Subject: Implications for Tewkesbury constituency of the South West Regional Spatial
Strategy (Mr Laurence Robertson).

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.24 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Mental Health,—(1) Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice;
   (2) Mental Health Act 2007 (Commencement No. 6 and After-care under
      Supervision: Savings, Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order
   (3) Mental Health (Approved Mental Health Professionals) (Approval) (England)
   (4) Mental Health (Conflicts of Interest) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008,
      No. 1205), dated 28th April 2008;
   (5) Mental Health (Hospital, Guardianship and Treatment) (England) Regulations
      2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1184), dated 28th April 2008; and
   (6) Mental Health (Mutual Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1204),
      dated 28th April 2008
      [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan
      Johnson].

2 Probation,—Offender Management Act 2007 (Approved Premises) Regulations 2008
   (S.I., 2008, No. 1263), dated 6th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum
   [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

3 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong
   Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’ Service Pensions Increases) (No. 2) Order 2008;
   (2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’
      Service Pensions Increases) Order 2008;
   (3) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Ratings’
      Service Pensions Increase) (No. 2) Order 2008; and
   (4) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Ratings’
      Service Pensions Increase) Order 2008
      [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

4 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Corporate Plan of the Electoral Commission
   for 2008–09 to 2012–13 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 491] [The Speaker].

5 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Ninth to Thirteenth Reports from the
   Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7364] [Angela
   Eagle].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has
   discharged Alison Seabeck from the Temporary and Agency Workers (Equal Treatment)
   Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Jim McGovern.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order 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: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr James Arbuthnot, John Austin, Tony Baldry, Mr Bob
      Blizzard, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tom
      Clarke, Mr David Crausby, Justine Greening, Mr Brian Jenkins, Jane Kennedy, Mr
      Brooks Newmark, Mrs Linda Rostron and David Wright.

3 Draft Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second 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 Richard Benyon, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Peter Bone, Colin Challen, Mr
      Charles Clarke, Nia Griffith, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, David Heyes, Martin
      Horwood, Lynne Jones, Siobhain McDonagh, Joan Ryan, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Andrew
      Smith, Jon Trickett, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.
4 Draft Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third 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 Crispin Blunt, James Brokenshire, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr William Cash, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Ann Clwyd, Mr Vernon Coaker, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Lembit Opik, Mr Jamie Reed, Paddy Tipping, Mr Don Touhig and Dr Alan Whitehead.

5 Draft Cash Ratio Deposits (Value Bands and Ratios) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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 Graham Allen, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Sir John Butterfill, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr James Gray, Mr John Gummer, Mr Mark Hoban, Chris McCafferty, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dr John Pugh, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough), Sir Peter Soulsby, Mr Paul Truswell and Kitty Ussher.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth 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: Mr Jim Devine, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Bruce George, Julia Goldsworthy, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Nick Hunt, Dr Brian Iddon, Lembit Opik, Chris Ruane, Grant Shapps, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Robert Syms, David Tredinnick, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Iain Wright.

7 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth 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, Mr David Drew, Linda Gilroy, Paul Goggins, Mr Mike Hall, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Martin Linton, Dr Alasdair McDonnell, Rob Marris, Julie Morgan, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson and Sammy Wilson.

8 Church of England Marriage Measure:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Measure to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Robert Key Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Stuart Bell, Liz Blackman, Mr David Blunkett, Peter Bottomley, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr David Curry, Mr Quentin Davies, Mrs Nadine Dorries, James Duddridge, Mr Frank Field, Simon Hughes, Mr Adam Ingram, Glenda Jackson, Ms Sally Keeble, Fiona Maclaggart and Helen Southworth.

European Committees

9 The Speaker has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman of European Committee C, in respect of European Union Document No. 7210/08 and Addendum, relating to Financial Management.

10 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Committee B, in respect of European Union Document No. 5835/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Carbon capture and storage.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—(1) Testing and Assessment:

(i) Third Report from the Children, Schools and Families 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 2007, in the last Session of Parliament, and 12th March [No. 169-I and -II]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published; and
Wednesday 7th May 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
RAF Aldergrove (Dr William McCrea).
Thatched roofs and planning policy (Sir George Young).
Development policy on the Democratic Republic of Congo (Jeremy Corbyn).
Flooding in West Oxfordshire (Mr David Cameron).
Green belt policy (Annette Brooke).

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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.21 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 15th May.

2 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 15th May.

3 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 15th May.

4 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 15th May.

5 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 15th May.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 15th May.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 15th May.

8 Counter-Terrorism Bill.—John Bercow reported certain Memoranda from the Counter-Terrorism Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

9 Local Transport Bill [Lords].—Ann Winterton reported from the Local Transport Bill [Lords] Committee:

(1) certain Memoranda; and

(2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make further provision in relation to local transport authorities, the provision and regulation of road transport services and the subsidising of passenger transport services; to amend sections 74, 75 and 79 of the Transport Act 1985; to make provision for or in relation to committees which represent the interests of users of public transport; to rename Passenger Transport Authorities as Integrated Transport Authorities and to make further provision in relation to them; to make further provision in relation to charging for the use of roads; to amend Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004; to make provision in relation to the acquisition, disclosure and use of information relating to vehicles registered outside the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes.

Memoranda (reported on 22nd 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 106].

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

10 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:

Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008.

11 Defence in the world.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of defence in the world—(Secretary Des Browne);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.
12 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 15th May, 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 after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Liz Blackman.)

13 Draft Marine Bill (Joint Committee).—Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords Message of 2nd April, that it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Marine Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of eleven members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the draft Marine Bill (Cm. 7351).

That the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 22nd July 2008.

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 Linda Gilroy, Nia Griffith, Anne Main, Martin Salter, Sir Peter Soulsby, Mr Robert Syms, Paddy Topping, Mr Charles Walker, Joan Walley, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Roger Williams be members of the Committee.—(Liz Blackman.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

14 Adjournment.

Subject: Government support for organisations for victims of domestic violence (Mr Virendra Sharma).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law.—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Health Care and Associated Professions.—General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) (Amendment in Relation to Standard of Proof) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1256), dated 1st May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Housing.—Home Information Pack (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1266), dated 6th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

5 Weights and Measures.—Measuring Instruments (EC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1267), dated 7th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

Other Papers:

6 European Communities (No. 1, 2008).—Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement, done at Brussels on 12th December 2006, between the European Community and its Member States and the Kingdom of Morocco, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7380] [Secretary David Miliband].
7 International Development (Reporting and Transparency).—Report of the Department for International Development for 2008 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 492] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers withdrawn:

8 Mental Health.—Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 7th May].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt and Julia Goldsworthy from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Don Foster and Mr John Randall.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) European Commission White Paper on Sport: Seventh Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, with Memoranda and an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 347]; and

(2) On-course horserace betting: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2007–08: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 549]
[Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Health.—(1) The appointment of the Chair of the Care Quality Commission: Fourth Report from the Health Committee, with Minutes of Evidence and a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 545-I and -II]; and

(2) National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence Response to the First Report from the Health Committee: First Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 550]
[Mr Kevin Barron].

3 International Development,—(1) DFID and the African Development Bank:

(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 19th March 2008 [No. 441-I and -II]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee;

(2) DFID and the World Bank: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 548]; and

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

4 Justice.—Devolution: A Decade On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 75-vii] [Mr Alan Beith].

5 Public Administration.—(1) Machinery of Government Changes: Further Report: Eighth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 514]; and

(2) Lobbying: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 137-vi]
[Dr Tony Wright].
Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 13th May.

Adjourned at 5.03 p.m.

[No. 91.]

Friday 9th May 2008.

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 Michael Fallon 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, Stephen Pound: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, David Howarth, Mr William Cash: 28.

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 Planning and Energy Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Planning and Energy Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Insulation Standards)—(Mr Andrew Dismore)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (NC3) (Microgeneration)—(Mr Andrew Dismore)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Secretary of State shall appoint.’.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Foreign Nationals (Statistics) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Nationals (Statistics) Bill;

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th May.

6 Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th May.
7 Drugs (Reclassification) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Reclassification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th May.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Care home charges (Dr Vincent Cable).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 12th May.

[Adjourned at 2.55 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Treaty Series (No. 5, 2008),—Treaty, done at London on 6th December 2006, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Arab Emirates on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters [by Command] [Cm. 7383] [Secretary David Miliband].

2 Treaty Series (No. 6, 2008),—Extradition Treaty, done at London on 6th December 2006, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Arab Emirates on Extradition [by Command] [Cm. 7382] [Secretary David Miliband].
PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1146).

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2008.

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

4 European Committee B,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from European Committee B nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to Financial Management, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 7210/08 and Addendum, Commission Report, Member States’ replies to the Court of Auditors’ 2006 Annual Report; and supports the Government’s promotion of measures to improve the management of EC Budget funds across the EU.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords];

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Siobhain McDonagh: 340.

Tellers for the Noes, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr David Amess: 78.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

6 Human Fertilisation and Embryology 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 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords]:

Committal

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

(a) Clauses Nos. 4, 11, 14 and 23 and Schedule No. 2;

(b) any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the termination of pregnancy by registered medical practitioners.

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

Proceedings in Committee

3. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in two days.

4. Those proceedings shall be taken on each of those days as shown in the first column of the following Table and in the order so shown.
5. The proceedings on each of those days 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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6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to the proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

7. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 17th June 2008.

8. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

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

11. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

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

Other proceedings

13. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of any message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Liz Blackman).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Siobhain McDonagh: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr David Amess: 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Human Fertilisation and Embryology 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 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by a person holding office under Her Majesty or by a government department—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

8 Human Fertilisation and Embryology 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 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority—(Ms Diana R. Johnson).—It was agreed to.
9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mr Alan Scard and others relating to development and healthcare (Hampshire); and

(2) residents of the United Kingdom relating to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill

were presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Future of HM Revenue and Customs Office in Newport (Jessica Morden).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Proceeds of Crime,—Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Disclosure of Information) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Mental Health,—Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

4 Communities and Local Government,—Government Response to the Report of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism: One year on Progress Report [by Command] [Cm. 7381] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

5 European Communities (No. 2, 2008),—Agreement, done at Dromoland Castle, Co. Clare on 26th June 2004, on the Promotion, Provisions and use of Galileo and GPS Satellite-based Navigation Systems and related Applications, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7384] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the British Hallmarking Council for 2007, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 542] [Secretary John Denham].

7 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Housing: Proportionate Dispute Resolution [by Command] [Cm. 7377] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 Reserve Forces,—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order for Cyprus under section 56(1) of that Act, dated 12th May 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd, Mr Kevan Jones, Paddy Tipping and Mr Don Touhig from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Linda Gilroy, Andrew Gwynne, Mr Adam Ingram and Ian Lucas.

European Committees

2 European Union Document No. 7210/08 and Addendum, relating to Financial Management,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Mudie from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution David Heyes.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise.—Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 168-iv] [Peter Luff].

2 Children, Schools and Families.—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Communities and Local Government.—(1) Planning Skills: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 517-iii].
   (2) Provision of Public Toilets: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (3) Spring Supplementary Estimates 2007–08: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—The potential of England’s rural economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 544-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 Human Rights.—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Education and Skills Bill: Nineteenth 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 and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 9th and 21st January [No. 553];
   (2) Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights (Tenth Report): Counter Terrorism Bill: Twentieth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 554];
   (3) Human Rights Judgments: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (4) Legislative scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

6 Public Accounts.—(1) The privatisation of QinetiQ: Twenty-fourth 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. 151];
   (2) The cancellation of Bicester Accommodation Centre: Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 316];
   (3) Caring for vulnerable babies: The reorganisation of neonatal services in England: Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 390];
   (4) Department for International Development: Providing budget support to developing countries: Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 395];
   (5) Evasion of vehicle excise duty: Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 557]; and
   (6) The procurement of the National Roads Telecommunications Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 558-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
PRAYERS.

1 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee.—Robert Key reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the Church of England Marriage Measure.

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

2 European Committee C.—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Committee C, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to carbon capture and storage, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5835/08 and Addenda 1 and 2; notes its objective of removing legislative barriers to the geological storage of carbon dioxide in existing Community legislation; and supports the Government’s approach to securing practical and proportionate legislation that promotes the environmentally safe storage of carbon dioxide.

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 agree to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of eleven Lords to join with the Committee appointed by this House to consider and report on the draft Marine Bill presented to both Houses on 3rd April (Cm. 7351) and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 22nd July 2008;

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 appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom;

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

That the reports of the Committee from time to time shall be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House;

That the evidence taken by the Committee shall, if the Committee so wishes, be published; and

That the Committee meet with the Committee appointed by this House to-morrow at 10.00 a.m. in the Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House.

4 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 Crausby, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Dai Havard, Helen Jones, Jim Sheridan, David Wright and Andrew Mackinlay do prepare and bring it in.

5 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 20th June and to be printed [Bill 108].

6 Education and Skills Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 14th January 2008 (Education and Skills Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table.
3. The proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

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4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption—(Jim Knight).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Dave Watts: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, James Duddridge: 166.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Education and Skills Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education and Skills Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC14) (Admission arrangements)—(Secretary Ed Balls)—brought up, read the first time and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Abolition of appeals against permanent exclusion of pupils)—(Mr Nick Gibb)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Education and Skills (Programme) (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 103.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 300.

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 (NC18) (Selection by aptitude)—(Mr David Laws)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, that the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Paul Rowen, Willie Rennie: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 359.

Amendment (No. 149) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, after the word ‘England’, to insert the words ‘and Wales’.—(Nia Griffith.)

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

Another Clause (NC6) (Learning and support contracts)—(Mr John Hayes)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Nine o’clock the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 259.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

'(7A) In this section, “reasonable excuse” includes circumstances in which a young person—

(a) is homeless,

(b) has health problems, including temporary illness, long term disability or ongoing mental health issues,

(c) has addiction problems,

(d) has secured a place on a course which does not start until the following month or the following term,

(e) is recovering from giving birth,

(f) has caring responsibilities, or

(g) has particular learning difficulties for which support has not been put in place.”.—(Mr John Hayes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Tony Cunningham: 258.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 94 to 123 and 125 to 148) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 321), a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th February, be disapproved—(Chris Huhne).

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).

9 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 (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 1st April, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

10 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) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 21st April, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

11 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 (Buildings and Land) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1146), dated 21st April 2008, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.

12 Financial Management,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 7210/08 and Addendum, Commission Report, Member States’ replies to the Court of Auditors’ 2006 Annual Report; and supports the Government’s promotion of measures to improve the management of EC Budget funds across the EU—(Mr Alan Campbell).—It was agreed to.
13th May 2008

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2. Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6. National Health Service.—Primary Care Trusts and National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1269), dated 6th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

7. National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The National Programme for IT in the NHS: Progress since 2006 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 484-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

8. Wales.—Paper, entitled Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7379] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Church of England Marriage Measure.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adam Ingram and Fiona Mactaggart from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Measure) and nominated in substitution Linda Gilroy and Sir Gerald Kaufman.

European Committees

2. European Union Document No. 5835/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Carbon Capture and Storage.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham, Ann Clwyd and Mrs Betty Williams from European Committee C (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr George Mudie, Helen Southworth and Mr Don Touhig.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Harmful content on the Internet and in video games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 353-vi] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Defence,—ISTAR:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 535-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Michael Jabez Foster].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) Personal Carbon Trading: 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. 565]; and
   (2) Greener Homes for the Future? An environmental analysis of the Government’s house-building plans: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 566]
   [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Justice,—(1) Devolution: a Decade On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 75-ix]; and
   (2) Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed [No. 425-ii]
   [Mr Alan Beith].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 333-vi] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Regulatory Reform,—Getting Results: The Better Regulation Executive and the Impact of the Regulatory Reform Agenda: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 474-iii] [Andrew Miller].

8 Standards and Privileges,—Conduct of Mr Speaker: Ninth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with an Appendix; to be printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 559] [Sir George Young].

9 Treasury,—(1) Administration and expenditure of the Chancellor’s departments, 2006-07: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2007-08: Ninth Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 564]; and
   (2) Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 536-i]
   [John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs,—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-v]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published
   [Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 13th May 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Regulation of supermarkets (Mr Mark Field).
- Future of the Teesside base of the North East Air Support Unit (Frank Cook).
- Abolition of the Worker Registration Scheme (Stephen Pound).
- EAGA Warm Front Scheme in West Dorset (Mr Oliver Letwin).
- Business Improvement District process in Coventry (Mr Geoffrey Robinson).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Siobhain McDonagh);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

Wednesday 14th May 2008.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Cash Ratio Deposits (Value Bands and Ratios) Order 2008.

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

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Cummings reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the Home Information Pack (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 572).

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

3 Management of Dementia in Care Homes,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the prescription of anti-psychotic drugs for people with dementia in care homes; to require the introduction of protocols for the prescribing, monitoring and review of such medication; to make dementia training, including the use of anti-psychotics, mandatory for care home staff; to require care homes to obtain support from specified external services; and for connected purposes: And that David Taylor, Jeremy Wright, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mrs Betty Williams, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Gordon Prentice, John Bercow, Lynne Jones, Bob Russell, Mr David Drew and Colin Burgon do prepare and bring it in.

4 Management of Dementia in Care Homes Bill,—David Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the prescription of anti-psychotic drugs for people with dementia in care homes; to require the introduction of protocols for the prescribing, monitoring and review of such medication; to make dementia training, including the use of anti-psychotics, mandatory for care home staff; to require care homes to obtain support from specified external services; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 109].

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.

Burma,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is gravely concerned by the immense suffering and damage caused in Burma by Cyclone Nargis; notes that 200,000 people may have died and that two million people lack access to healthcare, clean water and sanitation, food and shelter; salutes the work of the Department for International Development’s staff and British NGOs, including Save the Children and Merlin, in responding to the disaster; is further deeply concerned by the restrictions placed on the international humanitarian relief effort by the government of Burma; asserts that the international relief effort is motivated solely by humanitarian concerns; calls on the government of Burma immediately to grant unrestricted access for
the international humanitarian effort, including the delivery of aid supplies, and the admission and free movement of aid workers; further calls on the UN Secretary General to visit Burma immediately to make clear the united desire of the international community to secure access for the international relief effort; further calls on China, India, Thailand and other countries with influence over the Burmese regime to make every possible effort to persuade the Burmese government to allow the international relief effort full access; prefers that humanitarian action should be supported by the government of Burma and believes that this approach is more likely to be successful but concludes that the international community has a responsibility to protect the Burmese people and should consider all options for getting help to those who need it, including using direct aid drops—(Mr Andrew Mitchell);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes with horror the devastating impact of Cyclone Nargis upon the people of Burma; recognises the vast scale of humanitarian assistance needed urgently to prevent further loss of life; is appalled at the unacceptably slow pace at which the Burmese authorities have so far allowed in international expertise for the relief effort, and at their lack of capacity to distribute aid to the affected areas; calls upon the Burmese authorities to allow immediate and unfettered access for both the delivery of aid and for its distribution inside Burma, strongly welcomes the UK Government’s initial £5 million pledge to the relief effort for emergency items; strongly supports the UK Government’s exchanges with key international partners in order to bring about a concerted international effort for access for humanitarian assistance; in this regard, welcomes the visit to countries in the region by Ministers from the Department for International Development and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; urges countries in the region to increase their efforts to persuade the Burmese authorities to allow in unfettered international assistance and to ramp up the delivery of aid; and strongly supports continued efforts of the United Nations to secure access and ensure aid is delivered to those in need’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Alexander)

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

6 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the result of the Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Immigration,—That the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (House of Commons Paper No. 321), a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th February, be disapproved.

Ayes: 51.
Noes: 354.

So the Question was negatived.

Local Government,—That the draft Local Authorities (Alcohol Disorder Zones) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 1st April, be approved.

Ayes: 240.
Noes: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Opposition Day [12th allotted day],—Burma,—The Question being again proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Sadiq Khan: 252.

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 horror the devastating impact of Cyclone Nargis upon the people of Burma; recognises the vast scale of humanitarian assistance needed urgently to prevent further loss of life; is appalled at the unacceptably slow pace at which the Burmese authorities have so far allowed in international expertise for the relief effort, and at their lack of capacity to distribute aid to the affected areas; calls upon the Burmese authorities to allow immediate and unfettered access for both the delivery of aid and for its distribution inside Burma, strongly welcomes the UK Government’s initial £5 million
pledge to the relief effort for emergency items; strongly supports the UK Government’s exchanges with key international partners in order to bring about a concerted international effort for access for humanitarian assistance; in this regard, welcomes the visit to countries in the region by Ministers from the Department for International Development and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; urges countries in the region to increase their efforts to persuade the Burmese authorities to allow in unfeathered international assistance and to ramp up the delivery of aid; and strongly supports continued efforts of the United Nations to secure access and ensure aid is delivered to those in need.

Vehicle Excise Duty.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the increases in Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) imposed in the Budget; notes that between 2006 and 2010 revenues from graduated VED will have more than doubled; observes that the majority of motorists who currently pay graduated VED will now pay more; deplores the Government’s decision to abolish the exemption from higher graduated VED rates for cars that emit more than 186g of carbon dioxide per kilometre and were registered between March 2001 and March 2006, and the fact that this was not stated clearly at the time of the Budget; considers that any increases in environmental taxes should be offset by tax reductions elsewhere; and calls upon the Government to abandon its planned increases in VED—(Mr Philip Hammond).

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, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Richard Benyon: 125.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Wayne David, Mr Alan Campbell: 284.

So the Question was negatived.

8 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 Motions in the names of Sir Stuart Bell and Ms Harriet Harman, relating to the Church of England Marriage Measure, and Yvette Cooper, relating to Banks and Banking—(Liz Blackman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Wayne David, Mr Alan Campbell: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Simon Burns: 111.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Church of England Marriage Measure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Church of England Marriage Measure (House of Commons Paper No. 511), passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament—(Sir Stuart Bell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Wayne David, Mr Alan Campbell: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr Christopher Chope: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Banks and Banking.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Cash Ratio Deposits (Value Bands and Ratios) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 2nd April, be approved—(Liz Blackman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Wayne David: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr James Gray: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.
11 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Wendy Daines, residents of Castle Point and others relating to Benfleet rail station facilities; and
(2) residents of Cornwall relating to Facebook (Cornwall)
were presented and read.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Access to specialist services for sufferers of muscular dystrophy (Nia Griffith).
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.22 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration.—Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

2 Prisons.—Draft Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

3 Representation of the People.—(1) Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008, and
(2) draft Service Voters’ Registration Period (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

4 Social Security.—Draft Social Security (Students Responsible for Children or Young Persons) Amendment Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Maintenance of Dependants.—Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Designation of Reciprocating Countries) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1202), dated 7th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Relevant British Possessions) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1243), dated 7th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


Other Papers:

8 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Departmental Report 2007–08 for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office [by Command] [Cm. 7398] [Secretary David Miliband].

9 Legislative Programme.—Paper, entitled Preparing Britain for the future: The Government’s Draft Legislative Programme for 2008–09 [by Command] [Cm. 7372] [Ms Harriet Harman].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and
the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Ms Dawn Butler, Rosie Cooper, Sandra Gidley, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Daniel Kawczynski, Robert Key, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Peter Lilley, Chris McCafferty, Ann Milton, Greg Mulholland, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Nick Raynsford, Joan Ryan, Ms Gisela Stuart and Jeremy Wright.

2 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second 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 Colin Breed, Mr Jeremy Browne, Ms Karen Buck, Richard Burden, Tony Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, James Duddridge, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr John Grogan, Kate Hoey, Mr Andrew Love, Anne Main, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Marsha Singh and Mr Nigel Waterson.

3 Draft Cash Ratio Deposits (Value Bands and Ratios) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Allen and Chris McCafferty from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Chris Mole and Mr Anthony Wright.

4 Home Information Pack (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 572),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Devine and Michael Jabez Foster from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Keith Hill and Ian Stewart.

5 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mike Hall, Sir Gerald Kaufman and Mr Nick Raynsford from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen, Fiona Mactaggart and Sir Peter Soulsby.

European Committees

6 European Union Document No. 8403/08 and Addenda 1 to 5, relating to The EU—a Global Partner for Development—Speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, has been referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—The Work of Ofsted: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 188-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Harmful content on the Internet and in video games: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 353-vii]; and

(2) London 2012 Games: Letter laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill, to be printed [No. 551-ii] [Michael Jabez Foster].

4 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. 16-xxi];

(2) The Role of National Parliaments under the Lisbon Treaty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 563-i];

(3) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-x]; and

(4) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].
5 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—After Leitch: Implementing Skills and Training Policies:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the After Leitch: Implementing Skills and Training Policies Sub-Committee of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 505-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Joan Walley reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill, that Lord Greenway had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

7 Public Accounts,—Protecting consumers? Removing retail price controls: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 571-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Employment and skills for the defence industry in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 305-v] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Standards and Privileges,—Conduct of Mr George Osborne: Tenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 560] [Sir George Young].

10 Statutory Instruments,—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 38-xii] [David Maclean].

11 Transport,—(1) The Future of BAA: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 569]; and
   (2) Road Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 460-ii]
   [Mr Graham Stringer].

12 Treasury,—(1) Counting the Population: Eleventh Report from the Treasury Committee, with Minutes of Evidence and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 183];
   (2) Child Trust Funds follow-up: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 537-iii]; and
   (3) Budget Measures and Low-Income Households: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [John McFall].

[No. 94; WH, No. 61]

Wednesday 14th May 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
   60th anniversary of the Commonwealth Development Corporation (Mr Tom Clarke).
   Immigration rules relating to spouses (Mr Roger Godsiff).
   Future of Royal Mail and the Post Office (Mr Alan Reid).
   Government funding for the proposed unitary authority for Shropshire (Daniel Kawczynski).
   Siting of Stafford Post Office (Mr David Kidney).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Ms Diana R. Johnson);

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.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 22nd May.

2 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 22nd May.

3 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 22nd May.

4 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 22nd May.

5 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 22nd May.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 22nd May.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 22nd May.

8 Counter-Terrorism Bill.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Counter-Terrorism Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memoranda (reported on 22nd and 29th April and 8th May) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 100].

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

9 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 2008.

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

10 Anti-semitism (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of anti-semitism—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda).

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

11 Public Accounts.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 41st, 42nd and 46th to 65th Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2006–07, and of the Treasury Minutes on these Reports (Cm. 7275, 7276 and 7322); and of the 1st to 4th, 6th and 9th to 13th Reports of the Committee of Session 2007–08, and of the Treasury Minutes on these Reports (Cm. 7323 and 7364).—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Boiler room fraud (Mr Nigel Evans).

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Capital Gains Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Moldova) Order 2008;
   (2) draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (New Zealand) Order 2008; and
   (3) draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Slovenia) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

2 Energy,—Draft Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (Sources of Energy and Technologies) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1312), dated 14th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

4 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—(1) Departmental Report 2007–08 for the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills (OFSTED) [by Command] [Cm. 7407] [Secretary Ed Balls];
   (2) Departmental Report 2008 for the Department for Communities and Local Government [by Command] [Cm. 7394] [Secretary Hazel Blears];
   (3) Departmental Report 2008 for the Home Office [by Command] [Cm. 7396] [Secretary Jacqui Smith];
   (4) Departmental Report 2008 for the Law Officers’ Departments [by Command] [Cm. 7406] [The Solicitor General];
   (5) Departmental Report 2008 for the Scotland Office and the Office of the Advocate General for Scotland [by Command] [Cm. 7403] [Secretary Des Browne]; and
   (6) Departmental Report 2008 for the Wales Office [by Command] [Cm. 7404] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

5 Local Government,—Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 18) for 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

6 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 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Tony Cunningham from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Cunningham.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Administration,—(1) Parliamentary Commissions of Inquiry: 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. 473]; and
   (2) Lobbying: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 137-vii]
   [Dr Tony Wright].

2 Welsh Affairs,—The Proposed Legislative Competence Order in Council: vulnerable children:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 576-iv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published
   [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 95; WH, No. 62]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Funding of Science and Discovery Centres, Eleventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2006–07, and the Government’s response thereto.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Alison Seabeck.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 20th May.

[Adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

[No. 96.]

Friday 16th May 2008.

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,—David Howarth 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, Annette Brooke, David Howarth: 0.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr Sadiq Khan: 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 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 Transport for London Bill [Lords].

5 Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC1) (Information on school provision)—(Annette Brooke)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Fixed Term Parliaments Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fixed Term Parliaments Bill;

Mr Thomas McAvoy acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, had consented to place Her prerogative, so far as it is affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And a Motion being made, 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 6th June.

7 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th June.

8 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 20th June.

9 Environmental Protection (Airports) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Environmental Protection (Airports) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th June.

10 Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 25th January, That the Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 6th June.

11 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 13th June.

12 Foreign Nationals (Statistics) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Nationals (Statistics) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th June.

13 Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th June.

14 Drugs (Reclassification) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Reclassification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th June.
15 Adjournment.

Subject: Local employment and the London Olympic Games in 2012 (Ms Diane Abbott).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 19th May.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Political Parties.—Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Scheme, dated 21st April 2008, made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford amending the Scheme of the University [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

3 Legislative Programme.—Paper, entitled Amendment to Preparing Britain for the future: The Government’s Draft Legislative Programme for 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7411] [Ms Harriet Harman].

4 Public Administration.—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 2005–06, on Propriety and Honours: Interim Findings, and the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08, on Propriety and Peerages [by Command] [Cm. 7374] [Secretary Jack Straw].
[No. 97.]


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 Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008.

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

3 Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill.—Ordered, That the Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th June.

4 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] [1st allocated day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] (Clauses Nos. 4, 11, 14 and 23, Schedule No. 2 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the termination of pregnancy by registered medical practitioners).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 4 (Prohibitions in connection with genetic material not of human origin).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 4, to leave out line 5.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [12th May].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Nigel Evans: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Alison Seabeck: 336.

The Chairman then put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Clause No. 4 to a conclusion.

Amendment (No. 33) made.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 4, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) A licence cannot authorise the creation of an embryo using—
(a) human gametes and animal gametes, or
(b) one human pronucleus and one animal pronucleus.'—(Mark Simmonds.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mark Pritchard, Miss Ann Widdecombe: 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Bob Blizzard: 286.

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed, in page 4, to leave out lines 25 to 27.—(Mr David Drew.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Brian Binley: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Alison Seabeck: 314.

Other Amendments (Nos. 34 and 35) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Activities that may be licensed).
Amendment (No. 31) proposed, in page 8, line 21, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

'(1) Section 11 of the 1990 Act (licences for treatment, storage and research) is amended as follows—
(a) in the title, for “and research” substitute “, research and therapy”.
(b) in subsection (1)(b), for “and embryos” substitute “, embryos or human admixed embryos”; and
(c) after subsection (1)(c) add—
“(d) licences under paragraph 3B of that Schedule authorising activities for the purposes of therapy”.—(Dr Evan Harris.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 (Activities that may be licensed under the 1990 Act).

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 55, to leave out lines 24 to 28 and insert the words—

'(i) a gender-related physical or mental disability which is life-threatening or severely impairs their quality of life,
(ii) a gender-related serious illness which is life-threatening or severely impairs their quality of life, or
(iii) any other gender-related serious medical condition which is life-threatening or severely impairs their quality of life’.—(Mark Simmonds.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mike Penning, Mr Robert Syms: 149.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Bob Blizzard: 318.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 55, to leave out lines 30 to 37.—(Mr David Burrowes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, David Taylor, Daniel Kawczynski: 163.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Alan Campbell: 342.

It being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on Clause No. 11, the Chairman put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 55, line 35, after the word ‘other’, to insert the word ‘regenerative’.—(Mark Simmonds.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Mike Penning: 200.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Bob Blizzard: 293.

Amendments (Nos. 36 to 39) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Liz Blackman reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.
6 Tax Law Rewrite Bills (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr Nick Clegg be discharged from the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills and Mr Colin Breed be added.—(Mr Nicholas Brown, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the O’Gorman family relating to Family Courts (reform) was presented and read.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: General practitioner dispensing (Tony Baldry).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Liz Blackman);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the 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 Capital Gains Tax.—Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Saudi Arabia) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

2 Income Tax.—Draft Alternative Finance Arrangements (Community Investment Tax Relief) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

3 Taxes.—Draft International Tax Enforcement (Bermuda) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Food.—Drinking Milk (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1317), dated 13th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

5 Pensions.—Draft Code of Practice: Dispute resolution—reasonable periods [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].


(2) Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Barring Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 203);

(3) Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Prescribed Criteria) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 201); and


Other Papers:

7 Access to Justice.—Legal Services Commission Funding Code: Procedures—Amendments [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—(1) Departmental Report 2007–08 for the Ministry of Justice [by Command] [Cm. 7397] [Secretary Jack Straw];

(2) Departmental Report 2008 for the Department for Children, Schools and Families [by Command] [Cm. 7391] [Secretary Ed Balls].

(3) Departmental Report 2008 for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 7400] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

(4) Departmental Report 2008 for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Command] [Cm. 7399] [Secretary Hilary Benn].
(5) Departmental Report 2008 for the Department for Transport [by Command] [Cm. 7395] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];

(6) Departmental Report 2008 for the Department for Work and Pensions [by Command] [Cm. 7401] [Secretary James Purnell];

(7) Departmental Report 2008 for the Department of Health [by Command] [Cm. 7393] [Secretary Alan Johnson]; and

(8) Departmental Report 2008 for the Northern Ireland Office [by Command] [Cm. 7405] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Papers withdrawn:

9 Pensions,—Draft Code of Practice: Dispute resolution—reasonable periods, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 1st April].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sandra Gidley, Mr Bob Laxton, Chris Mcafferty and Mr Nick Raynsford from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Hilary Armstrong, Lorely Burt, Sandra Osborne and Mrs Betty Williams.

2 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Ian Gibson and Kate Hoey from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Chris Mole and Jessica Morden.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—After the Network Change Programme: the future of the Post Office Network:

   (1) Sixth Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 577]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Peter Luff].

2 Business and Enterprise, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development,—Strategic Export Controls:

   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees; to be printed [No. 254-i]; and

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

3 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Planning Skills:

   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 517-iv]; and

   (ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

   (2) Provision of Public Toilets: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Government preparations for digital switchover: Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 416]; and

   (2) Meeting Needs? The Offenders’ Learning and Skills Service: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 584-i]
[Mr Alan Williams].
[No. 98.]

Tuesday 20th May 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills (Petitions for Additional Provision) (Standing Orders not complied with).—The Speaker laid upon the Table Reports from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, the Standing Orders have not been complied with in respect of Petitions for Additional Provision:

- London Local Authorities Bill [Lords]
- London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill (No. 2) [Lords]
- London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.

Reports referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

2 Adults with Autism.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose duties upon the Secretary of State and certain organisations involved in health and social care in respect of support for people aged 18 and over with autism; and for connected purposes: And that Angela Browning, John Barrett, Roger Berry, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Michael Fabricant, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Frank Field, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Anne Main and Mr Andrew Turner do prepare and bring it in.

3 Adults with Autism Bill.—Angela Browning accordingly presented a Bill to impose duties upon the Secretary of State and certain organisations involved in health and social care in respect of support for people aged 18 and over with autism; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 111].

4 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] (Clauses Nos. 4, 11, 14 and 23, Schedule No. 2 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the termination of pregnancy by registered medical practitioners).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 14 (Conditions of licences for treatment).

Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 9, line 10, to leave out paragraph (b) and insert the words—

‘(b) after “father” insert “and a mother”.’—(Mr Iain Duncan Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Burrowes, Paul Rowen: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Michael Foster: 292.

It being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Chairman put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on Clauses No. 14 and No. 23, pursuant to Order [12th May].

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 9, line 10, after the word ‘parenting’, to insert the words ‘and a father or male role model’.—(Mark Simmonds.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Burrowes, David Taylor: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Michael Foster: 290.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 23 agreed to.

A Clause (NC1) (Amendment of the law relating to abortion)—(Mr Edward Leigh)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Anne Main, Mr David Amess: 71.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Angela C. Smith, Tony Lloyd: 393.
And it being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on new Clauses, the Chairman put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings in the Committee to a conclusion.

Another Clause (NC3) (Amendment of the law relating to abortion (No. 3))—(Mark Pritchard)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Anne Main, Mr David Amess: 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Angela C. Smith, Tony Lloyd: 387.

Another Clause (NC5) (Amendment of the law relating to abortion (No. 5))—(Mrs Nadine Dorries)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Amess, David Taylor: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Angela C. Smith, Tony Lloyd: 332.

Another Clause (NC8) (Foetal physical or mental abnormalities: Information and counselling)—(Dr Nick Palmer)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Angela C. Smith, Tony Lloyd: 309.

Another Clause (NC9) (Amendment of the law relating to abortion (No. 7))—(Richard Ottaway)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Lee Scott, Mr David Amess: 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Lloyd, Ms Angela C. Smith: 304.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 11, 14 and 23, Schedule No. 2 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the termination of pregnancy by registered medical practitioners), as amended, to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Tony Cunningham reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 11, 14 and 23, Schedule No. 2 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the termination of pregnancy by registered medical practitioners) and directed him to report the same, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 11, 14 and 23 and Schedule No. 2), as amended, do lie upon the Table.

5 Social Security.—Ordered, That the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 667), dated 9th March, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Tony Cunningham.)

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of MASRAM (multi-agency sex offender risk assessment and management arrangements) and the management of the risk posed by sex offenders living in the community in Northern Ireland be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 17th June 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

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.
(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)).—(Tony Cunningham.)

7 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) supporters of Hayton Post Office in Penrith and the Border constituency relating to Post Office closures (Cumbria); and
(2) those concerned about the potential changes to the time limit for abortion relating to the time limit for abortion were presented and read.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Management of military radioactive waste (Willie Rennie).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.46 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax.—Draft Alternative Finance Arrangements (Community Investment Tax Relief) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Angela Eagle].

2 Mental Capacity.—Draft Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Standard Authorisations, Assessments and Ordinary Residence) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Food.—Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) and the Milk and Milk Products (Protection of Designations) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1287), dated 13th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Legal Services Commission.—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1328), dated 20th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Local Government.—Recreation Grounds (Revocation of Parish Council Byelaws) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1285), dated 8th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

6 Mental Capacity.—Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Appointment of Relevant Person’s Representative) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1315), dated 14th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

7 Children Schools and Families.—Paper, entitled Back on Track: A strategy for modernising alternative provision for young people [by Command] [Cm. 7410] [Secretary Ed Balls].

8 International Labour Conference.—Paper, entitled International Labour Conference: Presentation of the Convention and two Recommendations adopted at the 96th Session of the International Labour Conference (2007) and the proposed action by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Convention and Recommendation [by Command] [Cm. 7375] [Secretary James Purnell].

9 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Inspection of Woodlands Juvenile Justice Centre [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].
10 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Making grants efficiently in the culture, media and sport sector [by Act]; to be printed [No. 339] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Income Tax.—Draft Alternative Finance Arrangements (Community Investment Tax Relief) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 19th May]

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords].

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Jim Hood Chairmen of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Ian Gibson, Patrick Hall, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Brian Iddon, Helen Jones, Robert Key, Steve McCabe, Chris McCafferty, Laura Moffatt, Julie Morgan, Mike Penning, Dawn Primarolo, Dr John Pugh, Mark Simmonds, Mr Gary Streeter, Dr Desmond Turner and Jeremy Wright.

2 Draft Building Societies (Financial Assistance) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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 Richard Bacon, John Battle, Mr Bob Blizzard, Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Stephen Dorrell, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Mark Hoban, Kate Hoey, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Nick Raynsford, Joan Ryan, Kitty Ussher and David Wright.

3 Draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and the draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second 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: Ms Diane Abbott, Liz Blackman, Chris Bryant, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Mark Field, Paul Goggins, Mr Kevan Jones, Judy Mallaber, Mr Michael Moore, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, David Simpson, Mr Dennis Skinner, Angela Watkinson and Dr Alan Whitehead.

4 Draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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: Jon Cruddas, Barry Gardiner, Mr John Gummer, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Nick Herbert, Stephen Heyford, Mr Philip Hollobone, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Alan Keen, Mr Sadiq Khan, Bridget Prentice, Mr Ken Purchase, John Reid, Martin Salter, Jenny Willott and Mr David Winnick.

5 Draft Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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: Nick Ainger, Mr John Baron, Ann Clwyd, Mr Wayne David, Mr Dai Havard, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mrs Sian C. James, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr David Jones, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Alun Michael, Jessica Morden, Mr Malcolm Moss, Albert Owen, Adam Price, Mr Don Touhig and Mark Williams.

6 Draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Accounts, Audit and EEA State Amendments) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth 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: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Jim Devine,
Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Mike Hall, Mr John Heppell, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mark Pritchard, Dr John Pugh, Mr Lee Scott, Graham Stringer, Ms Dari Taylor, Kitty Ussher and David Wright.

**European Committees**

7 European Union Document No. 8403/08 and Addenda 1 to 5, relating to The EU—a Global Partner for Development—Speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee B, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Tony Cunningham, Daniel Kawczynski, Kerry McCarthy, Mr Angus MacNeil, Mr Shahid Malik, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Elliot Morley, Jim Sheridan and Mr Anthony Steen.

**APPENDIX III**

**Reports from Select Committees**

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 20th May; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business and Enterprise,—Energy Prices: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 293-ii] [Peter Luff].

3 Defence,—(1) Recruitment and retention in the Armed Forces:

   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 424-iv], and

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

(2) Operational costs in Afghanistan and Iraq: Spring Supplementary Estimate 2007–08: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) UK national security and resilience: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-iii], and

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

[Michael Jabez Foster].

5 Environmental Audit,—(1) Reducing Carbon emissions from UK Business: The role of the Climate Change Levy and Agreements: Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 590];

   (2) The 2007 Pre-Budget Report and Comprehensive Spending Review: An environmental analysis: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 591]; and

   (3) Greener Homes for the Future? An environmental analysis of the Government’s house-building plans: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 566-ii]

[Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) A Surveillance Society? Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 58], and

   (2) Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and “Honour”-Based Violence: Sixth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 263]

[Keith Vaz].

7 International Development,—(1) Maternal Health: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Fifth Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 592], and
(2) The humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 522-ii]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Regulatory Reform.—Getting Results: The Better Regulation Executive and the Impact of the
   Regulatory Reform Agenda: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform
   Committee; to be printed [No. 474-iv] [Andrew Miller].

9 Treasury.—(1) Financial Stability and Transparency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the
   Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 536-iii]; and
   (2) Budget Measures and Low-Income Households: Memoranda laid before the
       Committee; to be published
       [John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs.—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Memoranda laid
   before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].
5 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions 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 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions 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 1st July 2008.
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—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

6 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords] (Money).—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions 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 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the Act; and
(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

7 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions 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 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords] it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the making of provision under the Act in relation to income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax in connection with any transfer under the Act of any property, rights or liabilities of the Local Better Regulation Office, and
(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Draycott in the Moors Parish Council and the community of Draycott in the Moors, with the communities and Parish Councils of Checkley, Forsbrook, Fulford and Leigh relating to the A50 (Staffordshire) was presented and read.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Mr Sam Walton and the Rural Payments Agency (Mr Graham Stuart).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Alison Seabeck.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Four o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 3.51 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Defence,—(1) Draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) Order 2008; (2) draft Armed Forces, Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2008; and (3) draft Armed Forces (Service Complaints) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

2. Disabled Persons,—Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3. Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—(1) Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2008; and (2) draft Terrorism Act 2006 (Disapplication of Section 25) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

4. Sea Fisheries,—Fisheries and Aquaculture Structures (Grants) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1322), dated 18th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

5. Financial Reporting to Parliament,—National Savings and Investments Departmental Report 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7409] [Kitty Ussher].

6. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Shared services in the Department for Transport and its agencies [by Act]; to be printed [No. 481] [Clerk of the House].

7. Video Recordings,—Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1. Children, Schools and Families,—(1) Early Years Foundation Stage: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 600-i]; and (2) National Curriculum: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2. Human Rights,—(1) A British Bill of Rights: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 150-vi]; and (2) Legislative Scrutiny: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

3. Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Engineering: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 470-iii] [Mr Phil Willis].

4. International Development,—DFID and China: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 596-i and -ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

5. Northern Ireland Affairs,—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 333-vii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6. Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Mrs Louise Ellman reported from the Transport Committee, That she had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

7. Transport,—Road Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 460-v] [Mrs Louise Ellman].

8. Work and Pensions,—The Government's Carers Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 485-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Industrial relations within the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (Mr Alistair Carmichael).
- Minehead Driving Test Centre (Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger).
- Liver disease (Dr Brian Iddon).
- Impact of National Air Traffic Services’ proposals for Luton (Margaret Moran).
- Extension of the railways network (Dr John Pugh).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Bob Blizzard);

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. 100.]

Thursday 22nd May 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 5th June.

2. Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 5th June.

3. Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 5th June.

4. London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 5th June.

5. Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 5th June.

6. Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 5th June.

7. Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 5th June.

8. Royal Assent,—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts and Measure, agreed upon by both Houses:
   - Channel Tunnel Rail Link (Supplementary Provisions) Act 2008
   - Transport for London Act 2008
   - Church of England Marriage Measure 2008.

9. Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming Adjournment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell);

The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.
10 Adjournment.
Subject: Death of Mr Mark Petre on Royal Fleet Auxiliary Orangeleaf (Tom Brake).
Resolved, that this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit until twenty-seven minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Monday 2nd June, pursuant to Resolution [22nd April].

[Adjourned at 4.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:
2 Immigration,—Immigration and Nationality (Cost Recovery Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1337), dated 20th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].
3 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic Offenders (Prescribed Devices) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1332), dated 20th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Other Papers:
5 Armed Forces' Pay,—Supplement to the Thirty-Seventh Report of the Armed Forces' Pay Review Body: Service Medical and Dental Officers [by Command] [Cm. 7347] [Secretary Des Browne].
6 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Report 2008 for the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills [by Command] [Cm. 7392] [Secretary John Denham].
7 Further and Higher Education,—Report and Accounts of the Higher Education Funding Council for England for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498] [Secretary John Denham].

APPENDIX II
General Committees
Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Dr Evan Harris, Helen Jones, Steve McCabe, Laura Moffat, Dawn Primarolo, Mark Simmonds and Jeremy Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] Committee.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees
1 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Bill on 21st May; to be printed [No. 551-iv]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Jabez Foster].
2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Implementation of the Nitrates Directive in England: Seventh 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. 412] [Mr Michael Jack].
3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxii].
Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Alison Seabeck.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.12 p.m.]
[No. 101.]

Monday 2nd June 2008.

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 Building Societies (Financial Assistance) Order 2008.

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 Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and the draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

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

4 Right to Roam (Mobile Phones) Bill,—The Order for reading the Right to Roam (Mobile Phones) Bill a second time on Friday 6th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

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

Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to promote the reform of the statute law by the repeal, in accordance with recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission, of certain enactments which (except in so far as their effect is preserved) are no longer of practical utility, and to make other provision in connection with the repeal of those enactments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that they have made the following amendment to the Order of that House of 6th May, relating to the appointment of a Committee to join with a Committee of this House to consider and report on the draft Constitutional Renewal Bill: That the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 22nd July.

6 Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords],—The Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 115].

7 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 116].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill be printed [Bill 116–EN].

8 New Member sworn,—Anthony Edward Timpson, Esquire, Member for Crewe and Nantwich, was sworn.

9 Planning Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 10th December 2007 (Planning Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows—

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two days.

3. 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.
Proceedings

Time for conclusion of proceedings

First day

New Clauses, and amendments to Clauses, relating to Parts 3 and 4, New Clauses, and amendments to Clauses, relating to Part 7, New Clauses, and amendments to Clauses, relating to Part 8, and New Clauses, and amendments to Clauses, relating to correction of errors in development consent decisions or changes to, or revocation of, orders granting development consent. New Clauses, and amendments to Clauses, relating to Part 2. The moment of interruption.

Second day

New Clauses, and amendments to Clauses, relating to Chapter 2 of Part 9, and New Clauses, and amendments to Clauses, relating to Part 11. One hour before the moment of interruption.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second day—(John Healey); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Siobhain McDonagh: 248.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 193.
So the Question was agreed to.

10 Planning Bill [1st allocated day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Planning Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC9) (Highways)—(John Healey)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC10) (Railways)—(John Healey)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.
Amendments (Nos. 77 and 78) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 325) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 12, to leave out the words ‘or Wales’.—(Dan Rogerson.) Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Jenny Willott, Mr Roger Williams: 46.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 265.
So the Question was agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 79 to 92) made to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC15) (Land to which authorisation of compulsory acquisition can relate), (NC17) (Rights in connection with underground gas storage facilities), (NC18) (Public rights of way: statutory undertakers’ apparatus etc.) and (NC19) (Extinguishment of rights, and removal of apparatus, of statutory undertakers etc.)—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.
Other Clauses (NC20) (Use of underground gas storage facilities), (NC21) (Harbours), (NC22) (Deemed consent under section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949), (NC23) (Deemed licences under Part 2 of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985), (NC24) (Removal of consent requirements), (NC26) (Interpretation: land and rights over land) and (NC37) (Application of compulsory acquisition procedure provisions)—(John Healey)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.
Other Amendments (Nos. 114 to 152) made to the Bill.
Ordered, That Clause No. 120 be transferred to the end of line 8 on page 65.—(John Healey.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 153 to 160) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC27) (The relevant local planning authority)—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.
Other Amendments (Nos. 165 and 167 to 183) made to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC14) (Correction of errors in development consent decisions)—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being half-past Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day]—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC25) (Changes to, and revocation of, orders granting development consent)—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 113, 166 and 246) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC8) (Parliamentary requirements)—(John Healey)—brought up, read the first time and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Climate change)—(Mr David Drew)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Heath, Mr Nick Hurd: 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Wayne David: 256.

It being after Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 8, at the end, to insert the words ‘(c) has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.’—(Mrs Jacqui Lait)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Wayne David: 277.

Other Amendments (Nos. 72 to 76) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

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 Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 31st March, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

12 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 Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 21st April, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

13 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 Provisions) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 29th April, be approved—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

14 Carbon Capture and Storage,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 5835/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, notes its objective of removing legislative barriers to the geological storage of carbon dioxide in existing Community legislation; and supports the Government’s approach to securing practical and proportionate legislation that promotes the environmentally safe storage of carbon dioxide—(Mr Alan Campbell)—It was agreed to.

15 Farriers,—Ordered, That the Farriers’ Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 646), dated 5th March 2008, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee—(Mr Alan Campbell.)

16 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of the Future of energy in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 18th June 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 referred to it under paragraph (1) above—(Mr Alan Campbell.)
17 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from users of Ditherington Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Shropshire) was presented and read.

18 Adjournment.

Subject: Future of the UK water sector (Linda Gilroy).

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

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 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):

Wednesday 28th May 2008

1 Treaty Series (No. 7, 2008).—Agreement, done at Lusaka on 13th February 2008, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Zambia concerning Air Services [Cm. 7413] [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 23rd May 2008


3 Road Traffic,—Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Wiltshire) (District of West Wiltshire) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1340), dated 21st May 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Tuesday 27th May 2008


Wednesday 28th May 2008


Thursday 29th May 2008


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 2nd June 2008:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

7 Parliament,—Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Harriet Harman].

8 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

9 Criminal Law,—Crime and Disorder (Prescribed Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1406), dated 28th May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

11 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 11th October 2006, made by the Governing Body of Oriel College in the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

12 Children, Schools and Families,—Paper, entitled Youth Alcohol Action Plan [by Command] [Cm. 7387] [Secretary Ed Balls].

13 European Union,—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the House of Lords European Union Select Committee, Session 2007–08, on The Treaty of Lisbon: An Impact Assessment [by Command] [Cm. 7389] [Secretary David Miliband].

14 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Chinook MK3 Helicopters [by Act]: to be printed [No. 512] [Clerk of the House].

15 Work and Pensions,—Paper, entitled Joint birth registration: recording responsibility [by Command] [Cm. 7293] [Secretary James Purnell].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords],—The Committee of Selection has discharged Patrick Hall from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Clarke.

2 Draft Building Societies (Financial Assistance) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Wright from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey.

3 Draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and the draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Ms Gisela Stuart.

4 Draft Compensation (Claims Management Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Herbert from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Henry Bellingham.

European Committees

5 European Union Document No. 8403/08 and Addenda 1 to 5, relating to The EU—A Global Partner for Development—Speeding Up Progress Towards the Millennium Development Goals,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Lancaster.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-v] [Fiona Mactaggart].

2 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Provision of Public Toilets: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 636-i];

(2) Community Cohesion and Migration: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;

(3) New Towns (follow up): Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published and

(4) Planning Skills: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
3 Human Rights.— (1) Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights (Eleventh Report): 42 Days and Public Emergencies: Twenty-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. 633];

(2) Human Rights Judgments: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) Human rights ministers: Memorandum laid before the Committee: to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

4 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,— The Office For Fair Access (OFFA): Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 598-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

5 International Development,— Co-ordination for Aid Effectiveness: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee: to be printed: [No. 520-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Public Accounts,— (1) A progress update in resolving difficulties in administering the single payment scheme in England: Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 285];

(2) Management of large business Corporation Tax: Thirtieth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 302];

(3) Progress in tackling benefit fraud: Thirty-first Report from the Committee: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 323];

(4) Reducing the cost of complying with regulations: The delivery of the Administrative Burdens Programme 2007: Thirty-second Report from the Committee: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 363];


(6) Increasing employment rates for ethnic minorities: Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 472]; and

(7) Making grants efficiently in the culture, media and sport sector: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee: to be printed [No. 641-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 102.]

Tuesday 3rd June 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords].—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] (except Clauses Nos. 4, 11, 14 and 23, Schedule No. 2 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the termination of pregnancy by registered medical practitioners) 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.

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Cummings reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2008.

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:

Employment Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the procedure for the resolution of employment disputes; to provide for compensation for financial loss in cases of unlawful underpayment or non-payment; to make provision about the enforcement of minimum wages legislation and the application of the national minimum wage to Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and voluntary workers; to make provision about the enforcement of offences under the Employment Agencies Act 1973; to make provision about the right of trade unions to expel or exclude members on the grounds of membership of a political party, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Employment Bill [Lords].—The Employment Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 117].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Employment Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 117–EN].

5 Members of Parliament (Pay and Responsibilities).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Senior Salaries Review Body to take account of transfers of powers between Parliament and European Union institutions when making recommendations on the pay of Members of Parliament; and for connected purposes—(Mr Peter Lilley).

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):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Michael Ancram, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Frank Field, Mr James Gray, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr John Redwood, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr Charles Walker do prepare and bring in the Bill.

6 Members of Parliament (Pay and Responsibilities) Bill.—Mr Peter Lilley accordingly presented a Bill to require the Senior Salaries Review Body to take account of transfers of powers between Parliament and European Union institutions when making recommendations on the pay of Members of Parliament; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 113].

7 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 80A (Carry-over of bills) and 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 4th July 2007 in the last Session of Parliament (Child Maintenance and Other Payments 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—(Mark Tami):—It was agreed to.

8 Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 125 were agreed to.

9 Energy from Renewable Resources.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 5421/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable resources; notes the Government’s support for the European Commission’s proposal for increasing the renewable energy share of final EU energy consumption to 20 per cent. by 2020 as part of a balanced energy mix; further notes the importance of the Commission’s parallel proposals in the EU package for
strengthening of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme, so as to provide the basis for a global carbon market and enable emission reductions to be made in the most cost-effective way; recognises the significant contribution that attainment of the renewable targets can make to the European Union’s efforts to tackle climate change, enhance geo-political security of supply and provide the EU with the opportunity to capitalise on significant business and innovation benefits; further recognises the ambitious nature of the proposed legally binding targets; and urges that the Directive should be revised to provide Member States with sufficient flexibility as to ensure that the overall EU and Member State renewables targets can be achieved in a cost-effective way.—(Malcolm Wicks.)

10 Maritime Policy.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 14631/07 and Addenda 1 to 5, Commission Communication, An Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union, and No. 14716/07, Commission Staff Working Document on Maritime Clusters; and endorses the Government’s approach to these documents.—(Jon Fitzpatrick.)

11 Building Societies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Building Societies (Financial Assistance) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson):—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 (Claims Management Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson):—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 Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Consequential Amendments) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 30th April, be approved.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson):—The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Sadiq Khan: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr William McCrea, Mr Gregory Campbell: 6.

So the Question 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 Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 30th April, be approved.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson):—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Southend relating to Southend Driving Test Centre; and
(2) the people of Ceredigion relating to Post Office closures (Ceredigion)
were presented and read.

16 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from pensioners and disabled people of Sheppey and others of like disposition relating to pensioner travel (Kent) was presented.

17 Adjournment.

Subject: Southend Driving Test Centre (James Duddridge).

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson);

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Draft Community Emissions Trading Scheme (Allocation of Allowances for Payment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) (Smoking Cessation Products) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1410), dated 2nd June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Other Papers:

6 Immigration and Asylum,—Report by the Independent Monitor of the entry clearance system appointed under section 23 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Skills for Life: Progress on Improving Adult Literacy and Numeracy [by Act]; to be printed [No. 482] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd, Mrs Sian C. James, Alun Michael and Albert Owen from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Gordon Banks, Mr Bruce George, Nigel Griffiths and Mrs Madeleine Moon.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—(1) Jobs for the Girls: Two Years On: Government Response to the Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee’s Second Report of Session 2007–08: Fourth Special Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 634]; and

(2) Energy Prices: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 293-ii] [Peter Luff].

2 Defence,—(1) ISTAR:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 535-iii]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(2) Defence Equipment 2008: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].
3 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-v]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Jabez Foster].

4 Draft Marine Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill; to be printed [No. 552-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Joan Walley].

5 Environmental Audit,—(1) Are Biofuels Sustainable? The Government Response: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Fifth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 644]; and
   (2) Greener Homes for the Future? An environmental analysis of the Government’s house-building plans: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 566-iii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs,—Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 364-v] [Keith Vaz].

7 Justice,—(1) Consultation Sentencing Guideline: Theft and Burglary (non-dwelling): Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 649-i]; and
   (2) Constitutional and Legal Issues: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 650-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

8 Welsh Affairs,—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-vi]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 102; WH, No. 66] Tuesday 3rd June 2008.

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
   Government policy on eco-towns (Miss Anne McIntosh).
   Low pay and migrant workers (Colin Burgon).
   UK aid programme in Mozambique (Mark Pritchard).
   Food security policy (Mr David Drew).
   Post Office closures in East Devon (Mr Hugo Swire).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mark Tami.)
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 Disqualification of a Member.—The Speaker laid upon the Table a notification, That Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer had this day appointed Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, Member for Henley, to be Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Cummings reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Accounts, Audit and EEA State Amendments) Order 2008.

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

3 Bank Holiday (Contribution of Polish Citizens).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a bank holiday to celebrate the contribution of Polish citizens to Great Britain since 1940—(Daniel Kawczynski).

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):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Daniel Kawczynski, John Battle, Greg Mulholland, Ann Winterton, David Wright, John Bercow, Mr Denis MacShane, Stephen Pound, Mrs Nadine Dorries and Dr Alan Whitehead do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 Bank Holiday (Contribution of Polish Citizens) Bill.—Daniel Kawczynski accordingly presented a Bill to establish a bank holiday to celebrate the contribution of Polish citizens to Great Britain since 1940: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 114].

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.

Volunteering.—Resolved, That this House welcomes National Volunteering Week and the publication of the report of the Morgan Inquiry; recognises the outstanding contribution made by volunteers to what, sixty years ago, William Beveridge called 'the vigour and abundance of voluntary action...which are the distinguishing marks of a free society'; notes that every week millions of people volunteer their time for others, providing indispensable personal care and attention in all of Britain's communities; emphasises the continuing importance of volunteering even as the voluntary sector expands its paid workforce and takes on the delivery of public services; further notes that some voluntary organisations experience shortages of volunteers in key positions; supports the call of the Commission for the Future of Volunteering for 'volunteering to become part of the DNA of our society'; congratulates employers who encourage and make time available for their employees to volunteer; and urges the Government to address the bureaucratic barriers that lie between volunteers and volunteering.—(Mr Francis Maude.)

Pensioner Poverty.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the fact that, even on the Government's own figures, there are nearly two million pensioners living in poverty in the UK, that the poorest pensioners are seeing their incomes decline in real terms and that according to EU figures only pensioners in Latvia, Cyprus and Spain are more likely to fall into poverty, is concerned at the damage caused to many pensioners' finances by the alarming rise in food, energy and fuel prices and in council tax; regrets the fact that some 2.25 million older households are suffering from fuel poverty; disagrees with the Government's refusal to state when it intends to restore the link between average earnings and the basic state pension; notes with regret the Government's decision to abandon its target for maximising the take-up of pension credit when some 1.7 million pensioners eligible are not claiming it; further deplores the sharp decline in private pensions savings since 1997; and calls on the Government to finally redeem its pledge, made in 1997, to ensure that 'all pensioners should share fairly in the increasing prosperity of the nation'—(Mr Nigel Waterson);

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 around two million pensioners out of absolute poverty and over one million out of relative poverty, and have
led to spending of around £12 billion extra on pensioners compared with 1997; recognises that pension credit allows pensioners to live with dignity and rewards those who have saved for their own retirement; acknowledges the introduction of and increases to the winter fuel payment and further measures to ensure pensioners can keep warm; notes the provision of free off-peak bus travel granting freedom to pensioners and ensuring that they are not isolated in their own community; welcomes the long-term framework for pensions through the Pensions Act 2007, including re-linking the basic state pension to average earnings and ensuring equality for women and carers with men by 2025; and further welcomes the private pension reforms in the Pensions Bill which will enable individuals to take personal responsibility for their own retirement’. instead thereof.—

(Mr Mike O’Brien.)

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 Brooks Newmark, Mr Crispin Blunt: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Steve McCabe: 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, Steve McCabe, Alison Seabeck: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Brooks Newmark: 209.

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 around two million pensioners out of absolute poverty and over one million out of relative poverty, and have led to spending of around £12 billion extra on pensioners compared with 1997; recognises that pension credit allows pensioners to live with dignity and rewards those who have saved for their own retirement; acknowledges the introduction of and increases to the winter fuel payment and further measures to ensure pensioners can keep warm; notes the provision of free off-peak bus travel granting freedom to pensioners and ensuring that they are not isolated in their own community; welcomes the long-term framework for pensions through the Pensions Act 2007, including re-linking the basic state pension to average earnings and ensuring equality for women and carers with men by 2025; and further welcomes the private pension reforms in the Pensions Bill which will enable individuals to take personal responsibility for their own retirement.

6 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved.—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment (Summer).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Tuesday 22nd July 2008, do adjourn till Monday 6th October 2008.—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

8 Notices of Questions etc. during September 2008.—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:
Tabling days
Wednesday 3rd, Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th September 2008

Answering days
Wednesday 10th, Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th September 2008—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

9 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill (Joint Committee).—Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords Message of 2nd June that, notwithstanding the Resolution of this House of 30th April, it be an instruction to the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill that it should report on the draft Bill by 22nd July.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

10 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 12th June, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 20 (Time for taking private business), opposed private business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means may be entered upon at any hour and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours, after which the Speaker shall interrupt the business.—(Mr Dave Watts.)

11 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) readers of the Alloa and Hillfoots Advertiser and others of like disposition relating to window blind safety;
(2) those concerned about the intersection of the A5/Chequers Hill, Flamstead relating to road safety (A5 Chequers Hill);
(3) supporters of the ‘Keep Mayfield Post Office Open’ campaign relating to Post Office closures (Staffordshire);
(4) supporters of the ‘Keep Marchington Post Office Open’ campaign relating to Post Office closures (Staffordshire); and
(5) supporters of the ‘Keep Stapenhill Post Office Open’ campaign relating to Post Office closures (Staffordshire)
were presented and read.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Regulating internet service providers and internet content (John Robertson).

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Draft Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer’s Home or Place of Work etc. Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

(2) draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2008
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3 Health Care and Associated Professions.—Draft Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

[by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

5 Tribunals and Inquiries,—(1) Draft Appeals from the Upper Tribunal to the Court of Appeal Order 2008;
(2) draft First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Order 2008; and

(3) draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made on 24th January 2008, by the Governing Body of Templeton College in the University of Oxford revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

7 Constitution,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the House of Lords Constitution Committee, Session 2007–08, on European Union (Amendment) Bill and the Treaty of Lisbon: Implications for the UK Constitution [by Command] [Cm. 7417] [Secretary David Miliband].

8 National Heritage,—Statement on the provision of the Government Indemnity Scheme [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2008:

(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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Doug Henderson, Stephen Hesford, David Howarth, Chris Huhne, Mr Nick Hurst, Mrs Sian C. James, Mr Sadiq Khan, David Lepper, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Margaret Moran and Mr Michael Wills.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tim Boswell, Colin Burgen, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr James Clappison, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Curry, Mr Wayne David, James Duddridge, Paul Flynn, Mr Neil Gerrard, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Mike O'Brien, Paul Rowen and Jenny Willott.

3 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, David Cairns, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Philip Dunne, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Adam Ingram, Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ian McCartney, Ann McKechin, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Lee Scott, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr Ben Wallace.

4 Draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2008:

(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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betsys, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, James Brokenshire, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr David Clelland, Ann Clwyd, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Meg Hillier, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Ian Lucas, Mr Mark Oaten and Phil Wilson.
5 Draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Accounts, Audit and EEA State Amendments) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Graham Stringer from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Anthony Wright.

6 Draft Social Security (Students Responsible for Children or Young Persons) Amendment Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Annette Brooke, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, James Duddridge, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Denis MacShane, Anne Main, Dr Doug Naysmith, John Penrose, Mr James Plaskitt, Andrew Selous, Geraldine Smith, Mr John Spellar and Jenny Willott.

7 Farriers’ Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 646):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr Richard Benyon, Harry Cohen, Frank Dobson, Jim Dowd, Mr James Gray, Nia Griffith, Martin Linton, Siobhain McDonagh, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr James Pase, Mr John Redwood, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Richard Shepherd, Steve Webb and Mr Roger Williams.

European Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of European Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Document No. 8403/08 and Addenda 1 to 5, relating to EU—a Global Partner for Development—Speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

9 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 2nd June 2007, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities 2009, has been referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—National Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 651-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-vi]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Jabez Foster].

3 Environmental Audit,—Carbon Capture and Storage and Kingsnorth power station: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 654-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Draft Marine Bill—Coastal Access Provisions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 656-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) The Conclusions of the European Council and Council of Ministers: Follow-up Report: Twenty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 606];

(2) Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxiii];

(3) BERR’s Scrutiny Performance: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 657].
Wednesday 4th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Effect of the House of Lords ruling on pleural plaques (Mr Michael Clapham).
- Supermarkets and local communities (Mr Barry Sheerman).
- Post Office closures in Mid Wales (Mr Roger Williams).
- Wiltshire Police helicopter (Robert Key).
- Future of Shrewsbury Sixth Form College (Daniel Kawczynski).

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 5th June 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Henley 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 Henley in the room of Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, who since his election for the said County Constituency has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

2 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 12th June at Three o'clock.

3 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 12th June at Three o'clock.

4 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 12th June at Three o'clock.

5 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 12th June.

6 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 12th June at Three o'clock.

7 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 12th June at Three o'clock.

8 Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 12th June at Three o'clock.

9 Criminal Justice (Raves) Bill,—The Order for reading the Criminal Justice (Raves) Bill a second time on Friday 6th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

10 Pedlars (Street Trading Regulations) Bill,—The Order for reading the Pedlars (Street Trading Regulations) Bill a second time on Friday 6th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

11 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:


12 Knife Crime (Topical Debate),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of knife crime—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

13 Future of Care and Support,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the future of care and support—(Mr Ivan Lewis);

And it being Six o'clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

14 Adjournment.

Subject: Impact of the work of the Highways Agency on local economies (Andrew Selous).

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 Six o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Legal Services,—Legal Services Act 2007 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1436), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

2 Local Government,—Local Government (Structural and Boundary Changes) (Staffing) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1419), dated 2nd June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Other Papers:

3 Defence,—Ministry of Defence: Defence Plan including the Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2008–12 [by Command] [Cm. 7385] [Secretary Des Browne].

4 Higher Education,—Report and Accounts of the Office for Fair Access for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 513] [Secretary John Denham].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—Energy Prices: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 293-iv] [Peter Luff].

2 Draft Marine Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill; to be printed [No. 552-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Joan Walley].

3 Health,—Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-vi] [Dr Howard Stoate].

4 International Development,—The humanitarian and development situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 522-iii] [Malcolm Bruce].

[No. 104; WH, No. 68]

Thursday 5th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: The sustainability of biofuels, First Report from the Environmental Audit Committee and the Government response thereto.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—[Mr Frank Roy]

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

[Adjourned at 4.33 p.m.]

ECClesiastical Committee

In pursuance of section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, the Speaker nominated Mrs Ann Cryer to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, on the Ecclesiastical Committee.
[No. 105.]

Friday 6th June 2008.

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,—Julie Morgan 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, Julie Morgan, Stephen Williams: 0.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Harper, Mr Stewart Jackson: 29.

   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 Voting Age (Reduction) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Voting Age (Reduction) 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 13th June.

5 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

   Secretary Andy Burnham, 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, so far as it is affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 13th June.

6 Expenses of Public Servants (Publication) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expenses of Public Servants (Publication) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

7 Fixed Term Parliaments Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 16th May, That the Fixed Term Parliaments Bill be now read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 13th June.

8 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 13th June.

9 Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 25th January, That the Disqualification from Parliament (Taxation Status) Bill be now read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 13th June.

10 Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 13th June.

11 Drugs (Reclassification) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Reclassification) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 13th June.
12 Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

13 Adjournment.

Subject: Dispensing of medicines in Newick, East Sussex (Norman Baker).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o' clock, adjourned till Monday 9th June.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Designs.—Design Right (Semiconductor Topographies) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1434), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].


3 Government Resources and Accounts.—Whole of Government Accounts (Designation of Bodies) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1440), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Yvette Cooper].

4 Social Security.—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1431), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Farriers' Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 646).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Benyon from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr John Baron.
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 Maximum Number of Judges Order 2008.

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


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

3 European Committee B.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from European Committee B, nominated in respect of a European Union Document relating to The EU—a Global Partner for Development—Speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 8403/08 and Addenda 1 to 5, Commission Communication, The EU—a Global Partner for Development—Speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and welcomes the progress being made.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Climate Change Bill [Lords].—The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Climate Change Bill [Lords].

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts: 344.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Philip Davies: 3.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Climate Change 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 Climate Change 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 8th July 2008.

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 messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Ms Diana R. Johnson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts: 252.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Mr Roger Williams: 42.

So the Question was agreed to.
6 Climate Change Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Climate Change 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 Climate Change Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) grants by the Secretary of State to the Committee on Climate Change;

(2) grants by the Secretary of State to administrators of, and participants in, trading schemes,

(3) expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department in acquiring units, or interests in units, representing—

(a) a reduction in an amount of greenhouse gas emissions,

(b) the removal of an amount of greenhouse gas from the atmosphere, or

(c) an amount of greenhouse gas emission allowed under a scheme or arrangement imposing a limit on such emissions,

(4) expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State as the Administrator appointed by virtue of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of the Energy Act 2004;

(5) payments by the Secretary of State as that Administrator to transport fuel suppliers;

(6) any other expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department under or in consequence of the Act—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

7 Climate Change 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 Climate Change Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the imposition of charges on persons using a scheme for registering or otherwise keeping track of carbon units;

(2) the imposition of charges in connection with trading schemes;

(3) the payment of sums received by the Administrator appointed by virtue of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of the Energy Act 2004 into the Consolidated Fund instead of being used to meet the Administrator’s costs or to make payments to transport fuel suppliers; and

(4) the payment of other sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

8 Building Societies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees). That the draft Building Societies Act 1986 (Accounts, Audit and EEA State Amendments) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 21st April, be approved—(Ms Diana R. Johnson).—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) users of Post Offices in the Ludlow constituency relating to Post Office closures (Shropshire); and

(2) residents of Chilham Parish Council relating to rail services (Chilham)

were presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Provision of stoma and incontinence appliances in primary care (Mr Robert Syms).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.55 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Companies,—Draft Companies (Reduction of Share Capital) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2. Constitutional Law,—Draft Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

3. Legal Services,—Draft Probate Services (Approved Bodies) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

   (2) draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008; and
   (3) draft Small Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5. Agriculture,—Reporting of Prices of Milk Products (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1428), dated 3rd June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

6. Education,—Manchester College of Arts and Technology and City College, Manchester (Dissolution) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1418), dated 22nd May 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

   (2) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Amendments to Part 7) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1468); and

8. Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; to be printed [No. 607] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

9. Income Tax,—(1) Authorised Investments Funds (Tax) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1463), dated 9th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Kitty Ussher]; and


    (2) Police Powers for Designated Staff (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 242), dated 4th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

12. Sea Fisheries,—Dee Estuary Cockle Fishery Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1472), dated 8th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

13. Water Industry,—Draft statutory Social and Environmental Guidance to the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].
Other Papers:

14 National Audit,—(1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The British Council: Achieving Impact [by Act]; to be printed [No. 625] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Resource Accounts of the National Audit Office for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 679] [Mr Alan Williams].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Doug Henderson, Chris Huhne and Mr Khalid Mahmood from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Dawn Butler, Lynne Featherstone and Stephen Pound.

2 Farriers’ Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 646),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Baron from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Crispin Blunt.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—(1) Child Poverty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 683-i]; and
(2) Early Years Foundation Stage: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—Provision of Public Toilets:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 636-ii]; and
(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Draft Marine Bill—Coastal Access Provisions:
Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 636-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Housing Market Renewal: Pathfinders: Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 106]; and
(2) Shared Services in the Department of Transport and its Agencies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 684-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 107.]
Tuesday 10th June 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2008.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendment to Designations) Order 2008.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:
The Lords have agreed to the Sale of Student Loans Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.
4 Sale of Student Loans Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Sale of Student Loans Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 121].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Sale of Student Loans Bill be printed [Bill 121-EN].

5 Iraq War Inquiry (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading the Iraq War Inquiry (No. 2) Bill a second time on Friday 13th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

6 Alcohol Sales (Regulation of Prices and Promotion),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate prices charged for units of alcoholic drinks; to regulate point of sale promotions, advertising and labelling of alcoholic drinks; to establish an industry council to administer the regulation of prices and promotions; and for connected purposes: And that Ms Sally Keeble, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Dr Evan Harris, Lynda Waltho, Martin Salter, Mr Don Foster, Margaret Moran, Mr Charles Walker, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Gary Streeter and Ms Dawn Butler do prepare and bring it in.

7 Alcohol Sales (Regulation of Prices and Promotion) Bill.—Ms Sally Keeble accordingly presented a Bill to regulate prices charged for units of alcoholic drinks; to regulate point of sale promotions, advertising and labelling of alcoholic drinks; to establish an industry council to administer the regulation of prices and promotions; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 119].

8 Counter-Terrorism Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, pursuant to the Order of 1st April 2008 (Counter-Terrorism Bill (Programme)):

1. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the days allocated for consideration and Third Reading as shown in the following Table and in the order so shown.

2. 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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—(Mr Sadiq Khan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Dave Watts: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Peter Bone: 212.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Counter-Terrorism Bill [1st allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Counter-Terrorism Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee:

A Clause (NC18) (Recording of interviews)—(Mr Tony McNulty)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC19) (Issue and revision of code of practice)—(Mr Tony McNulty)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Control orders: pre-conditions)—(Mr Andrew Dismore)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being half-past Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [1st April and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alistair Burt, James Duddridge: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Mr Wayne David: 320.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 47 to 55, 57 to 59, 62 to 67, 69, 68 and 75 to 77) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 54, line 8, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Dominic Grieve)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 227.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Mr Wayne David: 322.

Other Amendments (Nos. 60 and 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 45, line 12, to leave out Clause No. 65.—(Mr Andrew Dismore)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Liz Blackman: 310.

It being after Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 119) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 35, to leave out the words ‘Secretary of State’ and insert the words ‘Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales or the nominated senior judge’, instead thereof.—(David Howarth)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Rogerson, Jenny Willott: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Liz Blackman: 331.

The Speaker then put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 70 to 74) made to the Bill

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

10 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 13th May, be approved.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

11 Millennium Development Goals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 8403/08 and Addenda 1 to 5, Commission Communication, The EU—a Global Partner for Development—Speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); and welcomes the progress being made.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.
12 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from concerned members of the public relating to a car boot sale (Catchpenny Farm) was presented and read.

13 Adjournment.

Subject: Organisation of local elections in Warrington (Helen Jones).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.04 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Development,—(1) Draft African Development Bank (Eleventh Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2008;
   (2) draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008;
   (3) draft International Development Association (Fifteenth Replenishment) Order 2008; and
   (4) draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Broadcasting,—(1) Multiplex Licence (Broadcasting of Programmes in Gaelic) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1421); and
   (2) Television Multiplex Services (Reservation of Digital Capacity) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1420),
   dated 9th June 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].


4 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1435), dated 4th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 18th March 2008, made by the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge amending Statutes A, C and T; and
   (2) Statute, dated 25th February 2008, made by the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge amending Statutes G and T
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax, etc (Correction of Errors, etc) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1482), dated 9th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].

Other Papers:

7 Law Commissions,—(1) Report of the Law Commission for 2007–08; and
   (2) Report of the Law Commission on the Tenth Programme of Law Reform [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 540 and 605] [Secretary Jack Straw].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2008,—

The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adam Ingram and Mr Ian McCartney from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown and John Reid.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 10th June; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business and Enterprise,—Post Office Network: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 622-i] [Peter Luff].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 693-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence,—(1) Defence Equipment 2008: Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Seventh Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 555]; and
   (2) The future of NATO and European defence: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Eighth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 660] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-vii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Jabez Foster].

6 Home Affairs,—Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 364-vi] [Keith Vaz].

7 Human Rights,—Counter-terrorism policy: Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

8 Justice,—Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill (provisions relating to the Attorney General): Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 698-i] [Mr Alan Beith].

9 Treasury,—(1) Inherited Estates:
   (i) Twelfth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 496]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (2) The 2008 Budget: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee: Tenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 689] [John McFall].

[No. 107; WH, No. 69]
Tuesday 10th June 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Cardiac disease in the young (Mr Kevan Jones).
Military equipment requirements for counter-insurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan (Ann Winterton).
Government support for swimming (Chris Bryant).
NHS co-payments and the case of Mrs O’Boyle (Mr John Baron).
Unused medicines (Ben Chapman).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]
11th June 2008

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 pieces of porcelain now in the possession of the British Museum, London, and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

2 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Bercow reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Social Security (Students Responsible for Children or Young Persons) Amendment Regulations 2008.

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

3 Sale of Wine (Measures) Bill,—The Order for reading the Sale of Wine (Measures) Bill a second time on Friday 20th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

4 DNA Database (Removal of Samples),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the removal from the DNA Database of DNA samples taken from individuals who are not charged or are acquitted; and for connected purposes: And that Jenny Willott, Sarah Teather, Tom Brake, Mr Paul Burstow, Chris Huhne, David Howarth, Kelvin Hopkins, Keith Vaz, Mr Gordon Prentice and Mr Stephen Crabb do prepare and bring it in.

5 DNA Database (Removal of Samples) Bill,—Jenny Willott accordingly presented a Bill to require the removal from the DNA Database of DNA samples taken from individuals who are not charged or are acquitted; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 118].

6 Counter-Terrorism Bill [2nd allocated day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Counter-Terrorism Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Another Clause (NC20) (Grave exceptional terrorist threat)—(Secretary Jacqui Smith)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Six o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [1st April and 10th June]:—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Speaker then put the Question on new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Clauses (NC21) (Power to declare reserve power exercisable), (NC22) (Report of operational need for further extension of maximum period of detention), (NC24) (Notification of chairmen of certain committees), (NC25) (Statement to be laid before Parliament), (NC26) (Parliamentary scrutiny), (NC27) (Parliamentary scrutiny: prorogation and adjournment), (NC28) (Duration), (NC29) (Independent review and report), (NC30) (Amendment to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004) and (NC32) (Independent legal advice)—(Mr Tony McNulty)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clauses be added to the Bill.

The Speaker then put the Questions on the Amendments and a new Schedule moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Another Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (NS1) (Amendments relating to period of pre-charge detention)—(Mr Tony McNulty)—brought up and read the first time.
Question put, That the Schedule be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Claire Ward: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Paul Rowen, Mr Richard Benyon: 294.

Another Amendment (No. 5) 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, Claire Ward, Steve McCabe: 315.


So the Question was agreed to.

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

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 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th May, be approved—(Steve McCabe):—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 Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Steve McCabe):—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents of the Borough of Wellingborough and surrounding areas relating to the Driving Test Centre (Wellingborough) was presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Human rights in Somalia (Mr George Galloway).

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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Diana R. Johnson.)

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:

Draft Legislative Reform Order:

1 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Legislative Reform (Consumer Credit) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure [by Act] and an Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Immigration,—(1) Draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Civil Penalty Code of Practice) Order 2008; and

(2) draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments theron [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

3 London Government,—Draft London Waste and Recycling Board Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].
4 Representation of the People,—(1) Draft European Parliament (Number of MEPs and Distribution between Electoral Regions) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) Order 2008; and
   (2) draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Representation of the People (Wales).—Draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Local Authority Targets (Well-Being of Young Children) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1437), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls]; and
   (2) Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Children’s and Adults’ Barred Lists) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1497), dated 9th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, made on 24th January 2008, by the Governing Body of Templeton College in the University of Oxford revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

8 Broadcasting,—Report and Statement of Accounts of S4C for 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

9 Defence,—Ministry of Defence: Defence Plan including the Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2008–12 [by Command] [Cm. 7385] [Secretary Des Browne].

10 Economic Affairs,—Government Response to the First Report from the House of Lords Committee on Economic Affairs, Session 2007–08, on the Economic Impact of Immigration [by Command] [Cm. 7414] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

11 Parliamentary Constituencies,—Boundary Commission for Wales: Report with respect to the areas comprised in the constituencies of Brecon and Radnorshire, and Neath [by Act]; to be printed [No. 588] [Secretary Jack Straw].

12 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Eighth Report and the Fourteenth to the Fifteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts Session 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7365] [Angela Eagle].

13 Spoliation Advisory Panel,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report from the Right Honourable Sir David Hirst, Chairman of the Spoliation Advisory Panel, in respect of pieces of porcelain now in the possession of the British Museum, London, and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 602] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

14 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

15 UK Borders,—Draft Code of Practice about the Sanctions for Non-compliance with the Biometric Registration Regulations [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers withdrawn:

16 Defence,—Ministry of Defence: Defence Plan including the Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2008–12 [Cm. 7385] [laid 5th June].

17 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order [laid 13th May].

18 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made on 24th January 2008, by the Governing Body of Templeton College in the University of Oxford revising the existing Statutes of the College, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 4th June].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope and Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords] Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr David Drew, Mr David Kidney, Mr Peter Lilley, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Ann McKechin, Anne Main, Judy Mallaber, Mr Mark Prisk, Gwyn Prosser, Alison Seabeck and Sarah Teather.

2 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Peter Bottomley, Tom Brake, Mr Liam Byrne, Mr David Campbell, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Damian Green, Chris Huhne, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Bob Laxton, Ian Lucas, Mr Alan Milburn, Ian Stewart and Mr Edward Timpson.

3 Draft Social Security (Students Responsible for Children or Young Persons) Amendment Regulations 2008:—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, Mr Roger Godsiff and Dr Doug Naysmith from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Gordon Banks, Mr Robert Flello, Chris Ruane and Mark Tami.

Grand Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 17th June.

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on 18th June.

European Committees

6 European Union Document No. 5947/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Diplomatic and Consular Protection of Union Citizens in Third Countries,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, John Hemmings, Keith Hill, Mr Jim Murphy, Dr Doug Naysmith and Sandra Osborne.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—(1) Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords]: Government Response to the First Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee, Session 2007–08. Third Special Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee, to be printed [No. 711]; and
   (2) National Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 651-ii]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-viii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Jabez Foster].

3 Draft Marine Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill; to be printed [No. 552-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Paddy Tipping].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Draft Marine Bill—Coastal Access Provisions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 656-iii]; and
   (2) Badgers and cattle TB: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].
5 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Developments in the EU: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 713-i]; and
   (2) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Human Rights Annual Report 2007: Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published [Mike Gapes].

6 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—(1) Renewable Electricity-Generation Technologies: Fifth Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science 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 23rd and 30th January [No. 216-I and -II];
   (2) The work and operation of the Copyright Tribunal: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2007-08: Fifth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 637];
   (3) Withdrawal of funding for equivalent or lower level qualifications (ELQs): Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2007-08: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 638]; and
   (4) Science Budget Allocations: Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2007-08: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 639] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Public Accounts.—HM Revenue and Customs: Tackling the hidden economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 712-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Employment and Skills for the Defence Industry in Scotland: Sixth Report from the Scottish Affairs 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 and 7th May [No. 305];
   (2) Commission on Scottish Devolution: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 704-i]; and
   (3) Credit Unions in Scotland: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xxi] [David Maclean].

10 Transport.—(1) Ticketing and Concessionary Travel on Public Transport: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08: Fourth Special Report from the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 708]; and
   (2) Draft Marine Navigation Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 709-I] [Mrs Louise Ellman].


[No. 108; WH, No. 70]

Wednesday 11th June 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Specialist trauma response teams (Mr Mark Oaten).
Compensation case of Lance Corporal Martyn Compton (Hugh Robertson).
Minimum wage enforcement (Mark Lazarowicz).
Regulations on tattooing and skin piercing (Mrs Madeleine Moon).
HM Treasury’s aim to achieve a better quality of life (Jo Swinson).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 19th June.

2 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords].—Mr Jim Hood reported from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords] Committee:

    (1) a Memorandum; and

    (2) That it had gone through the Bill (except Clauses Nos. 4, 11, 14 and 23, Schedule No. 2 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the termination of pregnancy by registered medical practitioners) and made Amendments thereunto.

    Memoranda (reported on 3rd and 12th June and this day) to be printed.

    Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 120].

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

3 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the Farriers’ Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 646).

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

4 Dangerous Dogs (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of dangerous dogs—(Jonathan Shaw);

    And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

5 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords];

    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 Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the business, pursuant to Order [4th June].

    Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 19th June.

6 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 19th June.

7 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 19th June.

8 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 19th June.

9 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 19th June.

10 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

    Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 19th June.

11 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the citizens of South Wiltshire relating to planning and development (Salisbury) was presented and read.
12 Adjournment.

Subject: Levels of deprivation in Edmonton (Mr Andrew Love).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Corporation Tax.—Energy-Saving Items (Corporation Tax) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1520), dated 11th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

2 Disabled Persons.—Public Service Vehicles Accessibility (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1459), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

3 Public Passenger Transport.—(1) Community Bus (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1465);

   (2) Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1458);

   (3) Public Service Vehicles (Operators’ Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1473); and

   (4) Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1470), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


   (2) Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1474), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command];


   (6) Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1461), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command]; and

   (7) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1444), dated 5th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

5 Access to Justice.—Paper, entitled Transforming Legal Aid: Strategic Plan of the Legal Services Commission for 2008–12 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].
6 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Paper, entitled Managing Radioactive Waste Safely: A Framework for Implementing Geological Disposal [by Command] [Cm. 7386] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Government Resources and Accounts.—Resource Accounts of the Department for International Development Overseas Superannuation for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 567] [Jane Kennedy].

8 Health Service Commissioner.—Report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman on Remedy in the NHS: Summaries of recent cases [by Act]; to be printed [No. 632] [Clerk of the House].

9 Innovation, Universities and Skills.—Paper, entitled Work Skills [by Command] [Cm. 7415] [Secretary John Denham].

10 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Report by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons and the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland on an announced inspection of Ash House, Hydebank Wood YOC [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Judy Mallaber, Mr Mark Prisk and Alison Seabeck members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Farriers' Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 646).—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin, Harry Cohen, Jim Dowd and Andrew Mackinlay from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Barry Gardiner, Glenda Jackson and Alan Keen.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Marine Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill; to be printed [No. 555-iv]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Joan Walley].

2 Public Administration.—(1) Charities and Public Benefit: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 663-i];

(2) Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) Lobbying: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

3 Welsh Affairs.—(1) The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Order in the Field of social welfare 2008: Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 715]; and

(2) The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 401-vii]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].
Thursday 12th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 17th June.

[Adjourned at 5.06 p.m.]

Friday 13th June 2008.

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.

2 The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

3 Motion to sit in private.—Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That 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, Laura Moffatt: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Keith Hill, Ms Dawn Butler: 34.

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 Health and Safety (Offences) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health and Safety (Offences) Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 5) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (NS1) (New Schedule 3A to the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978)—(Keith Hill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 15) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Sovereignty of Parliament (European Communities) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sovereignty of Parliament (European Communities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

6 Road Traffic (Congestion Reduction) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Congestion Reduction) Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 20th June.

7 Leasehold Reform Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd February, That the Leasehold Reform Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 20th June.
8 Land Use (Garden Protection) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Land Use (Garden Protection) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

9 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 20th June.

10 Fixed Term Parliaments Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned
Debate on the Question proposed on 16th May, That the Fixed Term Parliaments Bill be
now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 20th June.

11 Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of
the Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

12 Drugs (Reclassification) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of
the Drugs (Reclassification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

13 Adjournment.

Subject: Government plans for the expansion of Heathrow Airport (Mr John
Randall).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 16th June.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Mental Capacity.—Draft Code of Practice to supplement the main Mental Capacity Act 2005
Code of Practice [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary
Jack Straw].

2 Road Traffic.—Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (The Borough Council of
with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

3 Agricultural Marketing.—Reports and Accounts of Food from Britain for 2007–08, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 587]
[Secretary Hilary Benn].

4 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Met Office for 2007–08, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 573]
[Clerk of the House].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee the following Resolution:

That, in the cases of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], the London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill [Lords] and the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the parties be permitted to insert their Additional Provisions, if the Committees on the Bills think fit.

The Resolution was agreed to.

2 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—Ordered, That the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.


4 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords].—The Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

5 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), That the following provisions shall apply to the Children and Young Persons 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 3rd July 2008.

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 Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

6 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] [Money].

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—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 Social Security (Students Responsible for Children or Young Persons) Amendment Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.
8 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the residents of Castle Point and others relating to the Post Office Card Account was presented and read.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Post Office closures in Birmingham (Ms Gisela Stuart).

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

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 Education,—(1) Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1477);
   (2) Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1479); and
   (3) Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1478), dated 9th June 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

2 National Health Service,—Local Involvement Networks (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1514), dated 11th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

3 Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given on 6th June 2008 in respect of temporary borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority in pursuance of Section 14 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

4 Enterprise,—Accounts of the Competition Appeals Tribunal and Competition Service for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 723] [Clerk of the House].

5 House of Commons,—Report of the House of Commons Commission for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 710] [The Speaker].

6 National Health Service,—Report and Accounts of Basingstoke and North Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Political Parties,—Paper, entitled Party finance and expenditure in the United Kingdom: The Government’s proposals [by Command] [Cm. 7329] [Secretary Jack Straw].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Biosecurity in UK Research Laboratories: Sixth Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science 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 19th March [No. 360-Iand -II]; and
   (2) The Office For Fair Access (OFFA): Letter laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Phil Willis].

2 Public Accounts,—National programme for IT in the NHS: Progress since 2006: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 737-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Work and Pensions,—The Pensions Regulator and the Pensions Protection Fund: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 736-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords].—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions 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.

2 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of MASRAM (multi-agency sex offender risk assessment and management arrangements) and the management of the risk posed by sex offenders living in the community in Northern Ireland, referred to it on 20th May.

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 to the St. Austell Market Bill, without Amendment.

4 Local Authorities (Social Equality Audits).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities to collate and publish specified social, economic and other data on an annual basis; and for connected purposes: And that Ms Karen Buck, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, Mr David Blunkett, Mr Frank Field, Simon Hughes, Fiona MacTaggart, Mr Gary Streeter, Martin Salter, Mr Terry Rooney, Clive Eiford, Lyn Brown and John Battle do prepare and bring it in.

5 Local Authorities (Social Equality Audits) Bill.—Ms Karen Buck accordingly presented a Bill to require local authorities to collate and publish specified social, economic and other data on an annual basis; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 122].

6 Opposition Day [14th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Government’s plans for polyclinics.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House opposes the Government’s plans to impose a polyclinic, or GP-led health centre, in every primary care trust; regrets that this could result in the closure of up to 1,700 GP surgeries; is concerned that the imposition of polyclinics against the will of patients and GPs could be detrimental to standards of care, particularly for the elderly and vulnerable, by breaking the vital GP/patient link; further regrets that these plans are being imposed without consultation; is alarmed at the prospective loss of patient access to local GP services at a time when care closer to home should be strengthened; believes that the Government’s plans would jeopardise the independence and commissioning capability of general practice in the future, supports the strengthening of access to diagnostic and therapeutic services without undermining the structure of GP services; and calls on the Government to reconsider its plans for polyclinics—(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 support for primary care and proposals to invest £250 million in 113 new GP practices in the most deprived communities and 152 new state-of-the-art GP-led health centres open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, in every part of the country; notes that these centres will offer a wide range of health services including pre-bookable GP appointments and walk-in services for registered and non-registered patients; recognises that the exact format and location of each GP-led centre will be decided locally in consultation with patients; notes that GPs will not be forced to work in the new GP-led centres and where that is the case patients will still be able to remain registered with their GPs at their existing location and premises; acknowledges that the expansion of primary care is essential if the overall health of the population is to improve, and inequalities in
health are to be addressed; and welcomes plans to ensure enhanced primary care services are capable of meeting the new challenges facing the NHS including tackling lifestyle diseases such as obesity and through more effective screening programmes for the general population, 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 Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Sadiq Khan: 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 the Government’s support for primary care and proposals to invest £250 million in 113 new GP practices in the most deprived communities and 152 new state-of-the-art GP-led health centres open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, in every part of the country; notes that these centres will offer a wide range of health services including pre-bookable GP appointments and walk-in services for registered and non-registered patients; recognises that the exact format and location of each GP-led centre will be decided locally in consultation with patients; notes that GPs will not be forced to work in the new GP-led centres and where that is the case patients will still be able to remain registered with their GPs at their existing location and premises; acknowledges that the expansion of primary care is essential if the overall health of the population is to improve, and inequalities in health are to be addressed; and welcome plans to ensure enhanced primary care services are capable of meeting the new challenges facing the NHS including tackling lifestyle diseases such as obesity and through more effective screening programmes for the general population.

Sentencing policy and the early release of offenders.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned that a failure to plan adequate prison capacity has led to the End of Custody Licence scheme and the early release of 26,000 prisoners; notes that the current rate of prisoner release is running ahead of initial projections so that an additional 5,000 prisoners will be released early in a full year; expresses grave concern that no decision on whether to suspend this scheme will be taken until 2009, at the earliest, when prison capacity reaches 86,000 due to the Government’s delayed prison-building programme; agrees with the Lord Chief Justice that early release schemes erode the sentences originally handed down; further notes the low levels of public confidence in community sentences; recognises the objections of local communities that prisoners released early on home detention curfew are being housed in over 150 residential areas, without consultation, under the Bail Accommodation and Support Service scheme managed by ClearSprings; further notes criticism of the Youth Justice Board for failing to meet targets on youth crime; further expresses concern over plans to link resources to sentencing through the creation of a Sentencing Commission; and calls upon the Government to introduce honesty in sentencing, cancel the End of Custody Licence scheme and suspends the Bail Accommodation and Support Service policy and take immediate steps to ensure adequate prison capacity in the interests of public safety.—(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 Government’s record in cutting crime by a third, its provision of 23,000 more prison places since 1997, and its commitment to create a total of 96,000 prison places by 2014, demonstrating that public protection is at the heart of its strategy; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to remove the End of Custody Licence Scheme when headroom allows; notes that the use of police cells is much lower than under the previous administration; further welcomes the tough and effective community sentences that have been introduced and the work done to increase public awareness of their role and effectiveness, and the further investment in intensive alternatives to custody to continue to build the confidence of sentencers in their effectiveness, as demonstrated by significantly reduced re-offending rates; notes in respect of the Bail Accommodation and Support Service that ClearSprings is required to consult the police, local authorities and probation to avoid inappropriate property locations; considers that there should be greater consistency in sentencing and the opportunity for a focused and informed debate on sentencing provided by the work of the Sentencing Commission Working Group on the potential for a structured sentencing framework; and further welcomes the reforms which have been made to the youth justice system including the strengthening of alternatives to custody’, 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, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 147.
Tellers for the Noes, Siobhain McDonagh, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 320.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Siobhain McDonagh, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 280.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s record in cutting crime by a third, its provision of 23,000 more prison places since 1997, and its commitment to create a total of 96,000 prison places by 2014, demonstrating that public protection is at the heart of its strategy; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to remove the End of Custody Licence Scheme when headroom allows; notes that the use of police cells is much lower than under the previous administration; further welcomes the tough and effective community sentences that have been introduced and the work done to increase public awareness of their role and effectiveness, and the further investment in intensive alternatives to custody to continue to build the confidence of sentencers in their effectiveness, as demonstrated by significantly reduced re-offending rates; notes in respect of the Bail Accommodation and Support Service that ClearSprings is required to consult the police, local authorities and probation to avoid inappropriate property locations; considers that there should be greater consistency in sentencing and the opportunity for a focused and informed debate on sentencing provided by the work of the Sentencing Commission Working Group on the potential for a structured sentencing framework; and further welcomes the reforms which have been made to the youth justice system including the strengthening of alternatives to custody.

7 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of the village of Great Bridgeford in the Parish of Seighford and surrounding areas in the County of Stafford relating to Post Office closures (Staffordshire) was presented and read.

8 Adjournment.
Subject: Local government PFI contracts (Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger).
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 Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.
Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Draft Legislative Reform Order:
1 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Legislative Reform (Consumer Credit) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
3 Health Care and Associated Professions.—Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Registration Amendment Rules) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1553), dated 12th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Order] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Public Passenger Transport.—Road Transport (International Passenger Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1577), dated 13th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

5 Road Traffic.—(1) Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1576);
(2) International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1578);
(3) International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1580); and
(4) Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Approval of Fitters and Workshops) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1581), dated 13th June 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

6 Government Resources and Accounts.—Treasury Minute, dated 17th June 2008, directing the application of certain amounts as Appropriations in Aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2009 [by Act] [Jane Kennedy].

7 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 586] [Clerk of the House].

8 India (No. 2, 2008).—Film Co-Production Agreement, done at New Delhi, 5th December 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of India [by Command] [Cm. 7423] [Secretary David Miliband].

9 Isle of Man.—Account for 2006–07 of the Commissioners of HM Revenue and Customs in Account with the Government of the Isle of Man [by Act] [Jane Kennedy].

10 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled Roads Policing [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

11 Parliamentary Pay and Pensions.—(1) Parliamentary pay, pensions and allowances: Government memorandum to Sir John Baker’s review of the mechanism for determining the pay of Members of Parliament [by Command] [Cm. 7418] [Ms Harriet Harman]; and
(2) Review of Parliamentary Pay and Pensions [by Command][Cm. 7416] [The Prime Minister].

12 Senior Salaries.—Thirtieth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 7388] [The Prime Minister].

13 Supply Estimates.—Summer Supplementary Estimates for Central Government for 2008–09 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 621] [Jane Kennedy].

Papers withdrawn:

14 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Legislative Reform (Consumer Credit) Order 2008, with an Impact Assessment [laid 11th June].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise.—Energy Prices: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 293-v] [Peter Luff].

2 Defence.—UK National security and resilience: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 718-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-ix]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Michael Jabez Foster]

4 Environmental Audit.—Halting UK Biodiversity Loss: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 743-i] [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs.—(1) Human Trafficking: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 318-iii]; and

(2) Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 364-vii]

[Keith Vaz]

6 Human Rights.—(1) Government Response to the Committee’s Fourteenth Report of Session 2007–08: Data Protection and Human Rights: Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 754];

(2) Legislative Scrutiny: Government Replies: Twenty-third Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 755].

(3) Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights: Government Responses to the Committee’s Twentieth and Twenty-First Reports of Session 2007–08: Twenty-fourth 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 10th June [No. 756];

(4) Human rights judgments: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;

(5) Human rights of adults with learning disabilities: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published, and

(6) Legislative scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 International Development.—The World Food Programme and global food security: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 493-ii] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Justice.—(1) Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill (provisions relating to the Attorney General): Fourth Report from the Justice Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 698];

(2) Counter Terrorism Bill: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 758]; and

(3) Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 425-iii]

[Sir Alan Beith].

9 Standards and Privileges.—Conduct of Sir Nicholas Winterton and Lady Winterton: Twelfth 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. 744] [Sir George Young].

10 Treasury.—The Bank of England’s May 2008 Inflation Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 739-i] [John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs.—(1) The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (social welfare and other fields) Order 2008: Fifth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 576]; and

(2) The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 401-viii]; and

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

[Dr Hywel Francis].
Tuesday 17th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Impact of military operations on the development and reconstruction of Helmand Province, Afghanistan (Mr Adam Holloway).

Future of the bee industry (Dr Ian Gibson).

Post Office closure programme in Shropshire (Mr Philip Dunne).

Regeneration of Featherstone (Jon Trickett).

Abuse of powers of attorney relating to the elderly (Susan Kramer).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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

Adjourned at 2 p.m.

Wednesday 18th June 2008.

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 David Michael Davis, Member for Haltemprice and Howden, 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 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008.

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

3 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the future of energy in Wales, referred to it on 2nd June.

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

4 Sex Encounter Establishments (Licensing).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the licensing of sex encounter establishments in England and Wales; and for connected purposes: And that Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Ms Celia Barlow, John Battle, Peter Bottomley, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Andrew Dismore, Dr Ian Gibson, Barbara Keeley, Julie Morgan, Greg Mulholland, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Lynda Waltho do prepare and bring it in.

5 Sex Encounter Establishments (Licensing) Bill.—Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the licensing of sex encounter establishments in 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 17th October and to be printed [Bill 123].

6 European Affairs.—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of European Affairs.—(Secretary David Miliband.)

7 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from users of Greenfields Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Shropshire) was presented and read.

8 Adjournment.

Subject: Government support for people with poor credit histories (Dr Stephen Ladyman).
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Steve McCabe);

And the Motion having been made at Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

2 Environmental Protection,—Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

3 Pensions,—Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].


5 Social Security,—Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1523), dated 11th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Social Security,—Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1552), dated 12th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Other Papers:

8 Fire and Rescue Services,—Report to Parliament of compliance with the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2004–05; 2005–06 and 2006–08 [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

9 Food Safety,—Food Safety Act 1990 Code of Practice on Food Law [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

10 Government Resources and Accounts,—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—

(1) Central Science Laboratory; and

(2) Pesticides Safety Directorate

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 568 and 561] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Progress Report June 2008 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 490] [Clerk of the House].

12 National Statistics,—Report and Accounts of the Statistics Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 7390] [Angela Eagle].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Kevin Brennan, Annette Brooke, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Tim Loughton, Christine Russell, Lynda Waltho and Angela Watkinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope and Mr Hywel Williams Chairmen of the Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Annette Brooke, Mr Robert F line, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Stephen Harter, Beverley Hughes, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Tim Loughton, Kerry McCarthy, Christine Russell, Helen Southworth, Mr Edward Timpson, Mr Andrew Turner, Lynda Waltho, Angela Watkinson and Mark Williams.

3 Climate Change Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Gregory Barker, Linda Gilroy, Nia Griffith, Mr Nick Hurd, Siobhain McDonagh, Steve Webb and Mr Phil Woolas members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Climate Change Bill [Lords] Committee.

4 Climate Change Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Frank Cook and Mr Peter Atkinson Chairmen of the Climate Change Bill [Lords] Committee; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Gregory Barker, Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Chaytor, Linda Gilroy, Nia Griffith, Mr John Gummer, Martin Horwood, Mr Nick Hurd, Mark Lazarowicz, Siobhain McDonagh, Miss Anne McIntosh, David Maclean, Joza Ruddock, Joan Ryan, Anne Snellgrove, Joan Walley, Steve Webb, Mr Mike Weir, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

5 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Alan Milburn and Ian Stewart from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne, Mr Chris Mullin, Phil Wilson and David Wright.

6 Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2008:
   (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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Mr David Blunkett, Mr Philip Dunne, Paul Goggins, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Rob Marris, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Andrew Smith and Angela Watkinson.

7 Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Chris Bryant, Mr William Cash, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Crausby, Mr Quentin Davies, Helen Goodman, Mr David Heath, Mr Adam Ingram, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Robert Key, Mark Pritchard, Mrs Linda Riordan, Mr Andrew Robathan, Sir Robert Smith and Mr Shai lesh Vara.

8 Draft Armed Forces (Service Complaints) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008, draft Armed Forces, Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2008 and the draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) Order 2008:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Michael Ancram, Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods, Mr Simon Burns, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Paul Farrelly, Nick Harvey, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Mr George Howarth, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Michael Mate, Mr Michael Meacher, Dr Andrew Murray, Mr Frank Roy, Bob Russell, Jon Trickett and Derek Twigg.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, James Brokenshire, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jim Cousins, Mr Peter Hain, Chris Huhne, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Jamie Reed, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Mr Richard Shepherd, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Gary Streeter.

Draft Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Standard Authorisations, Assessments and Ordinary Residence) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Brian Binley, Mr Charles Clarke, Sandra Gidley, David Heyes, Mr Ivan Lewis, Steve McCabe, Anne Milton, Laura Moffatt, Julie Morgan, Mr George Mudie, Dr John Pugh, Sir Peter Soulsby, Sir John Stanley, Mr Graham Stuart, Mike Wood and Jeremy Wright.

Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008 and draft Service Voters’ Registration Period (Northern Ireland) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Order to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Ann Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Tony Baldry, Liz Blackman, Richard Burden, Mr Christopher Fraser, Paul Goggins, Dr Brian Iddon, David Lepper, Mr Eddie McGrady, Rob Marris, Alun Michael, Mr Michael Moore, Hon Nicholas Soames, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Paul Traswell and Angela Watkinson.

Draft Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Robert Key Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Rosie Cooper, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr John Grogan, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Norman Lamb, Steve McCabe, Andrew Mackinlay, Fiona Mactaggart, Greg Mulholland, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Paddy Tipping and Jeremy Wright.

Draft First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Order 2008, draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008 and draft Appeals from the Upper Tribunal to the Court of Appeal Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Ian Davidson, Mrs Louise Ellman, Lynne Featherstone, Stephen Hamford, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Humfrey Malins, Richard Ottaway, Bridget Prentice, Mr Marsha Singh, Graham Stringer and Mr Ian Taylor.

European Committees

The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of European Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Document No. 5947/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Diplomatic and consular protection of Union citizens in third countries.
15 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 2nd June 2007, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities 2009.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Graham Brady, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Stephen Byers, Dr Vincent Cable, Tony Cunningham, Michael Jabez Foster (Hastings and Rye), Mr David Gauke, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Brooks Newmark, Joan Ryan and Kitty Ussher.

16 European Union Document No. 6996/08, relating to Financial Services, has been referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-x]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Michael Jabez Foster].

2 Draft Marine Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill; to be printed [No. 552-v]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Joan Walley].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) British Waterways: Follow-up: Eighth 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. 438]; and
   (2) Draft Marine Bill—Coastal Access Provisions: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 656-iv]
   [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. 16-xxiv];
   (2) Subsidiarity and the Role of National Parliaments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 563-a];
   (3) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xiii]; and
   (4) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Proposed Appointment of Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP as High Commissioner to Malawi: 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. 507]; and
   (2) Overseas Territories: Seventh 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 October, 28th November, 7th May and 4th June [No. 147-I and -II]
   [Mike Gapes].

6 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Plastic Electronics Engineering:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 599-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Phil Willis].

7 Public Accounts,—Ministry of Defence: Chinook Mk3 Helicopters: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 747-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
8 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 38-xxii] [David Maclean].

9 Treasury.—(1) Budget Measures and Low-Income Households:
   (i) Thirteenth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 326]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

   (2) Private Equity continuation: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 166] [John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions.—The Government’s Carers Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 485-iii] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 113; WH, No. 73]

Wednesday 18th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Parliamentary representation in England (Derek Wyatt).
Academies (Mrs Linda Riordan).
Gypsy encampments in Wiltshire (Mr James Gray).
Crimestoppers in Great Yarmouth (Mr Anthony Wright).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mark Tami.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.56 p.m.

[No. 114.]

Thursday 19th June 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Haltemprice and Howden 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 Haltemprice and Howden in the room of David Michael Davis, 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.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin.)

2 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 26th June.

3 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th June, That the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 26th June.

4 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 26th June.

5 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 26th June.
6 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 26th June.

7 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 26th June.

8 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 26th June.

9 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords].—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords] Committee: 
(1) a Memorandum; and  
(2) That it had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.  
Memoranda (reported on 17th June 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.

10 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:  
The Lords agree to the European Union (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.  
The Lords agree to the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Royal Assent,—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:  
European Union (Amendment) Act 2008  

12 Eco-towns (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of eco-towns—(Caroline Flint);  
And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

13 Defence Procurement,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of defence procurement—(Mr Bob Ainsworth);  
And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

14 Adjournment.  
Subject: Parking regulations (Dr Vincent Cable).  
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve McCabe.)  
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

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:  
1 Immigration.—Draft Immigration (Supply of Information to the Secretary of State for Immigration Purposes) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:  

3 Sea Fisheries.—Lyme Bay Designated Area (Fishing Restrictions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1584), dated 17th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


(2) West Northamptonshire Joint Committee Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1572), dated 11th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Other Papers:

6 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Government Decontamination Service for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 572] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 Government Trading Funds.—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—

(1) Royal Mint; and

(2) United Kingdom Hydrographic Office with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 570 and 562] [Clerk of the House].

8 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 2008).—International Tropical Timber Agreement, done at Geneva on 27th January 2006, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7426] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Marine Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill; to be printed [No. 552-vi]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Linda Gilroy].

2 Public Administration.—(1) Lobbying: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 137-viii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 114; WH, No. 74]

Thursday 19th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Stephen Timms).

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 24th June.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

1 The Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), Sir 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 Finance Bill,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Finance Bill Committee, that it had gone through the Bill (except Clauses Nos. 3, 5, 6, 15, 21, 49, 90 and 117 and new Clauses amending Section 74 of the Finance Act 2003), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Monday 23rd June; and to be printed [Bill 124].

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

4 Motion to sit in private,—Philip Davies 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, Philip Davies, Mr Robert Syms: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nigel Evans, Mark Pritchard: 28.

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.

5 European Union (Audit of Benefits and Costs of UK Membership) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Union (Audit of Benefits and Costs of UK Membership) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Nigel Evans: 8

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Sadiq Khan: 0.

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

6 Runaway and Missing Children Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Runaway and Missing Children 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 17th October.

7 Iraq War Inquiry (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Iraq War Inquiry (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

8 Sovereignty of Parliament (European Communities) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sovereignty of Parliament (European Communities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

9 Road Traffic (Congestion Reduction) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th June, That the Road Traffic (Congestion Reduction) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 17th October.
10 Leasehold Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd February, That the Leasehold Reform Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 17th October.

11 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 17th October.

12 Fixed Term Parliaments Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 16th May, That the Fixed Term Parliaments Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 17th October.

13 Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

14 Drugs (Reclassification) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Reclassification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th October.

15 Adjournment.

Subject: Leyton High Road Post Office (Harry Cohen).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Tony Cunningham.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd June.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Foreign Compensation,—Report of the Foreign Compensation Commission for 2006–07 [by Command] [Cm. 7412] [Secretary David Miliband].

3 France No. 1 (2008),—Agreement, done at London on 27th March 2008, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the Mutual Protection of Classified Information, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7425] [Secretary David Miliband].

4 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 603] [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 582] [Jane Kennedy].
[No. 116.]
Monday 23rd June 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—David Taylor reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

4 European Committee B,—John Bercow reported from European Committee B, nominated in respect of a European Union Document relating to Diplomatic and consular protection of union citizens in third countries, the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5947/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, European Commission Communication, Diplomatic and consular protection of union citizens in third countries, recalls that such Communications are not legally binding; underlines that the provision of consular assistance remains a matter for Member States; and in this context, welcomes the Commission’s Communication as a contribution to continuing reflections on promoting consular co-operation among EU Member States.
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Sale of Student Loans 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 Sale of Student Loans Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 22nd November 2007 (Sale of Student Loans Bill (Programme)):

   Consideration of Lords Amendments

   1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

   Subsequent stages

   2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

   3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Michael Foster)—It was agreed to.

6 Sale of Student Loans Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Sale of Student Loans Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, to leave out paragraph (a)—(Mr John Hayes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment—The Amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 16 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 3 and 15.

7 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2006 (Disapplication of Section 25) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 21st May, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

8 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Prescribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 21st May, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

9 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) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 14th May, be approved.—(Steve McCabe)—It was agreed to.

10 Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That Stephen Hammond be discharged from the Regulatory Reform Committee and Mr Mark Prisk be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Brian Keefer, Mr and Mrs Patel, residents of Castle Point and others relating to planning and development (Essex) was presented and read.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (Mr Philip Hollobone).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Steve McCabe);

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Sadiq Khan)

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 Social Security.—Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell]

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (Outturn Statements) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1575), dated 15th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton]

3 Health and Safety.—Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1597), dated 19th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne]


Other Papers:

5 House of Commons Members Estimate.—Third Report from the House of Commons Members Estimate Committee on the Review of Members’ Allowances; to be printed [No. 578] [The Speaker]

6 Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 611] [Clerk of the House]
National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Ministry of Defence: Hercules C-130 Tactical Fixed Wing Airlift Capability; and
(2) Widening participation in higher education
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 627 and 725] [Clerk of the House].

National Health Service.—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—
(1) Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and
(2) National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (Special Health Authority),
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 633-I and -II]
[Secretary Alan Johnson].

Terrorism.—(1) Government Reply to the Report on the Operation in 2007 of the Terrorism
Act 2000 and of Part 1 of the Terrorism Act 2006 [by Command] [Cm. 7429]; and
(2) Report on the Operation in 2007 of the Terrorism Act 2000 and of Part 1 of the
Terrorism Act 2006 [by Act]
[Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers withdrawn:

Social Security.—Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts)
Regulations 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 18th June].

APPENDIX II
General Committees

1 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr
Robert Flello from the Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] Committee and
nominated in substitution Mr David Kidney.

2 Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political
Parties) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Austin Mitchell
from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft
Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Truswell.

3 Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has
discharged Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Crausby, Mr Adam Ingram and Sir Gerald
Kaufman from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the
draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ms Celia Barlow, Dr Ian Gibson, Martin
Salter and Mr John Spellar.

4 Draft Armed Forces (Service Complaints) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008, draft
Armed Forces, Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2008
and the draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) Order 2008.—The
Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Farrelly from the Fourth Delegated
Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in
substitution Jim Sheridan.

European Committees

5 European Union Document No. 5947/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Diplomatic and
consular protection of union citizens in third countries.—The Committee of Selection
has discharged Mr Richard Caborn from European Committee B (nominated in respect of
the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Neil Turner.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise.—Keeping the door wide open: Turkey and EU Accession: Seventh
Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed,
with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 367]
[Peter Lilley].

2 Children, Schools and Families.—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before
the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-vii] [Mr Barry
Sheerman].
3 Communities and Local Government,—(1) The Balance of Power: Central and Local Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 813-i].

(2) Coastal Towns: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) Provision of Public Toilets: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Phyllis Starkey].

4 European Scrutiny,—Subsidiarity and the Role of National Parliaments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed [No. 563-iii] [Michael Connarty].

5 Health,—Dental Services: Fifth Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 289-I and -III] [Mr Kevin Barron].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) H M Treasury: Making changes in operational PFI projects: Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 332];

(2) Ministry of Defence: Leaving the Services: Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 351];

(3) Nuclear Decommissioning Authority—Taking forward decommissioning: Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 370];

(4) Preparing to deliver the 14–19 education reforms in England: Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 413];

(5) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Management of expenditure: Fortieth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 447];

(6) NHS Pay Modernisation: New contracts for General Practice services in England: Forty-first Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 463];

(7) Preparing for sporting success at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond: Forty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 477];

(8) Managing financial resources to deliver better public services: Forty-third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 519];

(9) The roll-out of the Jobcentre Plus office network: Forty-fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 532]; and

(10) The British Council: Achieving impact: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 814-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Welsh Affairs,—The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2008:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [812-i]; and

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

[Dr Hywel Francis].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords].—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Children and Young Persons 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.


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

3 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Standard Authorisations, Assessments and Ordinary Residence) Regulations 2008.

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

4 Protection of Bats and Newts.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit the disturbance of bats and newts for specified purposes; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Andrew Robathan, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Tim Boswell and Robert Key do prepare and bring it in.

5 Protection of Bats and Newts Bill.—Mr Andrew Robathan accordingly presented a Bill to permit the disturbance of bats and newts for specified purposes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 125].

6 Opposition Day [15th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Cost of living.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its deep concern at the rapidly rising cost of living; recognises the pressures this places on wage-earners and pensioners, especially those on the lowest incomes; acknowledges the danger to the UK economy of entrenching inflation through excessive wage claims in response to rising prices while understanding the concern of people who find their living standards squeezed; and therefore regrets the inability of the Government to provide assistance and support to hard-pressed families because of what the OECD describes as ‘excessively loose fiscal policy’ pursued by this Government over the years of economic growth.—(Mr Philip Hammond),

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 significant increases in world prices, with the oil price rising 80 per cent. and food prices up 60 per cent. in the year to May 2008, notes that the Governor of the Bank of England’s letter to the Chancellor dated 16th June 2008 said that 1.1 per cent. of the 1.2 per cent. increase in inflation over recent months was due to world food and energy prices, and that the Government was right to tackle the rises with action on an international level, including urgently looking for a successful conclusion to the Doha round of negotiations in the World Trade Organisation and examining the impact of biofuels on food production; supports the Government’s global leadership on these issues; recognises the pressure that these increases in world prices put on family budgets; further notes the measures that the Government will continue to take to support families and individuals, including pensioners and businesses, throughout the UK, including through extra tax credits, increased tax allowances, winter fuel payments and increases in child benefit; further notes that the most important support for working families is a strong and stable economy; and supports the Government’s actions that have delivered unemployment, inflation and interest rates all at historically low levels, helping millions of families into stable home-ownership and sustainable employment’, instead thereof.—(Yvette Cooper.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Tony Cunningham: 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):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes the significant increases in world prices, with the oil price rising 80 per cent. and food prices up 60 per cent. in the year to May 2008; notes that the Governor of the Bank of England’s letter to the Chancellor dated 16th June 2008 said that 1.1 per cent. of the 1.2 per cent. increase in inflation over recent months was due to world food and energy prices, and that the Government was right to tackle the rises with action on an international level, including urgently looking for a successful conclusion to the Doha round of negotiations in the World Trade Organisation and examining the impact of biofuels on food production; supports the Government’s global leadership on these issues; recognises the pressure that these increases in world prices put on family budgets; further notes the measures that the Government will continue to take to support families and individuals, including pensioners and businesses, throughout the UK, including through extra tax credits, increased tax allowances, winter fuel payments and increases in child benefit; further notes that the most important support for working families is a strong and stable economy; and supports the Government’s actions that have delivered unemployment, inflation and interest rates all at historically low levels, helping millions of families into stable home-ownership and sustainable employment.

Sixtieth anniversary of the NHS.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House celebrates 60 years of the NHS; recognises the support from all political parties for the NHS during that time; is grateful to NHS staff, past and present, who are the key to its success; commends their commitment and expertise in delivering patient care in often difficult circumstances; acknowledges the unique contribution of volunteers and charitable organisations; is committed to providing the NHS with the funding it needs to deliver European standards of healthcare to all; and recognises the defining contribution the NHS has made to the health and wellbeing of the nation since 1948; acknowledges that the principles upon which the NHS was established, funded by general taxation and free at the point of delivery, are immutable; accepts that target reductions in waiting times have significantly improved services to patients; and looks forward to the next 60 years of the NHS characterised by world-class quality healthcare as well as greater personalisation, individual choice and easier access to services, instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Lansley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 7, to leave out from the word ‘all’ to end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises an opportunity to make the NHS more patient-centred by focussing on outcomes’—(Mr Andrew Lansley);

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 286.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 189.

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 celebrates 60 years of the NHS; recognises the support from all political parties for the NHS during that time; is grateful to NHS staff, past and present, who are the key to its success; commends their commitment and expertise in delivering patient care in often difficult circumstances; acknowledges the unique contribution of volunteers and charitable organisations; is committed to providing the NHS with the funding it needs to deliver European standards of healthcare to all; recognises an opportunity to make the NHS more patient-centred by focussing on outcomes; further recognises the defining contribution the NHS has made to the health and wellbeing of the nation since 1948; acknowledges that the principles upon which the NHS was established, funded by general taxation and free at the point of delivery, are immutable; accepts that target reductions in waiting times have significantly improved services to patients; and looks forward to the next 60 years of the NHS characterised by world-class quality healthcare as well as greater personalisation, individual choice and easier access to service.

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 2008, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan).—It was agreed to.
8 Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 2nd June, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

9 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 21st May, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

10 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 Complaints) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 21st May, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

11 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 2008, which was laid before this House on 21st May, be approved—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

12 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 Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 5947/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, European Commission Communication, Diplomatic and consular protection of union citizens in third countries; recalls that such Communications are not legally binding; underlines that the provision of consular assistance remains a matter for Member States; and in this context, welcomes the Commission’s Communication as a contribution to continuing reflections on promoting consular co-operation among EU Member States—(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).

13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) those opposed to the closure of Far Headingley, Bramhope and Newall Post Offices relating to Post Office closures (Leeds); and
(2) those concerned about whaling relating to whaling

were presented and read.

14 Adjournment.

Subject: Open windrow composting (Mr Michael Clapham).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Sadiq Khan),

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 European Communities.—European Parliament (House of Lords Disqualification) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1647), dated 20th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


3 Food.—Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1642), dated 23rd June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

4 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1644), dated 24th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].
Other Papers:

5 Children and Young Persons.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Children's and Adults' Barred Lists) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (S.I., 2008, No. 1497) [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Justice.—Paper, entitled The Governance of Britain: Election Day [by Command] [Cm. 7334] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 Justice (Northern Ireland).—(1) Paper, entitled Corporate Governance in the Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward]; and
   (2) Report of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Ombudsman for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Explanatory Memorandum to the Planning (National Security Directions and Appointed Representatives) (Scotland) Rules (S.I., 2008, No. 1590) [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

Papers withdrawn:

9 Children and Young Persons.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Children's and Adults' Barred Lists) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (S.I., 2008, No. 1497) [laid 11th June].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Climate Change Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Lazarowicz and Joan Ryan from the Climate Change Bill [Lords] Committee and nominated in substitution Gordon Banks and Mr Russell Brown.


3 Draft Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Standard Authorisations, Assessments and Ordinary Residence) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Charles Clarke, David Heyes, Laura Moffatt and Mike Wood from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Rosie Cooper, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr John Grogan and Mr Stephen Hepburn.

4 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008 and draft Service Voters' Registration Period (Northern Ireland) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alun Michael and Mr Paul Truswell from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mary Creagh and Mr Austin Mitchell.

5 Draft First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Order 2008, draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008 and draft Appeals from the Upper Tribunal to the Court of Appeal Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Louise Ellman and Graham Stringer from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Martin Linton and Mr Andy Slaughter.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Administration Committee's discussions at its meeting on 24th June; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business and Enterprise.—Energy Prices: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 293-vi] [Peter Luff].

3 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Tourism: Eighth 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. 133-I and -II]; and
   (2) Draft Heritage Protection Bill: Memorandum laid before the Committee [Mr John Whittingdale].
4 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-xi]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Jabez Foster].

5 Environmental Audit,—Halting UK Biodiversity Loss: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 743-ii] [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs,—Human Trafficking: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 318-iv] [Keith Vaz].

7 Human Rights,—(1) Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights (Twelfth Report): Annual Renewal of 28 Days 2008: Twenty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights; 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 10th June [No. 825]; (2) Policing and Protest: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 826-i]; (3) Human Rights Judgments: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; (4) Human rights of older people in healthcare: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and (5) Legislative Scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

8 Justice,—Justice reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 425-iv] [Sir Alan Beith].

9 Regulatory Reform,—Getting Results: The Better Regulation Executive and the Impact of the Regulatory Reform Agenda: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed [No. 474-v] [Andrew Miller].

10 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Experience of the Scottish Elections: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 830]; and (2) Scotland Office Annual Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 831-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

11 Welsh Affairs,—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-ix]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 117; WH, No. 75]

Tuesday 24th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects: Regulation of the private rented sector (Mr Andrew Smith). Post Office network in Somerset (Mr David Laws). Government proposals for reducing bath scalds in the home (Mary Creagh). Policing the night-time economy in the City of London (Mr Mark Field). Case of agency worker Sally Avis (Anne Snelgrove). Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Alan Campbell.) And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.]
Wednesday 25th June 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, and the same were agreed to.

2 Climate Change Bill [Lords].—Franco Cook reported from the Climate Change 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.

3 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee.—Ann Winterton reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008 and the draft Service Voters’ Registration Period (Northern Ireland) Order 2008.

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

4 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Robert Key reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008.

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

5 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Bercow reported from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Order 2008, draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008 and draft Appeals from the Upper Tribunal to the Court of Appeal Order 2008.

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

6 Vehicle Safety (Loads).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a mandatory code of practice on safety of vehicle loads, and for connected purposes: And that Janet Anderson, Norman Baker, Mr John Heppell, Mr Greg Pope, Jim Dowd, Kali Mountford, Andrew Miller, Mr George Howarth, Ian Stewart and Mrs Louise Ellman do prepare and bring it in.

7 Vehicle Safety (Loads) Bill.—Janet Anderson accordingly presented a Bill to establish a mandatory code of practice on safety of vehicle loads; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 126].

8 Planning Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 2nd June 2008 (Planning Bill (Programme) (No. 2)) be varied as follows—

1. In the Table in paragraph 4 of the Order, for the entry relating to the second day of the proceedings on consideration there shall be substituted—

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2. In paragraph 5 of the Order, for ‘the moment of interruption’ substitute ‘8.00 p.m.’—(Mr Michael Foster).
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mark Tami, Mr Alan Campbell: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, James Duddridge: 156.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Planning Bill [2nd allocated day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Planning Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Another Clause (NC11) (Intervention: defence and national security)—(Secretary Hazel Blears)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

10 Deferred divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions):

Diplomatic and Consular Protection of Union Citizens in Third Countries.—That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 5947/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, European Commission Communication, Diplomatic and consular protection of union citizens in third countries; recalls that such Communications are not legally binding; underlines that the provision of consular assistance remains a matter for Member States; and in this context, welcomes the Commission’s Communication as a contribution to continuing reflections on promoting consular co-operation among EU Member States.

Ayes: 330.

Noes: 131.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Planning Bill [2nd allocated day].—Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [2nd June and this day].—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Clauses (NC12) (Effect of intervention) and (NC13) (Development for which development consent may be granted)—(John Healey)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on new Clauses and Amendments selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Other Clauses (NC39) (Legal challenges relating to nuisance etc.), (NC40) (Notice of persons interested in land to which compulsory acquisition request relates), (NC41) (Compulsory acquisition hearings) and (NC42) (Local impact reports)—(Mr Clive Betts)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 339) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) Decisions taken by the Commission as part of any function conferred on it shall be subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State.

(2B) The Secretary of State must decide whether or not to confirm any such decision by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the day on which the Secretary of State received the decision.’—(Mr John Grogan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Crispin Blunt: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 303.

Other Amendments (Nos. 340 and 341) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 66) proposed to the Bill, in page 44, line 5, at the end, to insert the words ‘; subject to the right of interested parties to make oral representations.’—(Mr Paul Truswell.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Adrian Sanders: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Frank Roy: 306.

Other Amendments (Nos. 342 to 348, 350 to 353, 349 and 355) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 103 to 105) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on a further Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 354) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on further Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 106 to 112 and 161 to 164) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC30) (Power to decline to determine applications: amendments)—(Caroline Flint)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

It being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion.

Other Clauses (NC31) (Power to make provision in relation to Wales) and (NC32) (Wales: transitional provision in relation to blighted land)—(Mr Parmjit Dhanda)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on a new Clause and an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC3) (Amendment of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)—(Andrew Stunell)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Lembit Öpik: 57.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Frank Roy: 310.

Another Amendment (No. 300) proposed to the Bill, in page 77, line 7, to leave out the words ‘the regional development agency for its region’ and insert the words ‘a local authority for an area within its region (whether singly or jointly with other local authorities)’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Jacqui Lait)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Mr Frank Roy: 303.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 190 to 199) made to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC33) (Community Infrastructure Levy: procedure) and (NC34) (Community Infrastructure Levy: repeals)—(Mr Dave Watts)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 200 to 219) made to the Bill.

Other Clauses (NC28) (Grants for advice and assistance: England and Wales) and (NC35) (Application to Parliament)—(Mr Dave Watts)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 93 to 102, 184 to 188, 324, 220 to 245, 247 to 260 and 262 to 266) made to the Bill.
Schedules (NS1) (Examination of applications by Secretary of State), (NS2) (Correction of errors in development consent decisions), (NS3) (Provision relating to, or to matters ancillary to, development), (NS4) (Changes to, and revocation of, orders granting development consent), (NS5) (Power to decline to determine applications: amendments) and (NS7) (Application of Act to Scotland: modifications)—(Mr Dave Watts)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 267 to 289) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Caroline Flint, 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.

Caroline Flint, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Steve McCabe: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Richard Benyon: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

12 Serious Organised Crime Agency.—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 (Disclosure of Information by SOCA) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 12th May, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

13 Proceeds of Crime.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Disclosure of Information) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 12th May, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

14 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 (Deprivation of Liberty; Standard Authorisations, Assessments and Ordinary Residence) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 20th May, be approved—(Mr Wayne David):—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mrs R Downey and others of like disposition relating to nurses’ training (funding); and

(2) users of Monford Bridge Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Shropshire)

were presented and read.

16 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from local businesses of Hove and Portslade, the PCS and others relating to HMRC workforce change was presented.

17 Adjournment.

Subject: Community services in South Holland and The Deepings (Mr John Hayes).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Wayne David);

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 thirteen minutes to Nine o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.47 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Family Proceedings.—Family Proceedings (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 259), dated 20th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

2 Social Security.—(1) Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Claims and Reconsiderations) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1595), dated 18th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; and


[Secretary James Purnell].

Other Papers:


4 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Meat Hygiene Service for 2007-08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 642] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

5 Industrial Training.—Report and Accounts of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) for 2007, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 593] [Secretary John Denham].

6 Northern Ireland.—Proposal for the draft Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

7 Postal Services.—Report of the Postal Services Commission for 2007-08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 666] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Railways.—Report and Accounts of Passenger Focus for 2007-08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 686] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Robert Key Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, John Battle, Mr Julian Brazer, Mr William Cash, Clive Elford, Mr Tom Harris, Mark Hunter, Mr David Kidney, Mr John Leech, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Stôn Simon, Mark Tami, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Edward Timpson, Jeremy Wright and Dr Tony Wright.

2 Draft Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer’s Home or Place of Work etc. Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Crausby, Philip Davies, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Nigel Evans, Margaret Moran, Alison Seabeck, Mr Andy Slaughter, Ms Gisela Stuart, Sarah Teather, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Mark Todd and Dr Desmond Turner.

3 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr John Baron, Ann Clwyd, Mr Wayne David, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Philip Hollobone, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mrs Siân C. James, Mr David Jones, Alun Michael, Jessica Morden, Mr Don Touhig, Mrs Betty Williams, Hywel Williams and Mark Williams.

4 Draft Probate Services (Approved Bodies) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Burrowes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Tim Farron, Stephen Hesford, David Heyes, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Sadiq Khan, Chris McCafferty, Bridget Prentice and Emily Thornberry.

5 Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Moldova) Order 2008, the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Slovenia) Order 2008 and the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (New Zealand) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Jim Hood Chairman; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Dr Vincent Cable, Jon Cruddas, Mr Jim Devine, Bill Etherington, Mr David Gauke, Mr Mike Hall, Jane Kennedy, Mr Peter Lilley, Peter Luff, Anne Main, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Brooks Newmark, Dr John Pugh and David Wright.

6 Draft Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (Sources of Energy and Technologies) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Colin Challen, Mr David Drew, Mark Fisher, Patrick Hall, Mr Doug Henderson, Charles Hendry, Martin Horwood, David Maclean, Richard Ottaway, Dr Nick Palmer, John Penrose, Alison Seabeck, Dr Gavin Strang, Steve Webb and Malcolm Wicks.

7 Draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Civil Penalty Code of Practice) Order 2008 and the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and draft Regulations to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Alan Campbell, Damian Green, Meg Hillier, Chris Huhne, Mr Alan Milburn, Mark Prichard, Mr Jamie Reed, Joan Ryan, Ian Stewart, Graham Stringer, Mr Robert Syms and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

8 Draft Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr John Grogan, Mr Stephen Hepburn and Andrew Mackinlay from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Charles Clarke, David Heyes, Laura Moffatt and Mike Wood.

9 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mrs Louise Ellman, Paul Flynn, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Stephen Hesford, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, Julie Morgan, Mr Elliot Morley, Albert Owen, Bridget Prentice, Mr John Whittingdale, Mark Williams, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Rob Wilson.
10 Draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Colin Burgon, Lynne Featherstone, Mr John Heppell, Stephen Hayes, Ms Patricia Hewitt, David Howarth, Mr Nick Hurst, Mr Sadq Khan, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Ian McCartney, Bridget Prentice, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Lee Scott, Mr Tim Yeo and Sir George Young.

11 Draft Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Liz Blackman, Mr David Blunkett, Mr Douglas Carswell, Ben Chapman, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Stephen Crabb, Jim Dowd, Paul Goggins, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Eddie McGrady, Rob Marris, Gwyn Prosser, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Virendra Sharma, David Simpson and Angela Watkinson.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David S. Borrow, Tom Brake, Mr Alan Campbell, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr James Gray, Meg Hillier, Chris Huhne, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Ian Lucas, Mr Dens MacShane, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, John Reid and Mr David Ruffley.

13 Draft London Waste and Recycling Board Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman, and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Gregory Barker, Mr Richard Benyon, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Frank Dobson, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Barry Gardiner, Mr John Greenway, Mr John Gummer, Martin Horwood, Dr Ashok Kumar, Siobhain McDonagh, John McDonnell, Mr Gordon Prentice, Joan Ruddock and Steve Webb.

14 Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Saudi Arabia) Order 2008 and the draft International Tax Enforcement (Bermuda) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Thirteenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Gauke, Mr Greg Hands, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Kevan Jones, Ms Sally Keeble, Alan Koen, Jane Kennedy, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr John Redwood, David Tredinnick, Dr Rudi Vis, Phil Wilson and David Wright.

European Committees

15 The Speaker has appointed John Bercow Chairman of European Committee B, in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 2nd June 2007, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities 2009.

16 European Union Documents No. 9656/08 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 9923/08, relating to CAP “Health Check” and Community action on rising food prices, have been referred to European Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,— Public Expenditure: the Department for Children, Schools and Families: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee: to be printed [No. 835-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,— (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-xii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Jabez Foster].
3 Draft Marine Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill; to be printed [No. 552-vii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Joan Walley].

4 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. 16-xxv];
   (2) Subsidiarity and the Role of National Parliaments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 563-iv];
   (3) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xvi]; and
   (4) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

5 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—(1) After Leitch: Implementing Skills and Training Policies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the After Leitch: Implementing Skills and Training Policies Sub-Committee of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 505-iii]; and
   (2) Classification of drugs: Letter laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: the Cost of Policing the Past: 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. 333] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—Skills for life: Progress in improving adult literacy and numeracy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 854-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 38-xiii] [David Maclean].

9 Transport,—Draft Marine Navigation Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 709-ii] [Mrs Louise Ellman].

10 Treasury,—Estate management in the chancellor's departments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 852-i] [John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—The role of the Health and Safety Commission and Health and Safety Executive in Regulating Workplace Health and Safety: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee: Third Special Report from the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 837] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 118; WH, No. 76]

Wednesday 25th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Government’s counter-terror strategy (Mr Paul Goodman).
Planning and housing estimates (Andrew George).
Teaching workforce in London (Ms Diane Abbott).
Post Office closures in Plymouth (Linda Gilroy).
Fuel poverty in South West Norfolk (Mr Christopher Fraser).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.48 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Ten o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd July.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th June, That the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;
   Order, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 3rd July.

3 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
   Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd July.

4 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;
   Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd July.

5 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd July.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd July.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   Order, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd July.

8 Draft Legislative Programme.—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the draft legislative programme.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

9 Adjournment.
   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Dave Watts.)
   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday 30th June.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Council Tax.—Draft Council Tax Limitation (Maximum Amounts) (England) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

2 Local Government.—Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Acquisition of Land.—Home Loss Payments (Prescribed Amounts) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1598), dated 19th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

4 Consumer Protection.—Magnetic Toys (Safety) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1654), dated 24th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 Coroners.—Coroners (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1652), dated 16th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

(2) Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1594), dated 19th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls]; and

(3) Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1582), dated 17th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

7 Social Security.—Social Security (Students and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1599), dated 19th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

8 Tribunals and Inquiries.—Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1653), dated 23rd June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

9 Children, Schools and Families.—Children, Schools and Families Minute, dated 26th June 2008, concerning a contingent liability arising out of a School within a PFI Contract becoming an Academy [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

10 Communications.—Accounts of the Office of Communications Licence Fees and Penalties for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 839] [Clerk of the House].

11 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 26th June 2008, concerning the gifting of maritime-related equipment to the Regional Security System countries (RSS) of the East Caribbean [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

12 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 630] [Jane Kennedy];

(2) Report and Accounts of the Identity and Passport Service for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 604] [Secretary Jacqui Smith];

(3) Report and Accounts of the Marine and Fisheries Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 620] [Secretary Hilary Benn];

(4) Report and Resource Accounts of the Office of Rail Regulation for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 585] [Jane Kennedy];

(5) Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 705] [Yvette Cooper]; and

(6) Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency Westminster for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 612] [Jane Kennedy].

13 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 623] [Clerk of the House].


15 Health Protection Agency.—Report and Accounts of the Health Protection Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 622] [Clerk of the House].

16 Industrial Development.—Report by the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, the First Minister of Scotland and the First Minister of Wales under the Industrial Development Act 1982 for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 722] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
17 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Report of an Inspection of Community Restorative Justice Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

18 National Loans.—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 786] [Clerk of the House].

19 Office of Communications.—Report and Accounts of the Office of Communications (Ofcom) for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 608] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

20 Police (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2007–08 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

21 Proceeds of Crime.—Report of the Appointed Person for England and Wales and Northern Ireland for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

22 Treaty Series (No. 8, 2008).—Agreement, done at Amman on 30th March 2008, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan concerning the Early Repayment of Certain Debt Obligations of the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan [by Command] [Cm. 7433] [Secretary David Miliband].

23 Water Industry.—Report of Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 589] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

24 Work and Pensions.—Paper, entitled Framework for a Fairer Future—The Equality Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7431] [Ms Harriet Harman].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise.—Energy Prices: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 293-vii] [Peter Luff].

2 Health.—The responsibilities of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Care Services: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 832-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Public Administration.—Public Services and the Third Sector; Rhetoric and Reality: Eleventh Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with Memoranda and an Appendix, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 112] [Dr Tony Wright].

4 Treasury.—The May 2008 Inflation Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 739-ii] [John McFall].

[No. 119; WH, No. 77]

Thursday 26th June 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Skills for Life.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 1st July.

[Adjourned at 4.01 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two 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 Mr David Marshall, Member for Glasgow East, to the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.

2 Liaison,—Mr Alan Williams reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That the 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 of Parliament):

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for the financial year 2008–09:

Department for Transport, in so far as it relates to ticketing and concessionary travel on public transport.

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, in so far as it relates to Science Budget allocations.

Report to lie upon the Table.

3 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Robert Key reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2008.

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

4 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Edward O'Hara reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Cancellation of Contracts Made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work etc. Regulations 2008.

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

5 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2008.

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

6 European Committee B,—John Bercow reported from European Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 2nd June 2008 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for the year 2009; and supports the Government's efforts to maintain budget discipline in relation to the budget for the European Communities.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

7 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—Ordered, That the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill be read a second time on Friday 17th October.


9 New Member,—John Michael Howell, Esquire, Member for Henley, was sworn.

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.

Energy security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House acknowledges that the security of the UK's energy supply has become of increasing importance over the last five years; understands that with over eight GW of coal and a further seven GW of nuclear generating capacity coming offline in the next decade the UK faces a potentially serious energy gap by 2016; regrets that with only 2 per cent. of the UK's energy needs coming from renewable sources, the UK is one of the worst performers in Europe; notes that the Government's own Renewables Advisory Board has established that the UK is set to miss its EU renewables target for 2020 even with significant policy changes; further notes that, as an island nation, the UK has major
potentially as a source of wave and tidal energy; deprecates the fact that the Marine Renewables Deployment Fund has not delivered monies to a single project since its creation in 2005; regrets that the Government’s latest Energy Bill contains insufficient provisions for feed-in tariffs for microgeneration, the fast roll-out of smart meters or any serious help for the fuel poor; and urgently presses the Government to act now to secure the UK’s energy supplies for the future—(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 that the Government is addressing the recent sharp increases in fossil fuel prices, which reflect an imbalance between supply and demand in global markets, through international engagement; recognises that the UK has the most competitive energy markets among the G7 nations, as recognised by independent analysts; acknowledges the Government’s success in establishing a market framework which encourages sharp increases in gas import and storage capacity; further acknowledges the Government’s success in establishing a clear framework for investment in new nuclear generation capacity through the Nuclear White Paper, and in setting out a blueprint for a historic expansion of renewable generation through the Renewable Energy Strategy consultation; recognises the Government’s work in promoting energy efficiency as an integral part of its strategy, commends the Government’s efforts to counter fuel poverty through the Winter Fuel Payment and through securing major financial commitments from energy supply companies; notes the Government’s support for microgeneration; recognises that the Energy, Climate Change and Planning Bills will provide a legislative framework that is fit for purpose in changing market conditions and that supports the Government’s policy objectives; believes that the Opposition’s failure to show clear leadership on energy could put at risk Great Britain’s energy security; condemns their failure to support the Government’s Renewables Obligation; and deplores their opposition to the Planning Bill, which will provide greater certainty for major infrastructure building and help secure Great Britain’s future energy independence’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Hutton.)

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, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Richard Benyon: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 279.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House acknowledges that the Government is addressing the recent sharp increases in fossil fuel prices, which reflect an imbalance between supply and demand in global markets, through international engagement; recognises that the UK has the most competitive energy markets among the G7 nations, as recognised by independent analysts; acknowledges the Government’s success in establishing a market framework which encourages sharp increases in gas import and storage capacity; further acknowledges the Government’s success in establishing a clear framework for investment in new nuclear generation capacity through the Nuclear White Paper, and in setting out a blueprint for a historic expansion of renewable generation through the Renewable Energy Strategy consultation; recognises the Government’s work in promoting energy efficiency as an integral part of its strategy, commends the Government’s efforts to counter fuel poverty through the Winter Fuel Payment and through securing major financial commitments from energy supply companies; notes the Government’s support for microgeneration; recognises that the Energy, Climate Change and Planning Bills will provide a legislative framework that is fit for purpose in changing market conditions and that supports the Government’s policy objectives; believes that the Opposition’s failure to show clear leadership on energy could put at risk Great Britain’s energy security; condemns their failure to support the Government’s Renewables Obligation; and deplores their opposition to the Planning Bill, which will provide greater certainty for major infrastructure building and help secure Great Britain’s future energy independence.
Food security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern current food shortages which are believed to have pushed 100 million people into hunger worldwide; recognises that rising food prices are putting household budgets under increasing strain; believes that with rising global demand and pressure on supply it is both a practical and moral imperative that Great Britain retains the capacity to produce a significant proportion of its own food; notes that UK self-sufficiency in food has declined considerably over the last decade; regrets the Government’s failure to accept that domestic production is a necessary condition for food security; and urges the Government to relieve pressure on world markets and ensure the security of domestic food supply by enabling British farmers to optimise food production while preserving the natural environment.—(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 ‘notes with concern current food shortages which are believed to have pushed 100 million people into hunger worldwide; acknowledges the steps taken by the Prime Minister to encourage co-ordinated international action to address global food security; welcomes the additional UK contribution to the World Food Programme; recognises that rising food prices as a result of global pressures are affecting household food budgets; believes that with rising global demand Great Britain needs a strong farming industry able to produce a significant proportion of UK food; notes that UK self-sufficiency stands at 74 per cent. for food which can be grown in the UK, which is higher than in the early 1950s; and commends the Government’s role in helping to develop a domestic farming sector that produces what consumers want in a way that preserves natural resources and enhances the valuable environmental benefits that it provides to society’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Hilary Benn.)

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, Mr John Baron, Mr Nick Hurd: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Sadiq Khan: 278.

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 with concern current food shortages which are believed to have pushed 100 million people into hunger worldwide; acknowledges the steps taken by the Prime Minister to encourage co-ordinated international action to address global food security; welcomes the additional UK contribution to the World Food Programme; recognises that rising food prices as a result of global pressures are affecting household food budgets; believes that with rising global demand Great Britain needs a strong farming industry able to produce a significant proportion of UK food; notes that UK self-sufficiency stands at 74 per cent. for food which can be grown in the UK, which is higher than in the early 1950s; and commends the Government’s role in helping to develop a domestic farming sector that produces what consumers want in a way that preserves natural resources and enhances the valuable environmental benefits that it provides to society.

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 (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

12 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Service Voters’ Registration Period (Northern Ireland) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.

13 Tribunals and Inquiries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Appeals from the Upper Tribunal to the Court of Appeal Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts):—It was agreed to.
14 Tribunals and Inquiries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

15 Tribunals and Inquiries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

16 Healthcare 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 Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.

17 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.)

18 Adjournment.

Subject: Re-doubling of the Swindon to Kemble railway line (Mr Geo Vrey Clifton-Brown).

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27th June 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Companies Act 1985 (Annual Return) and Companies (Principal Business Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1659), dated 24th June 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Defence,—Armed Forces (Service Inquiries) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1651), dated 25th June 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Des Browne].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 30th June 2008:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Education,—Student Fees (Qualifying Courses and Persons) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1640), dated 23rd June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

6 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1649), dated 23rd June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].
Other Papers:

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee, Session 2007–08, on London 2012 Games: the next lap [by Command] [Cm. 7437] [Tessa Jowell].

8 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 30th June 2008, concerning the updating of a contingent liability (Departmental minute dated 22nd May 2006) for the underwriting of funding for the Armed Forces memorial [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

9 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Report and Financial Statements of the Duchy of Cornwall for 2007–08 [by Act] [Angela Eagle].

10 Financial Services and Markets,—Report of the Financial Services Authority for 2007–08 [by Act] [Kitty Ussher].

11 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Paper, entitled Iran’s Nuclear Programme: A Collection of Documents (Volume 2) [by Command] [Cm. 7421] [Secretary David Miliband].

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Accounts of the Oil and Pipelines Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 883] [Clerk of the House]; (2) Report and Accounts of FCO Services for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 610] [Secretary David Miliband]; (3) Report and Resource Accounts of the National School of Government for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 616] [Jane Kennedy]; and (4) Resource Accounts of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 614] [Jane Kennedy].

13 Health,—Paper, entitled High Quality Care for All: NHS Next Stage Review Final Report [by Command] [Cm. 7432] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Programmes to reduce household energy consumption [by Act]: to be printed [No. 787] [Clerk of the House].

15 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of— (1) NHS Business Services Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 714]; (2) Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and (3) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

16 National Health Service Reform and Healthcare Professions,—Report and Accounts of the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 688] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

17 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Police Service Northern Ireland for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 882] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Battle, Clive Efford and Dr Tony Wright from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Ian Lucas and Mr Ian McCartney.
2 Draft Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer’s Home or Place of Work etc. Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Margaret Moran from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Doug Henderson.

3 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd, Mr Don Touhig and Mark Williams from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Ann Coey, Mr John Heppell and Mr Roger Williams.

European Committees

4 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 2nd June 2007, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities 2009.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers, Michael Jabez Foster and Mr Lindsay Hoyle from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Ben Chapman, Mr Charles Clarke and David Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-viii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government.—(1) New Towns—Follow-up: Ninth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 19th November and 2nd June [No. 889]; and

(2) Community Cohesion and Migration: Tenth 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 4th and 25th February, 17th March, 1st April and 2nd June [No. 369] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Reducing the risk of violent crime: Forty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 546];

(2) The procurement of the National Roads Telecommunications Services: Forty-sixth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 558];

(3) Meeting needs? The offender learning and skills service: Forty-seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 584];

(4) Preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Progress report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 890-i]; and

(5) Protecting consumers? Removing retail price controls: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 571-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].
No. 121.

Tuesday 1st July 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Glasgow East 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 Glasgow East in the room of David Marshall, who since his election for the said Borough Constituency has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon.)

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Probate Services (Approved Bodies) Order 2008.

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


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4 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (Sources of Energy and Technologies) Order 2008.

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

5 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Civil Penalty Code of Practice Order) 2008 and the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008.

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

6 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee,—John Cummings reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2008.

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:

Alcohol Labelling Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the labelling of alcoholic beverages; and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Transparent Taxation (Receipts).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for all receipts printed in the United Kingdom to contain a figure for the total amount of tax paid on the goods and services purchased: And that Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Brian Binley, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Christopher Chope, Philip Davies, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Paul Keetch, Patrick Mercer, Mark Pritchard, Mr Robert Syms, Ann Winterton and Sir Nicholas Winterton do prepare and bring it in.

9 Transparent Taxation (Receipts) Bill.—Mr Nigel Evans accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for all receipts printed in the United Kingdom to contain a figure for the total amount of tax paid on the goods and services purchased: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 127].

10 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Income tax: basic rate limit,—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill about the basic rate limit.—(Jane Kennedy.)

11 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Effects of transfer of rights to payment etc,—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill about cases in which a right to be paid, repaid or credited with a sum by the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs has been transferred from one person to another.—(Jane Kennedy.)
12 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Insurance special purpose vehicles.—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill for the making of provision (including provision having retrospective effect) in relation to insurance special purpose vehicles.—(Jane Kennedy.)

13 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the order in which proceedings on consideration of the Finance Bill are taken shall be: New Clauses relating to income tax; amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 and Schedule No. 1; New Clauses relating to the powers of HM Revenue and Customs; amendments relating to Part 7; New Clauses relating to inheritance tax; amendments relating to Clause No. 8 and Schedule No. 4; New Clauses relating to information about and simplification of taxation; amendments relating to Schedule No. 3; New Clauses relating to vehicle excise duty and fuel duties; amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 15 and 75 and Schedules Nos. 7 and 17; remaining proceedings.—(Jane Kennedy.)

A Clause (NC11) (Personal allowance for those aged under 65)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC12) (Basic rate limit)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC4) (Income tax rates)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 304.

Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

'(8) The Chancellor of the Exchequer shall, within six months of the coming into force of this section, lay before the House of Commons a report containing an assessment of the combined impact of—

(a) the increase in personal allowances, and

(b) the abolition of the starting rate of income tax,
on individuals with a gross income under £13,000 per annum.'—(Mr Jeremy Browne.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Roger Williams, Dan Rogerson: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Steve McCabe: 307.

Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC16) (Set-off etc where right to be paid a sum has been transferred)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC5) (Coming into force of Part 7)—(Mr David Gauke)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 214.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Wayne David: 295.

Another Clause (NC19) (Taxpayers’ charter)—(Mr Jeremy Browne)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Rogerson, Mr Roger Williams: 214.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Wayne David: 299.

Other Amendments (Nos. 24 to 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 413, line 21, to leave out paragraph 12.—(Mr David Gauke.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 212.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Wayne David: 300.

Another Clause (NC2) (Treatment of siblings for purpose of inheritance tax)—(Mr Frank Field)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

14 Disabled Persons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 21st May, be approved—(Siobhain McDonagh):—It was agreed to.

15 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) (Social Welfare) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Siobhain McDonagh):—It was agreed to.

16 Consumer Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer’s Home or Place of Work etc. Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Siobhain McDonagh):—It was agreed to.

17 Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities 2009.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 2nd June 2008, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for the year 2009; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in relation to the budget for the European Communities—(Siobhain McDonagh):—It was agreed to.

18 Fire and Rescue Services.—Ordered, That the Fire and Rescue Services (National Framework) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1370), dated 3rd June, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

19 Modernisation of the House.—Ordered, That Mr Iain Wright be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Dr Howard Stoate be added.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

20 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 3rd July, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on—

(1) the Motions in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to Members’ Salaries; and,

(2) the Motion in the name of Nick Harvey relating to Members’ Expenses and the Motion in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to Members’ Home Addresses

in each case one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such 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.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)
21 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) employees of HM Revenue and Customs, the Public and Commercial Services Union and others relating to HMRC workforce change;
(2) Botley and Hedge End residents relating to planning (Hampshire); and
(3) citizens of Glamis and surrounding area relating to Post Office closures (Angus)
were presented and read.

22 Adjournment.

Subject: Economic development in Houghton and Washington East constituency (Mr Fraser Kemp).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Siobhain McDonagh);

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

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:

1 Defence.—(1) Armed Forces (Entry, Search and Seizure) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1698); and

dated 27th June 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

2 Estate Agents.—(1) Estate Agents (Redress Scheme) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1712); and

(2) Estate Agents (Redress Scheme) (Penalty Charge) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1713),
dated 28th June 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


4 Food.—Eggs and Chicks (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1718), dated 30th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

5 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1657), dated 26th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

7 Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise).—Report to the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform by the Regulator of Community Interest Companies for 2007–08 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

8 Courts and Legal Services.—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 631] [Secretary Jack Straw].
9 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 1st July 2008, concerning the use of indemnities by the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) to facilitate firearms training [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

   (2) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 2) for 1990;
   (3) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 3) for 1991;
   (4) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 4) for 1990–91 to 1993–94; and
   (5) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 5) for 1994 [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

11 Treasury,—Paper, entitled Financial stability and depositor protection: further consultation [by Command] [Cm. 7436] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Home Office.—Home Office Minute, dated 17th April 2008, concerning the use of indemnities by the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) to facilitate firearms training [laid 21st April].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Probate Services (Approved Bodies) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian H. Donohoe, David Heyes, Sir Gerald Kaufman and Chris McCafferty from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Colin Burgen, Ms Katy Clarke, Chris Mole and Mr Virendra Sharma.

2 Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Moldova) Order 2008, draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Slovenia) Order 2008 and draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (New Zealand) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jon Cruddas and Mr Mike Hall from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Dr Brian Iddon and Mr Ken Purchase.

3 Draft Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (Sources of Energy and Technologies) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Challen and Mr Doug Henderson from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Jeremy Corbyn and Margaret Moran.

4 Draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Civil Penalty Code of Practice) Order 2008 and draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins and Mr Richard Caborn from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Clive Betts and Mr David S. Borrow.

5 Draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mrs Eleanor Lang, Mr Elliot Morley and Mark Williams from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Edward Garnier, Ms Patricia Hewitt, David Heyes, Chris McCafferty and Mr Roger Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Draft Heritage Protection Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 821-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2008–09: Eleventh Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 883] [Mr James Arbuthnot].
3 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be printed [No. 551-xiii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Michael Jabez Foster].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Flooding: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2007-08: First Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 901] [Mr Michael Jack].

5 Environmental Audit.—(1) Reaching an international agreement on climate change: Sixth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Annexes and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 355]; and
(2) Making Government operations more sustainable: A progress report: Seventh Report from the Committee, with Annexes and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 529]
[Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs.—Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 364-viii] [Keith Vaz].

7 Justice.—Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 425-v] [Sir Alan Beith].

8 Treasury.—(1) Offshore Financial Centres:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 895-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[John McFall].

9 Welsh Affairs.—(1) The provision of cross-border health services for Wales: Interim Report: Sixth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 870];
(2) The proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 812-ii];
(3) Globalisation and its impact on Wales: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(4) The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 121; WH, No. 78]

Tuesday 1st July 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Parading in Northern Ireland (David Simpson).
Consultation process on the Greater Manchester bid for funding from the Transport Innovation Fund (Barbara Keeley).
Safety of the RAF Nimrod Fleet (Angus Robertson).
Effects on road safety of the construction work on Bede Academy in Blyth Valley constituency (Mr Ronnie Campbell).
Epilepsy and screen-based electronic games (John Penrose).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

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 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

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

2 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2008.

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


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

4 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft London Waste and Recycling Board Order 2008.

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 Health and Social Care Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Health and Social Care Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Care Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 132].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Care Bill be printed [Bill 132–EN].

7 British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place duties on Her Majesty’s Government regarding the participation in and recognition at State occasions of the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies; to make provision about educational material concerning their constitutional and historical status; and for connected purposes: And that Andrew Rosindell, Mr Henry Bellingham, Daniel Kawczynski, Sir Nicholas Winterton, Angela Watkinson, Mr David Evennett, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Geraldine Smith, Jeff Ennis and Bob Russell do prepare and bring it in.

8 British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies Bill.—Andrew Rosindell accordingly presented a Bill to place duties on Her Majesty’s Government regarding the participation in and recognition at State occasions of the British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies; to make provision about educational material concerning their constitutional and historical status; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 128].

9 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Another Clause (NC17) (Report on proposed tax changes)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 267.

Another Amendment (No. 89) proposed to the Bill, in page 127, line 5, to leave out ‘B.’—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, James Duddridge: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Tony Cunningham, Mr Dave Watts: 277.
Another Amendment (No. 29) made to the Bill.
Another Clause (NC3) (Vehicle excise duty: variation of graduated rates for light passenger vehicles)—(Justine Greening)—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 Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 240.
Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Sadiq Khan: 303.
Another Clause (NC8) (Fuel duties: rates and rebates: general fuel duty regulator)—(Stewart Hosie)—brought up and read the first time.
Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Weir, Hywel Williams: 15.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Alison Seabeck: 309.
Another Clause (NC14) (Remote rural fuel discount scheme)—(John Thurso)—brought up and read the first time.
Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Sadiq Khan, Alison Seabeck: 305.
Other Amendments (Nos. 22 and 23) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 156, line 35, to leave out the words ‘must be’ and insert the words ‘will be deemed to be’, instead thereof.—(Mr Mark Hoban.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments (Nos. 40 to 68, 18, 70 to 87 and 30 to 33) 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 Bob Blizzard, Mr Sadiq Khan: 266.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 184.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

10 Capital Gains 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 and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Moldova) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th May, be approved—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

11 Capital Gains 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 and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (New Zealand) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th May, be approved—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

12 Capital Gains 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 and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Slovenia) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th May, be approved—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

13 Energy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (Sources of Energy and Technologies) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th May, be approved—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.

14 Legal Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Probate Services (Approved Bodies) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Liz Blackman):—It was agreed to.
15 Representation of the People (Wales).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

16 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Liz Blackman);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 9th July, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

17 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Civil Penalty Code of Practice) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Liz Blackman);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 9th July, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

18 Estimates.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [30th June] of the Liaison Committee—(Liz Blackman)—It was agreed to.

19 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 9th July—

(1) paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments) shall apply to the Motion in the name of Mr Peter Robinson as if the day were an Opposition Day; proceedings on the Motion may continue, though opposed, for three hours and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply; and

(2) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motion in the name of Secretary Hazel Blears relating to Council Tax not later than three hours after its commencement; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Liz Blackman.)

20 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from

(1) Mrs D Todd and others of like disposition relating to prison sentences (early release); and

(2) J Everett, the residents of Castle Point and others relating to planning and development (Essex)

were presented and read.

21 Adjournment.

Subject: Duchenne muscular dystrophy (Mr Nigel Evans).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.13 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

2 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].
2nd July 2008

\textbf{Papers subject to Negative Resolution:}

3 Education,—Education (Designated Institutions) (Amendment) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1643), dated 25th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].


5 Medicines,—Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing by EEA Practitioners) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1692), dated 26th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

\textbf{Other Papers:}

6 Constitutional Reform,—Report of the Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Laboratories Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 647] [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and 

(2) Resource Accounts of the Charity Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 618] [Jane Kennedy].

8 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 1st July 2008, concerning the Execution of Deed of Indemnity by the UK Border Agency as a prerequisite of CIFAS Membership [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

9 Land Registration,—Report and Accounts of the Land Registry for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 767] [Secretary Jack Straw].


(2) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 7) for 1996; 

(3) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 8) for 1997; 

(4) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 9) for 1998; and 

(5) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 10) for 1999 [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

11 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests as at 16th June 2008 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974, 28th June 1993, 6th November 1995, 14th May 2002 and 27th March 2008]; to be printed [No. 838] [Clerk of the House].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: The Defence Information Infrastructure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 788] [Clerk of the House].

\textbf{APPENDIX II}

\textit{General Committees}

1 Draft Alternative Finance Arrangements (Community Investment Tax Relief) Order 2008: 

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hugh Bayley Chairman; and 

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Michael Ancram, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Angela Eagle, Clive Efford, Justine Greening, Glenda Jackson, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Alan Meale and Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield and Hillsborough).

2 Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2008: 

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Ms Joan Walley Chairman; and 

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, James Brokenshire, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Vernon Coaker, Harry Cohen, Mr Stephen Crabb, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Bruce George, Chris Huhne, Martin Linton, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Jamie Reed and Mr Andrew Smith.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr David Curry, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Dr Nick Palmer, Mrs Linda Riordan, Alison Seabeck, Alan Simpson, Mr John Spellar, Mr Robert Syms, Sarah Teather, Mr Paul Truswell, Dr Alan Whitehead and Malcolm Wicks.

Draft Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Mr Crispin Blunt, David Cairns, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Dr Nick Palmer, Mrs Linda Riordan, Alison Seabeck, Alan Simpson, Mr John Spellar, Mr Robert Syms, Sarah Teather, Mr Paul Truswell, Dr Alan Whitehead and Malcolm Wicks.


(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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Mr Henry Bellingham, Liz Blackman, Mr Crispin Blunt, David Cairns, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Dr Nick Palmer, Mrs Linda Riordan, Alison Seabeck, Alan Simpson, Mr John Spellar, Mr Robert Syms, Sarah Teather, Mr Paul Truswell, Dr Alan Whitehead and Malcolm Wicks.

Draft Community Emissions Trading Scheme (Allocation of Allowances for Payment) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martyn Jones Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Crispin Blunt, Dr Vincent Cable, Angela Eagle, Justine Greening, Mr David Hamilton, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Edward Leigh, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Dr John Pugh, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Martin Salter, Ms Angela C. Smith (Sheffield, Hillsborough) and Sir Peter Soulsby.

Draft African Development Bank (Eleventh Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2008 and the draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Mr Simon Burns, Paul Farrelly, Mr Peter Hain, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr Mark Lancaster, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Dr Peter Lloyd, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Michael Mates, Gillian Merron, Mr Michael Moore, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Maresha Singh and Dr Howard Stoate.

Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, John Battle, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Wayne David, James Duddridge, Mr Mark Harper, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Malcolm Moss, Stephen Pound, Mr John Redwood, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Mr Dennis Skinner and Jenny Willott.

Draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin, Colin Burgon, Ms Patricia Hewitt and Mr Ian McCartney from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ms Karen Buck, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Jamie Reed and Mr Phil Wilson.
Draft International Development Association (Fifteenth Replenishment) Order 2008 and the draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr George Howarth, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Mark Lancaster, Kerry McCarthy, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Shahid Malik, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Richard Shepherd, Jim Sheridan, Hon Nicholas Soames, Sir John Stanley and Mr David Winnick.

Draft Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Douglas Carswell, Ben Chapman, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Stephen Crabb and Mr Adam Ingram from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution John Battle, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Adam Holloway, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Anthony Wright.

Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Robert Key Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Hilary Armstrong, Mr John Baron, Richard Burden, Lordy Burt, Jon Cruddas, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Mark Prisk, Alison Seabeck, Geraldine Smith, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Graham Stuart, Mr Desmond Swayne, Sarah Teather and Jon Trickett.

Draft Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts, Mr David S. Borrow and Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Caborn, Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Tom Levitt.

Draft European Parliament (Number of MEPs and Distribution between Electoral Regions) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ben Chapman, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr John Heppell, Stephen Hesford, Ms Patricia Hewitt, David Howarth, John Howell, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Alun Michael, Lembit Opik, Bridget Prentice, Mr Ian Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner and Pete Wishart.

Draft London Waste and Recycling Board Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Frank Dobson from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Joan Ryan.

Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, John Austin, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Neil Gerrard, Martin Horwood, Mr Brian Jenkins, Daniel Kawczynski, Dr Ashok Kumar, Siobhain McDonagh, Anne Main, Joan Ruddock, Ms Gisela Stuart, Ms Dari Taylor, Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

European Committees

European Union Document No. 5127/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Emissions from heavy duty vehicles, has been referred to European Committee A.

European Union Document No. 6996/08, relating to Financial Services, amended draft Directive on the taking up and pursuit of the business of insurance and reinsurance: Solvency II (recast),—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee B, nominated in respect of the Document: Mr Colin Breed, Mr Jeremy Browne, Tony Cunningham, Mr Philip Dunne, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Andrew Love, Margaret Moran, Mr Brooks Newmark, Helen Southworth and Kitty Ussher.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—The Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Children’s Plan: Government Response to the Second Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee, Session 2007–08: Fourth Special Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 888] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Draft Heritage Protection Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 821-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Draft Marine Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine Bill; to be printed [No. 552-viii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Joan Walley].

4 Environmental Audit,—Vehicle Excise Duty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 907-i] [Joan Walley].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—The potential of England’s rural economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 544-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

6 European Scrutiny.—(1) Twenty-ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxv];
   (2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xv]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Michael Connarty].

7 Foreign Affairs Committee,—Global Security: Japan and Korea: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 449-iii] [Mike Gapes].

8 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Plastic Electronics Engineering: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 599-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

9 Justice,—Administration of Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Justice Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 913-i] [Sir Alan Beith].

10 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—(1) Regional Accountability: Third Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons; 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 and 27th February [No. 282]; and
   (2) Recall and dissolution: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Ms Harriet Harman].

11 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Political Developments in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 914-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

12 Public Administration,—Charities and Public Benefit: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 663-ii][Dr Tony Wright].

13 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 38-xxiv]; and
   (2) Scrutinising Statutory Instruments: Departmental Returns 2007: Second Special Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 915]
       [David Maclean].

14 Transport,—School Travel: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 911-i] [Mrs Louise Ellman].

15 Treasury,—(1) Appointment of Lord Turner of Ecchinswell as Chairman of the Financial Services Authority: Fourteenth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Minutes of Evidence and Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 916].
(2) Appointment of Charlie Bean as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England: Fifteenth Report from the Committee, with Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 917];

(3) The run on the Rock: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee: Eleventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 918]; and

(4) Financial Stability and Transparency: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee: Twelfth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 919] [John McFall].

16 Work and Pensions.—Employment and Support Allowance: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 892-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 122; WH, No. 79]
Wednesday 2nd July 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.
Subjects:
Twentieth anniversary of the Piper Alpha disaster (Mr Frank Doran).
Implementation of the 2004 International Court of Justice Opinion on the Israeli Wall (Clare Short).
Flight paths around London (Mr Richard Spring).
Polar regions (Emily Thornberry).
HM Revenue and Customs offices in Scotland (Mr Alan Reid).
Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. —(Mr Bob Blizzard.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.14 p.m.

[No. 123.]
The House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 10th July.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th June, That the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

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

3 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 10th July.

4 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 10th July.

5 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 10th July.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 10th July.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 10th July.
8 Contingencies Fund, 2007–08,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 2007–08, 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.—(Alison Seabeck.)

9 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords].—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords] 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 7th July; and to be printed [Bill 133]

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

10 Climate Change Bill [Lords].—Frank Cook reported a Memorandum from the Climate Change Bill [Lords] Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.


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

12 Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill,—Secretary Jack Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Jacqui Smith, Secretary Des Browne, Mr Secretary Woodward, the Solicitor General and Maria Eagle, presented a Bill to make provision for the making of orders for securing the anonymity of witnesses in criminal proceedings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 7th July and to be printed [Bill 134].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill be printed [Bill 134–EN].

13 Zimbabwe (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of Zimbabwe—(Secretary David Miliband);

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

14 Members’ Salaries (Expression of Opinion) (No. 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes Sir John Baker’s Review of Parliamentary Pay and Allowances (Cm. 7416), and is of the opinion that the recommendations in the Review for the annual salary of a Member of this House to be increased by reference to a linkage to the Public Sector Average Earnings Index combined with regular reviews of the salary and the link should be implemented, such that—

(1) from 1st April 2008 and from 1st April of each subsequent year a Member’s salary should be increased by the percentage increase in the 3 month average Public Sector Average Earnings Index for January of that year relative to the figure for January of the previous year;

(2) the SSRB should conduct a review of Members’ salaries in the first year of each new Parliament unless such a review has taken place within the preceding two years;

(3) at such a review the SSRB should consider either or both of:

(a) an adjustment to the salary

(b) a different formula from that specified in paragraph (1) above


to ensure that the level of salary remains adequate for recruitment and retention, appropriate for the responsibilities and reasonable in relation to total reward for jobs of similar weight in the public sector, to take effect from the first 1st April following the first meeting of the new Parliament;

(4) each year the SSRB chair should notify the Speaker of the change in salary (expressed as a percentage) and, on such notification to the Speaker, that change should have effect, subject to any further notification given following a review under paragraph (3);
(5) the Speaker should lay before the House:
(a) any notification received from the SSRB chair under paragraph (4) above; and
(b) any report from the SSRB following a review under paragraph (2) above;

(6) an additional salary payable to a Member under Resolutions of this House in respect of service as a chairman of select or general committees should be changed by the same percentage and from the same time as the salary of a Member—(Ms Harriet Harman);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 11, after the word 'year', to insert the words 'provided that, without prejudice to the calculations based on the agreed formula, from 1st April 2008 the annual salary is increased by no more than 2.3 per cent. and that the balance of any increase due at 1st April 2008 should be payable from 1st April 2009 in addition to any increase payable at that date.'—(Mr Don Touhig)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Sheridan, Mr Robert Syms: 155.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 196.

So the Question was negatived.

It being more than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [1st July], put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions relating to Members' salaries.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Paul Keetch: 141.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 216.

So the Question was negatived.

15 Members' Salaries (Expression of Opinion) (No. 2).—Resolved, That this House notes Sir John Baker’s Review of Parliamentary Pay and Allowances (Cm. 7416), and is of the opinion that the policy set out in the Written Ministerial Statement by the Leader of the House of 17th June Official Report col 46WS should be implemented, such that—

(1) the salary of a Member of this House should be increased from 1st April 2008, and from 1st April of each subsequent year, by an uprating formula which increases the salary by a percentage equal to the median of relevant increases for the following public sector groups:

    senior military, holders of judicial office, very senior NHS managers, doctors and dentists, the Prison Service, NHS staff, school teachers, the Armed Forces, police officers, Local Government; non-Senior Civil Service staff in each of the Department for Work and Pensions, Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, the Ministry of Defence and the Home Office; and the Senior Civil Service;

(2) the SSRB should conduct a review of Members' salaries in the first year of each new Parliament unless such a review has taken place within the preceding two years;

(3) at such a review the SSRB should consider either or both of:

(a) an adjustment to the salary, consistent with public sector pay policy, to reflect an assessment of the appropriate salary at that time relative to jobs of similar weight elsewhere in the public sector;

(b) as regards the public sector groups listed above, such amendments to the list as appear to it to be necessary to reflect changes in the pay setting arrangements for those groups;

    to take effect from the first 1st April following the first meeting of the new Parliament;

(4) each year the SSRB chair should notify the Speaker of the change in salary (expressed as a percentage) and, on such notification to the Speaker, that change shall have effect, subject to any further notification given following a review under paragraph (2);

(5) the Speaker should lay before the House:

(a) any notification received from the SSRB chair under paragraph (4); and

(b) any report from the SSRB following a review under paragraph (2) above;
(6) an additional salary payable to a Member under Resolutions of this House in respect of service as a chairman of select or general committees shall be changed by the same percentage and from the same time as the salary of a Member.—(Ms Harriet Harman)

16 Members’ Salaries (Expression of Opinion) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House notes Sir John Baker’s Review of Parliamentary Pay and Allowances (Cm. 7416), and is of the opinion that the recommendation in paragraph 51 of the Review for increases over three years additional to those resulting from other uprating provisions should be implemented, such that the annual salary of a Member of this House should be increased on each of 1st April 2008, 1st April 2009 and 1st April 2010 by a sum of £650 in addition to (and after) any other change taking effect from that date by virtue of any other resolution of this House—(Ms Harriet Harman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Peter Bottomley, Mr Christopher Chope: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Campbell, Tony Cunningham: 224.

So the Question was negatived.

17 Members’ Salaries (No. 2) [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2) (Money);

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

(1) from 1st April 2008 and from 1st April of each subsequent year a Member’s salary shall be increased by a percentage equal to the median of the relevant increases for the public sector groups listed in paragraph (2);

(2) the public sector groups are:

(a) senior military, holders of judicial office, very senior NHS managers, doctors and dentists, the Prison Service, NHS staff, school teachers, the Armed Forces, police officers and Local Government (“List A”);

(b) non-Senior Civil Service staff in each of the Department for Work and Pensions, Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, the Ministry of Defence and the Home Office (“List B”);

(c) Senior Civil Service (“List C”);

(3) the posts covered by a group in List A (except police officers and Local Government) and the Senior Civil Service are those posts within the group which are covered (from time to time) by a pay review body supported by the Office of Manpower Economics;

(4) the reference to police officers is to those officers covered (from time to time) by the Police Negotiating Board and the reference to Local Government is to those posts covered (from time to time) by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services;

(5) in the case of List A, the relevant increase for a group is determined as follows:

(a) determine the last set of annual percentage pay scale increases finalised and given effect to prior to 31st December of the preceding year in relation to individuals within the group;

(b) of the increases determined under paragraph (a), determine the increase that was applicable to the largest number of individuals (for this purpose, taking increases of the same percentage together as if they were one increase);

and the increase determined under paragraph (b) is the relevant increase;

(6) in the case of List B, the relevant increase for a group is determined as follows:

(a) determine the last set of annual percentage pay scale increases finalised and given effect to prior to 31st December of the preceding year in relation to staff within the group;

(b) determine the average of the increases determined under paragraph (a);

and the average determined under paragraph (b) is the relevant increase;

(7) in the case of List C, the relevant increase is the last annual percentage increase in the basic settlement (excluding recyclables) finalised and given effect to prior to 31st December of the preceding year;
(8) the SSRB shall determine each relevant increase for the purposes of paragraph (1) except where the SSRB decides, in relation to a particular group, that it is not possible for it to make such a determination because of changes in pay setting arrangements for that group or other exceptional circumstances, in which case that group shall be ignored for the purposes of paragraph (1);

(9) the SSRB shall conduct a review of Members’ salaries in the first year of each new Parliament unless such a review has taken place within the preceding two years;

(10) at such a review the SSRB should consider either or both of:

(a) an adjustment to the salary, consistent with public sector pay policy, to reflect an assessment of the appropriate salary at that time relative to jobs of similar weight elsewhere in the public sector;

(b) as regards the public sector groups listed in paragraph (2) above, such amendments to the list (including adding new groups or moving particular groups between Lists A, B and C) as appear to it to be necessary to reflect changes in the pay setting arrangements for those groups;

to take effect from the first 1st April following the first meeting of the new Parliament;

(11) each year the SSRB chair shall notify the Speaker of the change in salary (expressed as a percentage) and, on such notification to the Speaker, that change shall have effect, subject to any further notification given following a review under paragraph (9);

(12) the Speaker shall lay before the House:

(a) any notification received from the SSRB chair under paragraph (11); and

(b) any report from the SSRB following a review under paragraph (9) above;

(13) an additional salary payable to a Member under Resolutions of this House in respect of service as a chairman of select or general committees shall be changed by the same percentage and from the same time as the salary of a Member.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

18 Members’ Expenses.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Third Report from the Members Estimate Committee: Review of Allowances (House of Commons Paper No. 578); endorses in particular the recognition of the need for a robust system of scrutiny for parliamentary allowances and the accompanying emphasis in the Report on improved audit; and is of the opinion that—

(1) Recommendations 1 to 5 (audit and assurance), Recommendations 6 and 7 (scope of overnight expenses), Recommendations 9 and 10 (Communications Allowance), Recommendations 11 and 12 (travel), Recommendations 13 and 14 (overnight expenses), Recommendation 15 (resettlement), and Recommendations 16 to 18 (other SSRB recommendations) should be implemented, subject to decisions of the Members Estimate Committee with respect to their introduction and application;

(2) the principle of central funding of constituency office costs, as set out in Recommendation 8, should be approved and asks the Members Estimate Committee to prepare a detailed proposal accordingly;

(3) the timetable for implementation of the Recommendations set out in paragraph 257 of the Report be endorsed; and instructs the Members Estimate Committee to report from time to time on the implementation of this Resolution—(Nick Harvey);

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [1st July], put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions relating to Members’ Expenses and Members’ Home Addresses.

An Amendment (d) was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave from ‘578);’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises the need to strengthen the system of scrutiny and is of the opinion that a rigorous internal system of audit of the Additional Costs Allowance be introduced covering 25 per cent. of hon. Members each year, and every hon. Member each Parliament; and is of the opinion that—

(1) Recommendations 5 (staff contracts), 8 (constituency offices), 9 and 10 (communications allowance), 11 and 12 (travel), 14 (overnight expenses), 15 (resettlement), and 16, 17 and 18 (other SSRB recommendations) be approved; and
(2) that Recommendation 5 be implemented from 1st October 2008, that Recommendation 8 be implemented from 1st April 2010, that Recommendations 9 and 10 be implemented from 1st April 2009, that Recommendations 11 and 12 be implemented from 1st April 2009 and that Recommendation 15 be implemented at the end of the next Parliament; instead thereof.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Helen Jones, Anne Moffat: 172.
Tellers for the Noes, Nick Harvey, David Maclean: 144.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment ((f)) was proposed to the Question, in line 18, at the end to add the words—

‘(4) any allowance for overnight costs arising from Parliamentary duties in London may not be used for accommodation expenses in respect of a residence designated by an hon. Member as his main residence for tax purposes.’.—(John Mann.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;—It was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;—It was agreed to.

Resolved.—That this House welcomes the Third Report from the Members Estimate Committee: Review of Members Allowances (House of Commons Paper 578); recognises the need to strengthen the system of scrutiny and is of the opinion that a rigorous internal system of audit of the Additional Costs Allowance be introduced covering 25 per cent. of hon. Members each year, and every hon. Member each Parliament; and is of the opinion that—

(1) Recommendations 5 (staff contracts), 8 (constituency offices), 9 and 10 (communications allowance), 11 and 12 (travel), 14 (overnight expenses), 15 (resettlement), and 16, 17 and 18 (other SSRB recommendations) be approved;

(2) Recommendation 5 be implemented from 1st October 2008, that Recommendation 8 be implemented from 1st April 2010, that Recommendations 9 and 10 be implemented from 1st April 2009, that Recommendations 11 and 12 be implemented from 1st April 2009, that Recommendation 14 be implemented from 1st April 2009 and that Recommendation 15 be implemented at the end of the next Parliament; and

(3) any allowance for overnight costs arising from Parliamentary duties in London may not be used for accommodation expenses in respect of a residence designated by an hon. Member as his main residence for tax purposes.

19 Members’ Home Addresses.—Resolved. That this House asserts that the freedom of Members to speak on any matter without the fear or threat of interference or molestation is essential to the effective conduct of parliamentary proceedings; notes that this freedom has long been recognised to be an integral element of the protection afforded to Members enabling them to participate effectively in parliamentary business, and thus that Members must be able to speak on any matter in parliamentary proceedings without threat of interference or molestation, considers that this would be threatened by publication of Members’ home addresses, patterns of travel or other information linked to addresses held by the House authorities revealing details that could threaten their security, and so would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs; and urges Mr Speaker to take account of these considerations in the discharge of his responsibilities.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

20 Business of the House.—Ordered. That, in respect of the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) 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.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

21 Adjournment.

Subject: Sixtieth anniversary of the NHS (Tony Lloyd).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 7th July.

[Adjourned at 5.59 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3. National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) and (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1697), dated 26th June 2008; and (2) Primary Ophthalmic Services Amendment, Transitional and Consequential Provisions Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1700), dated 28th June 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

6. Cereals Marketing,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 669] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7. Church Commissioners,—Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for 2007 [by Measure] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8. Contingencies Fund,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 879] [Jane Kennedy].


Papers withdrawn:

13 National Health Service.—Report and Accounts of NHS Business Services Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [No. 714] [laid 30th June].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development,—Scrutiny of Arms Export Controls (2008): UK Strategic Export Controls Annual Report 2006, Quarterly Reports for 2007, licensing policy and review of export control legislation: First Joint Report from the Business and Enterprise, Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Development Committees, being the Eighth Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee, the Twelfth Report from the Defence Committee, the Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Eighth Report from the International Development 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 17th January, 26th March and 19th May [No. 254] [Roger Berry].

2 Health,—Foundation Trusts and Monitor: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 833-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Liaison,—The Prime Minister: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee; to be printed [No. 192-ii] [Mr Alan Williams].

[No. 123; WH, No. 80]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Women with particular vulnerabilities in the criminal justice system.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mark Tami.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 8th July.

[Adjourned at 6.18 p.m.]
MONDAY 7TH JULY 2008

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hugh Bayley reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Alternative Finance Arrangements (Community Investment Tax Relief) Order 2008.

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


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

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

The Lords agree to the Special Educational Needs (Information) Bill, without Amendment.

5 Estimates [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, 2008–09 (Department for Transport).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2009, for expenditure by the Department for Transport—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £8,777,927,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 479,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £7,136,325,000, 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—(Alison Seabeck);

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, 2008–09 (Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2009, for expenditure by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £11,040,399,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 479,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £12,519,763,000, 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—(Tony Cunningham);

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 the 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 2008–09.

Estimates, 2008–09: Department for Transport

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2009, for expenditure by the Department for Transport—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £8,777,927,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 479,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £7,136,325,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs as so set out, and

(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.
Estimates, 2008–09: Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2009, for expenditure by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £11,040,399,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 479,
(2) a further sum, not exceeding £12,519,763,000, 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 Speaker then put the Question required to be put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 2008–09

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2009—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £233,217,986,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services as set out in House of Commons Papers No. 479, No. 486, No. 487, No. 488, and No. 621,
(2) a further sum, not exceeding £230,753,553,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services as so set out, and
(3) limits as so set out in House of Commons Papers No. 479, No. 487, No. 488 and No. 621 be set on appropriations in aid.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Yvette Cooper, Jane Kennedy, Angela Eagle and Kitty Ussher do prepare and bring it in.

7 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation ) (No. 2) Bill,—Jane Kennedy according presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2009 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending with 31st March 2009; to appropriate the supply authorised in this Sesson of Parliament for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2009; 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 130].

8 Prisons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 9th July, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

9 Capital Gains 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 and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Saudi Arabia) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 19th May, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

10 Taxes,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft International Tax Enforcement (Bermuda) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 19th May, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

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 Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

12 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

13 London Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft London Waste and Recycling Board Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.
14 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Teesside and others relating to immigration (John and Stella Park) was presented and read.

15 Adjournment.

Subject: Availability of Lucentis through West Kent Primary Care Trust (Miss Ann Widdecombe).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 4th July 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Credit,—Consumer Credit (Information Requirements and Duration of Licences and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1751), dated 2nd July 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Mr Secretary Hutton].


5 Road Traffic,—Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (Dudley) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1764), dated 4th July 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 7th July 2008:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

6 Criminal Law,—Draft Remand on Bail (Disapplication of Credit Period) Rules 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Education,—Education (School Inspection etc.) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1723), dated 1st July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].


Other Papers:

9 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Report on Research and Development Work Relating to Assistive Technology for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

10 Health,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Health Select Committee, Session 2007–08, on ‘Modernising Medical Careers’ [by Command] [Cm. 7338] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

11 Licensing (Alcohol Education and Research),—Report and Accounts of the Alcohol Education and Research Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 667] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

12 Local Government,—(1) Local Government Financial Statistics: England (No. 16) for 2005; and
[by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

13 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 2008),—Cooperation Agreement, done at London on 6th July 2006, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Organization for Migration, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7443] [Secretary David Miliband].

14 National Health Service,—(1) Report and Accounts of Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 1st October 2007 to 31st March 2008 [by Act];
(2) Report and Accounts for Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for the 11 month period ending 31st March 2008 [by Act];
(3) Reports and Accounts for 2007-08 of—
(i) Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(ii) Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(iii) Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(iv) NHS Business Services Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 714];
(v) Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(vi) Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(vii) South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(viii) Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(ix) University College Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(x) University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and
(4) Report and Financial Statements of Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust for 2007-08 [by Act]
[Secretary Alan Johnson].

15 National Lottery,—Report and Financial Statements of the UK Film Council Group and Lottery for 2007-08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 782] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

16 Northern Ireland,—Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross Foundation Reports for—
(1) 2005-06; and
(2) 2006-07
[by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

17 Public Works Loans,—Report of the Public Works Loan Board for 2007-08 [by Act] [Kitty Ussher].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Elliot Morley from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Khalid Mahmood.

2 Draft Large and Medium-sized Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008, the draft Small Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008 and the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Quentin Davies and Mr Paul Truswell from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Charles Clarke and Martin Salter.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—National Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 651-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—The Balance of Power: Central and Local Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 813-ii] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].
3 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—Nuclear Engineering:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills
       Committee; to be printed [No. 640-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
       [Mr Phil Willis].

4 Work and Pensions.—Personal Accounts Delivery Authority: Minutes of Evidence taken
   before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 893-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 125.]

Tuesday 8th July 2008.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the
   following Resolutions:
   That the draft Legislative Reform (Consumer Credit) Order 2008, which was laid
   before this House on 17th June, should be proceeded with unamended.

   The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

   That the draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England
   and Wales) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 26th June, should be
   approved.

   The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from the
   Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

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

3 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Fifth
   Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative
   Powers of Prosecutors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Code of Practice)
   Order 2008.

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

4 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Martyn Jones reported from the Sixth
   Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Community Emissions Trading Scheme
   (Allocation of Allowances for Payment) Regulations 2008.

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

5 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Seventh
   Delegated Legislation Committee the draft African Development Bank (Eleventh
   Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2008 and the draft African
   Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008.

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

6 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Eighth
   Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments
   (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations 2008.

   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:

   Retail Development Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide support for
   small retail premises; to establish the Office for Retail Planning; to make provision about
   retail planning and development; and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire
   the concurrence of this House.

8 Public Contracts (UK Tax Requirements).—Ordered That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
   place certain requirements relating to payment of tax in the UK on companies bidding for
   public contracts; to prohibit the transfer of such contracts overseas; to require companies
   bidding for public contracts to provide certain information relating to tax payments; and
   for connected purposes. And that Nia Griffith, Gordon Banks, Ms Karen Buck, Mr
   David Chaytor, Michael Connarty, Linda Gilroy, Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Kevan Jones, Ian
   Lucas, Rob Marris, Ann McKechin and Dr Alan Whitehead do prepare and bring it in.
9 Public Contracts (UK Tax Requirements) Bill.—Nia Griffith accordingly presented a Bill to place certain requirements relating to payment of tax in the UK on companies bidding for public contracts, to prohibit the transfer of such contracts overseas; to require companies bidding for public contracts to provide certain information relating to tax payments; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 135].

10 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.

11 Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill (Allocation of time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill:

Timetable

1.–(1) Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) Proceedings on Second 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.

(3) Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

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 Chairman or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

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

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

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

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.

6. If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph 4(d) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chairman shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

7.–(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.

8.–(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 7.
(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question 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——
(a) agreed or disagreed to a Lords Amendment, or
(b) disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,
the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

9.—(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.

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

(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

11.—(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

12. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply so far as necessary for the purposes of this Order.

13.–(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.

14. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

15.–(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.

16.–(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.

17. The Speaker may not arrange for a debate to be held in accordance with Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates)—

(a) at this day’s sitting, or

(b) at any sitting at which Lords Amendments to the Bill are, or any further Message from the Lords is, to be considered,

before the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies.

18.–(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.

19. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House—(Maria Eagle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mark Tami, Mr Dave Watts: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 145.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill.—The Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and stood committed to a Committee of the whole House, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Applications).

Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 2, line 26, to leave out subsection (2).—(David Howarth.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Dan Rogerson: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Sadiq Khan: 256.

Amendments (Nos. 40 and 41) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Conditions for making order).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 2, line 31, to leave out the word ‘satisfied’ and insert the word ‘sure’.—(Mr Douglas Hogg.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
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And it being six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill (Allocation of time), the Chairman, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

The Chairman then put the remaining Questions necessary to bring proceedings in the Committee to a conclusion.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Relevant considerations).

Amendment (No. 42) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Discharge or variation of order).

Amendment (No. 43) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Warning to jury).

Amendment (No. 44) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 14 agreed to.

A Clause (NC9) (Expiry of power to make witness anonymity orders)—(Secretary Jack Straw)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Michael Foster reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments 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.

13 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Alternative Finance Arrangements (Community Investment Tax Relief) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

14 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 Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 4th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

15 Limited Liability Partnerships,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Small Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

16 Limited Liability Partnerships,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Large and Medium-sized Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

17 Limited Liability 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 (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

18 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That, on Tuesday 22nd July—

(1) the House shall meet 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;

(2) proceedings on the Motion for the adjournment of the House in the name of Ms Harriet Harman shall lapse at Six o'clock;

(3) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Lords Amendments to the Crossrail Bill not later than one hour after their commencement, such proceedings may continue though opposed after the moment of interruption, and
(4) the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until—
(i) any Message from the Lords has been received; and
(ii) he has reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

19 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from those against the current laws on smoking tobacco relating to the smoking ban was presented and read.

20 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the Havant ex-Servicemen’s Club, the Havant Royal British Legion and others of like disposition relating to Ghurkhas (citizenship and pensions) was presented.

21 Adjournment.

Subject: Progress of the Building Schools for the Future programme (Dr John Pugh).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Michael Foster).

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

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:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Mental Health,—Draft Mental Health Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Childcare (Provision of Information About Young Children) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1722), dated 30th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(2) Local Authority (Duty to Secure Early Years Provision Free of Charge) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1724), dated 30th June 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls]; and

(3) Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1802), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


5 Immigration,—Persons subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1768), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

6 Legal Services,—Legal Services Act 2007 (Transitory Provision) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1799), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 Trade Marks,—Trade Marks Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1797), dated 7th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].
Other Papers:

8 Broadcasting.—(1) Paper, entitled BBC In-House Television Commissioning: Review by Ernst and Young LLP commissioned by the BBC Trust’s Finance and Strategy Committee; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the BBC for 2007–08: The BBC Trust’s review and assessment and the BBC Executive’s review and assessment
   [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

9 Chiropractic.—Financial Statements of the General Chiropractic Council for 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

10 Crown Estate.—Report and Accounts of the Crown Estate for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 691] [Clerk of the House].

11 European Union.—Paper, entitled Prospects for the European Union in 2008: The French Presidency, July to December 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7420] [Secretary David Miliband].

12 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of Ordnance Survey for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 751] [Clerk of the House].

13 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards).—Report and Accounts of the Healthcare Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 784] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Report on an announced inspection of Hydebank Wood Young Offender Centre by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons and the Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland [by Acts] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

15 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 2008).—The Antarctic Treaty: Measures adopted at the Thirtieth Consultative Meeting held at New Delhi, 30th April to 11th May 2007 [by Command] [Cm. 7441] [Secretary David Miliband].

16 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills: Learning and Skills Council: Renewing the physical infrastructure of English further education colleges [by Act]; to be printed [No. 924] [Clerk of the House].

17 National Health Service.—(1) Report and Accounts for 2007–08 of—
   (i) Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (ii) Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (iii) Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (iv) Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (v) Christie Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (vi) Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (vii) James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (viii) Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (ix) Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (x) NHS Professionals, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 652];
   (xi) Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (xii) Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (xiii) Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (xiv) Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (xv) South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (xvi) South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (xvii) the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 730]; and
   (xviii) Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (2) Report and Accounts of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 1st July 2007 to 31st March 2008 [by Act].
(3) Report and Accounts of Rotherham Doncaster and South Humberside Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2007 to 31st March 2008 [by Act];

(4) Report and Accounts of Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 1st November 2007 to 31st March 2008 [by Act];

(5) Report and Accounts for 1st December 2007 to 31st March 2008 of—
   (i) Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   (ii) Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and
   (iii) North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and

(6) Report and Accounts of Norfolk and Waveney Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust for 1st February 2008 to 31st March 2008 [by Act]

[Secretary Alan Johnson].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Liz Blackman, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Adam Ingram and Sandra Osborne from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Jim Devine, Eric Joyce and Steve McCabe.

2 Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Code of Practice) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen.

3 Draft African Development Bank (Eleventh Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2008 and the draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Gerald Kaufman and Mr Michael Moore from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth and Sir Robert Smith.

4 Draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Chris Ruane.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 8th July; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business and Enterprise,—Construction matters: Ninth Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 127-I and -II] [Peter Luff].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—BBC Annual Report 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 938-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) Climate change and local, regional and devolved government: Eighth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 225]; and
   (2) Export Credits Guarantee Department and Sustainable Development: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 929-i]

[Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs,—Managing Migration: Points-Based System: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 884-i] [Keith Vaz].

6 Human Rights,—(1) Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 950-i]; and
   (2) Legislative Scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].
7 International Development,—(1) Working Together to Make Aid More Effective: Ninth 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 4th March [No. 520-I and -II]; and

(2) DFID Annual Report 2008: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Malcolm Bruce].

8 Justice,—(1) Towards Effective Sentencing: Fifth Report from the Justice Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 184-I and -II]; and

(2) Devolution: A Decade On: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 75-x]

[Sir Alan Beith].

9 Public Administration,—Charities and Public Benefit: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 663-iii][Dr Tony Wright].

10 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Draft Legislative Reform (Consumer Credit) Order 2008: Third Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 939];

(2) Draft Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2008: Fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 940]; and

(3) Getting Results: the Better Regulation Executive and the Impact of the Regulatory Reform Agenda: Fifth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 474-I and -II]

[Andrew Miller].

11 Welsh Affairs,—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-x]; and

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

[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 125; WH, No. 81]

Tuesday 8th July 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Artists’ resale rights (Mark Fisher).
Trafficking of women and children and Pentameter II (Mr Anthony Steen).
Impact of the Rating (Empty Properties) Act 2007 (Mr Chris Mullen).
Contribution of the recreational fishing industry to the economy (Mr Charles Walker).
Job losses at Lyndale Group Limited (John McDonnell).

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.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Climate Change Bill [Lords].—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Climate Change Bill [Lords] Committee:

(1) a Memorandum; and
(2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to set a target for the year 2050 for the reduction of targeted greenhouse gas emissions; to provide for a system of carbon budgeting; to establish a Committee on Climate Change; to confer powers to establish trading schemes for the purpose of limiting greenhouse gas emissions or encouraging activities that reduce such emissions or remove greenhouse gas from the atmosphere; to make provision about adaptation to climate change; to confer powers to make schemes for providing financial incentives to produce less domestic waste and to recycle more of what is produced; to make provision about the collection of household waste; to confer powers to make provision about charging for single use carrier bags; to amend the provisions of the Energy Act 2004 about renewable transport fuel obligations; to make other provision about climate change; and for connected purposes.

Memoranda (reported on 3rd July and this day) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 129].

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

2 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft International Development Association (Fifteenth Replenishment) Order 2008 and the draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008.

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

3 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Robert Key reported from the Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

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

4 Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee the draft European Parliament (Number of MEPs and Distribution between Electoral Regions) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) Order 2008.

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

5 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Sir John Butterfill reported from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the National Insurance Contributions Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

7 National Insurance Contributions Bill.—Lords Amendments to the National Insurance Contributions Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 137].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the National Insurance Contributions Bill be printed [Bill 137–EN].

8 Cannabis Seeds (Prohibition).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the sale of cannabis seeds; and for connected purposes—(Tom Brake).

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 Tom Brake, Keith Vaz, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Nigel Evans, Mrs Janet Dean and Bob Russell do prepare and bring in the Bill.

9 Cannabis Seeds (Prohibition) Bill.—Tom Brake accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the sale of cannabis seeds; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 136].

10 Cost of living.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the recent increases in food and fuel costs combined with the abolition of the 10 pence tax band, and the effect these are having on the most disadvantaged in society; and calls for a review of all mechanisms, including the use of extra revenue raised through increased crude oil prices, winter fuel payments and family tax credits, to assist those on lower and medium incomes—(Mr Gregory Campbell).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that the Governor of the Bank of England’s letter of 16th June 2008 to the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that 1.1 per cent. of the 1.2 per cent. increase in recent months in inflation was due to global energy and food prices; further notes the Government’s global leadership and supports the Government’s action to tackle price rises with action on an international level, including pushing for a successful conclusion to the Doha round of negotiations in the World Trade Organisation and examining the impact of biofuels on food production; acknowledges the significant increases in world prices, with the oil price rising by 80 per cent. and food prices up by 60 per cent. in the 12 months to May 2008; recognises that these increases in global prices affect every country and put real pressure on family budgets throughout the UK; further acknowledges that the measures that the Government has taken and will continue to take to support families, individuals and businesses throughout the UK include extra tax credits, increased tax allowances, further winter fuel payments and increases in child benefit; considers that a strong and stable economy delivers the most important support for working families; and supports the Government’s actions that have delivered unemployment, inflation and interest rates all at historically low levels’, instead thereof.—(Jane Kennedy.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question, pursuant to Order [2nd July] and Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gregory Campbell, Sammy Wilson: 200.

Tellers for the Noes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Wayne David: 292.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the proposed words be there added;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Wayne David: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, David Simpson: 195.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that the Governor of the Bank of England’s letter of 16th June 2008 to the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that 1.1 per cent. of the 1.2 per cent. increase in recent months in inflation was due to global energy and food prices; further notes the Government’s global leadership and supports the Government’s action to tackle price rises with action on an international level, including pushing for a successful conclusion to the Doha round of negotiations in the World Trade Organisation and examining the impact of biofuels on food production; acknowledges the significant increases in world prices, with the oil price rising by 80 per cent. and food prices up by 60 per cent. in the 12 months to May 2008; recognises that these increases in global prices affect every country and put real pressure on family budgets throughout the UK; further acknowledges that the measures that the Government has taken and will continue to take to support families, individuals and businesses throughout the UK include extra tax credits, increased tax allowances, further winter fuel payments and increases in child benefit; considers that a strong and stable economy delivers the most important support for working families; and supports the Government’s actions that have delivered unemployment, inflation and interest rates all at historically low levels.
11 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 Immigration (Biometric Registration) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 11th June, be approved.
Ayes: 249.
Noes: 56.
So the Question was agreed to.

Immigration,—That the draft Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Civil Penalty Code of Practice) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved.
Ayes: 249.
Noes: 56.
So the Question was agreed to.

Prisons,—That the draft Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 14th May, be approved.
Ayes: 298.*
Noes: 118.
So the Question was agreed to.

12 Council Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Council Tax Limitation (Maximum Amounts) (England) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(John Healey),
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Alison Seabeck: 277.
Tellers for the Noes, Willie Rennie, Mr Adrian Sanders: 45.
So the Question was agreed to.

13 Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords];
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

14 Environmental Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Community Emissions Trading Scheme (Allocation of Allowances for Payment) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 3rd June, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

15 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

16 International Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft African Development Bank (Eleventh Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

17 Proceeds of Crime,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Code of Practice) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

* The number of Ayes has been altered from 285 to 298 in accordance with the Deputy Speaker’s direction on 10th July.
18 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

19 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the people of South Holland relating to HMRC workforce change (Lincolnshire) was presented and read.

20 Adjournment.

Subject: Payment of funeral expenses from the Social Fund (Mr Tom Clarke).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.38 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons.—(1) Childcare (Disqualification) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1740), dated 2nd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command];

(2) Childcare (Inspections) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1729), dated 1st July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command];

(3) Early Years Foundation Stage (Exemptions from Learning and Development Requirements) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1743), dated 2nd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command]; and

(4) Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (Additional Functions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1744), dated 2nd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

2 Customs,—Trade in Goods (Categories of Controlled Goods) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1805), dated 2nd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Other Papers:

6 Access to Justice,—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Commissioner for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 840] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 Charities,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Official Custodian for Charities for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and

(2) Report of the Charity Commission for England and Wales for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 575 and 574] [Edward Miliband].

8 Communities and Local Government,—Paper, entitled Communities in control: real people, real power [by Command] [Cm. 7427] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

10 Home Office.—(1) Home Office Minute, dated 7th July 2008, concerning a contingent liability for the Provision of Public Liability Insurance for Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in England and Wales; and
(2) Home Office Minute, dated 8th July 2008, concerning a contingent liability for an Indemnity to the UK Immigration Service to Cover the Issue of Liability in Relation to Intellectual Property Rights and Loss or Damage to Tangible Property of Trial Partners through Participation in the IATA SPTIG Trial [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

11 National Health Service,—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 for—
(i) Chesterfield Royal NHS Foundation Trust;
(ii) Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(iii) Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust;
(iv) East London NHS Foundation Trust;
(v) Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(vi) Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust;
(vii) Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust;
(viii) Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(ix) Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(x) Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(xi) Oxted NHS Foundation Trust;
(xii) Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(xiii) Sheffield Children’s NHS Foundation Trust;
(xiv) South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust;
(xv) South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust;
(xvi) Stockport NHS Foundation Trust;
(xvii) The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust;
(xviii) The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust;
(xix) The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust; and
(xx) University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust;
(2) Report and Accounts of Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust for 1st May 2007 to 31st March 2008;
(3) Reports and Accounts for 1st July 2007 to 31st March 2008 of—
(i) Gloucestershire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust; and
(ii) Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust;
(4) Report and Accounts of Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2007 to 31st March 2008; and
(5) Report and Accounts of Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 1st February 2008 to 31st March 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

12 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 648] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

13 Social Security,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations (S.I., 2008 No. 1554) [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].
Papers withdrawn:

14 Social Security.—Explanatory Memorandum to the Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations (S.I., 2008 No. 1554) [laid 19th June].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Scheme to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr William Cash, Colin Challen, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mark Eagle, Barry Gardiner, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr John Grogan, Mr Mike Hall, Paul Holmes, David Howarth, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Sadiq Khan, Mr Paul Truswell and Lynda Waltho.

2 Draft Companies (Reduction of Share Capital) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mr David Crausby, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Frank Dobson, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Oliver Heald, Keith Hill, Mr Philip Hollisbone, Mrs Siân C. James, Eric Joyce, Alison Seabeck, Sarah Teather, Mr Gareth Thomas and Mrs Betty Williams.

3 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, James Dudbridge, David Lepper, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Mike O’Brien, Richard Ottaway, Mark Pritchard, Paul Rowen, Mr Siôn Simon, Graham Stringer, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Nigel Waterson and Jenny Willott.

4 Draft Immigration (Supply of Information to the Secretary of State for Immigration Purposes) Order 2008:

(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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Blunkett, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Quentin Davies, Damian Green, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Meg Hillier, Chris Huhne, Ian Lucas, David Maclean, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr John Spellar, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Edward Timpson and Paddy Tipping.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Nick Hurd, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Alan Milburn, Chris Mole, Dan Rogerson, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mr Andrew Turner, Sir Peter Viggers, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Rob Wilson.

6 Draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Colin Burgon, Lorely Burt, Ms Dawn Butler, Mr Richard Caborn, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr David Drew, Mr Pat McFadden, Mr Jim McGovern, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Nick Raynsford, Alison Seabeck, Sarah Teather and Mr Tim Yeo.
7 Draft International Development Association (Fifteenth Replenishment) Order 2008 and the draft International Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Howarth from the Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Sion Simon.

8 Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Ainger, Mr Neil Gerrard and Ms Gisela Stuart from the Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Harry Cohen, Glenda Jackson and Martin Linton.

European Committees

9 European Union Document No. 5127/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Emissions from Heavy Duty Vehicles:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Committee A, nominated in respect of the Document; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr David Clelland, Tony Cunningham, Jim Fitzpatrick, Stephen Hammond, Mark Hunter, Mr David Kidney, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr John Leech, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Anthony Wright and Jeremy Wright.

10 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman of European Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Document No. 6996/08, relating to Financial Services.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—The Learning and Skills Council Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed [No. 960-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit.—Vehicle Excise Duty: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 907-ii] [Joan Walley].

3 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Human Rights Annual Report 2007: Ninth Report from the Foreign Affairs 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 June [No. 533];
   (2) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed [No. 964]; and
   (3) Global Security: Japan and Korea: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mike Gapes].

4 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—After Leitch: Implementing Skills And Training Policies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the After Leitch: Implementing Skills and Training Policies Sub-Committee of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 505-iv] [Mr Phil Willis].

5 International Development.—(1) DFID Annual Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 945-i]; and
   (2) Burma: follow-up: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 946]
   [Malcolm Bruce].

6 Scottish Affairs.—Credit Unions in Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 437-ii] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

7 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with a Memorandum, to be printed [No. 38-xxi] [David Maclean].

8 Transport.—(1) Freight Transport: Eighth Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 249], and
9th–10th July 2008

(2) *The opening of Heathrow Terminal 5*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 543-ii]

[Mrs Louise Ellman].

9 Welsh Affairs,—*Wales Office Annual Report 2008*:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 964-i] and

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

[Dr Hywel Francis].


Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 894-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 126; WH, No. 82]

*Wednesday 9th July 2008.*

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

Adjournment:

Subject:
Fishing industry (Sir Alan Beith).
Cost of local government reorganisation in Norfolk (Mr Keith Simpson).
Economic costs of the Severn Barrage (Mr David Drew).
Role of local authorities in tackling child poverty (Kerry McCarthy).
Post Office closures in Torridge and West Devon (Mr Geoffrey Cox).

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 5.21 p.m.]

[No. 127.]

*Thursday 10th July 2008.*

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th July.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th June, That the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

*Ordered*, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 17th July.

3 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th July.

4 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th July.

5 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th July.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th July.
7 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th July.

8 Safety of Medicines (Evaluation) Bill.—Dr Ian Gibson, supported by Mr Mike Hancock and Mr David Amess, presented a Bill to make provision about the evaluation of methods of testing the safety of medicines; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 131].

9 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 26, to leave out the word ‘direct’ and insert the words ‘advise in writing’, instead thereof.—(Lorely Burt.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 16, at the end, to insert the words ‘may require the regulator to withdraw the notice and pursue the matter as a criminal offence under the relevant provisions,’.—(Lorely Burt.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, John Hemming, Bob Russell: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Steve McCabe: 218.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

10 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced that, in the Deferred Division on Wednesday 9th July on the Motion relating to the draft Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2008, the numbers voting Aye were 298 rather than 285.

Whereupon the Deputy Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the numbers in the Journal accordingly, viz.: Ayes 298, Noes 118.

11 Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords].—And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a third time;

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

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

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Isle of Man (Andrew Rosindell).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Liz Blackman.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes to Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 14th July.

[Adjourned at 3.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Competition.—Competition Act 1998 (Public Policy Exclusion) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 1820), dated 8th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 Education.—(1) Dewsbury College (Dissolution) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 1772), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham];

(2) East Devon College, Tiverton (Dissolution) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1771), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].
(3) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programme of Study in Art and Design in respect of the Third Key Stage) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1752), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];


(5) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programme of Study in Design and Technology in respect of the Third Key Stage) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1754), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(6) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programme of Study in Geography in respect of the Third Key Stage) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1756), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(7) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programme of Study in History in respect of the Third Key Stage) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1757), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(8) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programme of Study in Modern Foreign Languages in respect of the Third Key Stage) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1760), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(9) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programme of Study in Music in respect of the Third Key Stage) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1761), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(10) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programme of Study in Science in respect of the Third Key Stage) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1763), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];


(12) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Information and Communication Technology in respect of the Third and Fourth Key Stages) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1759), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(13) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Mathematics in respect of the Third and Fourth Key Stages) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1762), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(14) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Physical Education in respect of the Third and Fourth Key Stages) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1764), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(15) Education (National Curriculum) (Modern Foreign Languages) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1765), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls];

(16) Rochdale Sixth Form College (Government) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1790), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham];

(17) Rochdale Sixth Form College (Incorporation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1773), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham];

(18) South Staffordshire College (Government) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1734), dated 3rd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham]; and

(19) South Staffordshire College (Incorporation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1733), dated 2nd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].
3 Immigration.—(1) Immigration (Notices) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1819), dated 8th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; and
(2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; to be printed [No. 951]
[Secretary Jacqui Smith].


Other Papers:

5 Constitutional Reform.—Report and Accounts of the Judicial Appointments Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 724] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Criminal Injuries Compensation.—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 658] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

7 Education.—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—
(1) Qualifications and Curriculum Authority; and
(2) Training and Development Agency for Schools, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 760 and 685] [Secretary Ed Balls].

8 Enterprise.—Report and Accounts of the Competition Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 638] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

9 Fisheries.—Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 697] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

10 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—
(i) Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 547] [Secretary Hilary Benn]; and
(ii) Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 624] [Mr Secretary Woodward]; and
(2) Resource Accounts of The Crown Estate for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 779] [Jane Kennedy].

11 Health.—Report and Accounts of the Appointments Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 716] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

12 Life Sentences (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Life Sentence Review Commissioners for 2007–08 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 703] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

13 National Health Service.—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—
(i) Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(ii) Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(iii) Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(iv) Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(v) City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(vi) Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(vii) Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(viii) Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(ix) Mental Health Act Commission, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 690];
(x) Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(xi) The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and
(xii) York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
(2) Report and Accounts of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 1st June 2007 to 31st March 2008 [by Act];
(3) Report and Accounts of Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 1st August 2007 to 31st March 2008 [by Act].
(4) Report and Accounts of North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 1st October 2007 to 31st March 2008 [by Act]; and
(5) Reports and Accounts for 1st February 2008 to 31st March 2008 of—
   (i) Birmingham Women’s NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and
   (ii) Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust [by Act];
   [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 680] [Clerk of the House].

15 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 770] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

16 Northern Ireland (Sentences),—Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 702] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

17 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Policing Board for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 628] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

18 Public Lending Right,—Report and Accounts of the Public Lending Right for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 809] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

19 Water Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Consumer Council for Water for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 746] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—NHS Next Stage Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 937-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration,—Official Statistics: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 956-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 127; WH, No. 83]

Thursday 10th July 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at twenty-five minutes to Three o’clock.

Adjournment.

Subject: Reconstructing Afghanistan, Fourth Report from the International Development Committee and the Government response thereto.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Ms Diana R. Johnson); And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 15th July.

[Adjourned at 5.35 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2008.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Companies (Reduction of Share Capital) Order 2008.

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008.

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

4 European Committee B.—Mr David Wilshire reported from European Committee B, nominated in respect of a European Union Document relating to Financial Services, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6996/08, the amended draft Directive on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of insurance and reinsurance (Solvency II), and supports the Government’s negotiating position on the Directive which seeks to ensure that it is prudentially sound, provides appropriate protection for policyholders and enhances the Single Market in insurance.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

5 New Member sworn.—The Right Honourable David Michael Davis, Member for Haltemprice and Howden, was sworn.

6 Employment Bill [Lords].—The Employment Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 Employment 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 Employment 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 23rd October 2008.

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—(Mark Tami);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Siobhain McDonagh: 301.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Richard Benyon: 122.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Employment 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 Employment Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

9 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 Development Association (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

10 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 Development Association (Fifteenth Replenishment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

11 International Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

12 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft European Parliament (Number of MEPs and Distribution between Electoral Regions) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

13 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 2nd June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

14 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) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—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 Legislative Reform (Consumer Credit) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

16 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 Legislative Reform (Local Authority Consent Requirements) (England and Wales) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

17 Transport.—Ordered, That Mr Lee Scott be discharged from the Transport Committee and Mark Pritchard be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 Work and Pensions.—Ordered, That Mark Pritchard be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and John Howell be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

19 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) the Public and Commercial Services Union and others opposed to the closure of Launceston tax office relating to HMRC workforce change;
(2) Andreas Sowa and Sam Lumley of year 9 Castle View School, Canvey Island, residents of Castle Point and others relating to electric and hybrid cars; and
(3) Brian Keeler, Mr and Mrs Patel, the residents of Castle Point and others relating to planning and development (Essex) were presented and read.

20 Adjournment.

Subject: Report of the Historical Inquiries Team into the McGurk’s Bar bombing (Michael Connarty).

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

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 9.39 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 11th July 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Adoptions with a Foreign Element (Special Restrictions on Adoptions from Abroad) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1807), dated 8th July 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum;
   (2) Special Restrictions on Adoptions from Abroad (Cambodia) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1808), dated 7th July 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum;
   (3) Special Restrictions on Adoptions from Abroad (Guatemala) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1809), dated 7th July 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum; and

2 Education,—(1) Education (Independent School Inspection Fees and Publication) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1801), dated 7th July 2008; and


4 Veterinary Surgeons,—Veterinary Surgeons’ Qualifications (European Recognition) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1824), dated 8th July 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 14th July 2008:

Other Papers:

5 Armed Forces,—Accounts of Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 859] [Secretary Des Browne].

6 Audit Commission,—Report and Accounts of the Audit Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 824] [Secretary Hazel Blears].


9 Data Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Information Commissioner’s Office for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 870] [Clerk of the House].

10 Energy,—Report and Accounts of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 817] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

11 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Report 2008 for HM Revenue and Customs [by Command] [Cm. 7402] [Jane Kennedy].
12 Governance of Britain.—Paper, entitled The Governance of Britain: An Elected Second Chamber: Further reform of the House of Lords [by Command] [Cm. 7438] [Secretary Jack Straw].

13 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Accounts of HM Revenue and Customs for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 674] [Jane Kennedy];

   (2) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of:
   (i) Maritime and Coastguard Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 617] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];
   (ii) The Royal Parks, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 653] [Secretary Andy Burnham]; and
   (iii) Valuation Office Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 583] [Jane Kennedy];

   (3) Report and Resource Accounts of the National Archives, together with the fifth Report of the Advisory Council on National Records and Archives for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 675] [Jane Kennedy]; and

   (4) Resource Accounts of the Department for International Development for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 672] [Jane Kennedy].

14 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the UK Intellectual Property Office for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 823] [Clerk of the House].

15 Home Office.—Draft (Partial) Immigration and Citizenship Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7373] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

16 Immigration and Asylum.—Report and Accounts of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 773] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

17 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Regeneration of the Greenwich Peninsula: A Progress Report [by Act]; to be printed [No. 338] [Clerk of the House].

18 National Health Service.—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—
   (i) County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust;
   (ii) Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust;
   (iii) Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust; and
   (iv) The National Patient Safety Agency; and

   (2) Report and Accounts of Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 1st October 2007 to 31st March 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

19 National Loans.—Accounts of the Consolidated Fund for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 966] [Clerk of the House].

20 National Lottery.—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—
   (1) English Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery; and
   (2) National Lottery Commission, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 677 and 970] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

21 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—First Report from the Speaker’s Committee 2008 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 961] [The Speaker].

22 Science and Technology.—Report and Accounts of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 706] [Secretary John Denham].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Scheme), in place of Hywel Williams; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Edward Garnier and Lynda Waltho from Committee and nominated in substitution Mr David Burrowes and Mr Mark Hendrick.
2 Draft Financial Assistance Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Wayne David and Graham Stringer from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown and Mark Tami.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—(1) National Curriculum tests: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 980-i]; and

(2) Sustainable Schools and Building Schools for the Future:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 981-i]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Barry Sherman].

2 Communities and Local Government.—(1) Planning Skills: Eleventh Report from the Communities and Local Government 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 17th March and 1st April [No. 517]; and

(2) Provision of Public Toilets: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Draft Marine Bill—Coastal Access Provisions: Ninth 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. 656] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Human Rights.—(1) Legislative Scrutiny: Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill: Twenty-sixth 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. 950]; and

(2) Use of Restraint in Secure Training Centres: Government Reply to the Committee’s Eleventh Report of this Session: Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 979]
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].

[No. 129.]

Tuesday 15th July 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Bercow reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration (Supply of Information to the Secretary of State for Immigration Purposes) Order 2008.

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


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3 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.—David Taylor reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

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

4 European Committee A.—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Committee A, nominated in respect of a European Document relating to Emissions from Heavy Duty Vehicles, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5127/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Regulation on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines with respect to emissions from heavy duty vehicles (Euro VI) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information; endorses the Government’s support for a package of measures to reduce vehicle emissions substantially, leading to improvements to health and the environment, whilst allowing appropriate flexibility for industry in the short-term, and notes that the Government will continue to seek the right balance between environmental and other benefits, and burdens on industry.
Resolution to lie upon the Table.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 140].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to Lords Amendments to the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill be printed [Bill 140-EN].

7 Press Complaints Commission (Breaches of Code of Practice),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to create offences in relation to breaches of the Press Complaints Commission’s Code of Practice; and for connected purposes: And that Jim Sheridan, Tony Lloyd, Ann Clwyd, Michael Connarty, David Taylor, Ian Lucas, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr David Clelland, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Jim Devine, Mrs Madeleine Moon and Mr Dai Havard do prepare and bring it in.

8 Press Complaints Commission (Breaches of Code of Practice) Bill,—Jim Sheridan accordingly presented a Bill to create offences in relation to breaches of the Press Complaints Commission’s Code of Practice; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 138].

9 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the National Insurance Contributions Bill.

Mr Speaker informed the House that he was satisfied that the Lords Amendments imposed a charge upon the public revenue such as was required to be authorised by Resolution of the House and that such charge had not been so authorised; and accordingly, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 78 (Lords amendments), the Lords Amendments were deemed to be disagreed to.

Ordered,—
That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1 to 4;
That Jane Kennedy, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr David Gauke and David Wright be members of the Committee;
That Jane Kennedy be Chairman of the Committee;
That three be the Quorum of the Committee; and
That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Sadiq Khan.)

10 Health and Social Care 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 Health and Social Care Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 26th November 2007 (Health and Social Care Bill (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Sadiq Khan)—It was agreed to.

11 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—Jane Kennedy reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments to the National Insurance Contributions Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 for the following Reason: Because they involve a charge on the public revenue, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill.
12 Health and Social Care Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Care Bill. Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 91 were agreed to.

13 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved.—(Mr Wayne David)

14 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Companies (Reduction of Share Capital) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

15 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 2008, which were laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

16 Criminal Injuries Compensation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2008, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

17 Financial Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 6996/08, the amended draft Directive on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of insurance and reinsurance (Solvency II); and supports the Government’s negotiating position on the Directive which seeks to ensure that it is prudentially sound, provides appropriate protection for policyholders and enhances the Single Market in insurance—(Mark Tami)—It was agreed to.

18 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) those concerned about the extent of Freeview services in the Borders relating to digital television switchover (Borders); and
(2) employees of HM Revenue and Customs, the Public and Commercial Services Union and others relating to HMRC workforce change were presented and read.

19 Adjournment.

Subject: Process of listing buildings (Ann Coffey).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mark Tami.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.12 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Freedom of Information.—Draft Freedom of Information (Parliament and National Assembly for Wales) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Statement [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Defence.—Army Terms of Service (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1849), dated 10th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Des Browne].

3 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; to be printed [No. 971] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

4 Serious Crime Prevention Orders.—Serious Crime Act 2007 (Appeals under Section 24) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1863), dated 14th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Other Papers:

5 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Reports and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and Horserace Totalisator Board for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].
6 Care Standards,—Report and Accounts of the General Social Care Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 752] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7 Crime and Disorder,—Report and Accounts of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 897] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 Culture, Media and Sport,—Review and Financial Statements of Historic Royal Palaces for 2007–08 [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of Animal Health for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 765] [Secretary Hilary Benn];

(2) Report and Accounts of the Cabinet Office for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 613] [Jane Kennedy];

(3) Report and Accounts of the Football Licensing Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 878] [Secretary Andy Burnham];

(4) Report and Resource Accounts of the Crown Prosecution Service for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 538] [The Solicitor General]; and

(5) Resource Accounts of the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 735] [Jane Kennedy].

10 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 820] [Clerk of the House].

11 Local Government,—Financial Statements of Southbank Centre for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

12 Local Government, Planning and Land,—Report and Accounts of Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 693] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

13 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(1) Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and

(2) The National Health Service Litigation Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 903] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

14 Natural Environment and Rural Communities,—Report of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 775] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

15 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure 2007–08: Provisional Outturn [by Command] [Cm. 7419] [Yvette Cooper].

16 Standards and Privileges,—Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for 2007–08 [by Standing Order]; to be printed [No. 797] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Immigration (Supply of Information to the Secretary of State for Immigration Purposes) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Ian Lucas and Mr John Spellar from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne, Chris Mole, Mr Jamie Reed and Phil Wilson.

2 Fire and Rescue Services (National Framework) (England) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 1370),—The Committee of Selection has discharged David S. Borrow, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Gordon Marsden and Mr Alan Milburn from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Andrew Miller, Mr Jamie Reed and Graham Stringer.
3 Draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Burgon from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Todd.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise.—(1) Funding the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Government Response to the Business and Enterprise Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2007–08: Fifth Special Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 994]; and

(2) Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 168-v]

[Peter Lilfi].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill: Ninth 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. 693] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence.—(1) The contribution of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to ISTAR capability: Thirteenth Report from the Defence Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda ordered to be published on 6th and 13th May and 4th June [No. 535];

(2) Recruitment and retention in the Armed Forces: Fourteenth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report, and Memoranda ordered to be published on 1st and 22nd April and 20th May [No. 424]; and

(3) UK operations in Iraq and the Gulf: Fifteenth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 982]

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill.—Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill; to be published [Michael Jabez Foster].

5 Environmental Audit.—(1) Carbon Capture and Storage: Ninth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 654]; and

(2) Halting UK Biodiversity Loss: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 743-iii]

[Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs.—Policing in the 21st Century: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 364-ix] [Keith Vaz].

7 Human Rights.—UN Convention Against Torture: Discrepancies in Evidence Given to the Committee About the Use of Prohibited Interrogation Techniques in Iraq: Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, with Memoranda; to be printed, with Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 3rd and 10th December [No. 527]

[Mr Andrew Dismore].

8 International Development.—(1) The World Food Programme and Global Food Security: 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 22nd April [No. 493-I and -II];

(2) DFID and the African Development Bank: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 988]; and

(3) DFID Annual Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 945-ii]

[Malcolm Bruce].

9 Justice.—(1) Public Appointments: Lord-Lieutenants and High Sheriffs: Sixth Report from the Justice Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1001]; and

(2) Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 425-vi]

[Alun Michael].
10 Public Accounts.—(1) *The supervision of community orders in England and Wales*: Forty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 508];

(2) *Making grants efficiently in the culture, media and sport sector*: Forty-ninth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 641]; and

(3) *Preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games*: Fiftieth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 890]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

11 Public Administration.—(1) *From Citizen’s Charter to Public Service Guarantees: Entitlements to Public Services*: Twelfth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 411];

(2) *Data Handling Procedures in Government*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 984-i];

(3) *Good Government*: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(4) *Lobbying*: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published

[Dr Tony Wright].

12 Standards and Privileges.—*Ending Dual Reporting of Donations: Interim Report*: Thirteenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 989] [Sir George Young].

13 Treasury.—(1) *Regulation of Oil Markets*: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 987-i]; and

(2) *Offshore Financial Centres*: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[John McFall].

14 Welsh Affairs.—(1) *The proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (social welfare and other fields) Order 2008*: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08; Fourth Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 993]; and

(2) *The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:*

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 401-xi]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published

[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 129; WH, No. 84]

*Tuesday 15th July 2008.*

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjourment.

Subjects:

Dementia care (Mr Paul Burstow).

Future of the Tote (Mr Richard Caborn).

UK consular services and the death of Laura Hill (Mr Nigel Waterson).

Future of Rolle College campus in Exmouth (Mr Hugo Swire).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Siobhain McDonagh.)

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 Closed Circuit Television (Monitoring and Promotion).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose a duty on public bodies to co-operate with the police and specified local authorities on the use of closed circuit television; to require certain users of CCTV to provide specified information to the police; to require insurance providers to promote the use of CCTV systems; and for connected purposes: And that Ann McKechin, John Robertson, Mark Lazarowicz, Rosemary McKenna, Nia Griffith, Helen Jones, Angela E. Smith and Miss Anne Begg do prepare and bring it in.

2 Closed Circuit Television (Monitoring and Promotion) Bill,—Ann McKechin accordingly presented a Bill to impose a duty on public bodies to co-operate with the police and specified local authorities on the use of closed circuit television; to require certain users of CCTV to provide specified information to the police; to require insurance providers to promote the use of CCTV systems; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 139].

3 Opposition Day [17th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Members’ allowances,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises growing public concern on expenses and allowances for hon. Members and Members of the European Parliament (MEPs); believes that the minimum requirements for tackling the problem include regular reporting and appropriate auditing of the use of expenses and allowances, the publication of claims made, broken down by type, in relation to each allowance and claimable expense, the publication of the names and salary bands of all relatives employed by hon. Members and the abolition of the so-called John Lewis list; further believes that UK MEPs should abide by the same rules and practices as hon. Members, with particular regard to the repayment of surpluses, published annual statements verified by independent accountants and overseen by a compliance officer, the publication of the names and salary bands of any relative employed and regular reporting of expenses and allowances; and resolves that, notwithstanding its decision of 3rd July, hon. Members should no longer be able to claim reimbursement for furniture and household goods with effect from 1st April 2009—

(Mrs Theresa May);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from ‘(MEPs)’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that all British Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) should follow all the open and transparent procedures voluntarily adopted by Labour MEPs; further to debate in the House on 3rd July on the control and audit of the public money spent by hon. Members carrying out their duties, further believes that there should be a re-writing of the Green Book by the Advisory Panel on Members’ Allowances, augmented by two independent external appointees; further believes that the Panel should keep the Green Book under review and advise on any further modifications, including in relation to reimbursement of reasonable costs of a second residence, to include abolition of the so-called John Lewis list; and further believes that an external financial audit by the National Audit Office, covering all the allowances in the Green Book, should include the rules and guidance on what is and what is not acceptable under the rules, the management controls and processes used by the Department of Resources to ensure compliance with the rules, and the checks and testing of the controls to ensure that they are adequate and effective’, instead thereof.—

(Ms Harriet Harman.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Evennett, James Duddridge: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Alison Seabeck, Mr Sadiq Khan: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

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

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;
Resolved, That this House recognises growing public concern on expenses and allowances for hon. Members and Members of the European Parliament (MEPs); believes that all British Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) should follow all the open and transparent procedures voluntarily adopted by Labour MEPs; further to debate in the House on 3rd July on the control and audit of the public money spent by hon. Members carrying out their duties, further believes that there should be a re-writing of the Green Book by the Advisory Panel on Members' Allowances, augmented by two independent external appointees; further believes that the Panel should keep the Green Book under review and advise on any further modifications, including in relation to reimbursement of reasonable costs of a second residence, to include abolition of the so-called John Lewis list, and further believes that an external financial audit by the National Audit Office, covering all the allowances in the Green Book, should include the rules and guidance on what is and what is not acceptable under the rules, the management controls and processes used by the Department of Resources to ensure compliance with the rules, and the checks and testing of the controls to ensure that they are adequate and effective.

Fuel duty.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that oil prices are now almost $150 per barrel; further notes that diesel in the UK is the most expensive in Europe; acknowledges the sharp rises in fuel prices over the past year and the resulting impact on headline inflation figures; recognises the financial pressure this places on hard-pressed families already struggling with soaring food and housing costs; condemns the Government's continued dithering over the implementation of the two pence increase in fuel duty, planned for the autumn, as neither a sustainable nor a stable way to make tax policy; further notes that a balancing mechanism to adjust fuel duty in line with changes in the price of oil would have reduced the current price of petrol by five pence per litre since March 2008; and calls upon the Government to consider the implementation of such a balancing mechanism to ensure that the burden of rising oil prices is shared fairly between government and families, the sensitivity of the public finances to changing oil prices is reduced and the cost of carbon can be stabilised to send consistent environmental signals. (Mr Philip Hammond)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'recognises the pressure that the increase in fuel prices, caused by pressures from the international oil market, has put on business and families; welcomes the Chancellor's decision to defer the planned two pence per litre increase in fuel duty that was due to take place in April 2008; notes that while fuel prices have increased by over 20 per cent. since last October, fuel duty has stayed constant; also notes that had the escalator introduced in 1993 been in place since 1999, fuel duty would now be 29 pence per litre higher; supports the Government's global commitment to cut oil prices by five pence per litre since March 2008; and calls upon the Government to consider the implementation of such a balancing mechanism to ensure that the burden of rising oil prices is shared fairly between government and families, the sensitivity of the public finances to changing oil prices is reduced and the cost of carbon can be stabilised to send consistent environmental signals'. (Yvette Cooper)

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, Mr Brooks Newmark, Mr Nick Hurd: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Foster, Claire Ward: 340.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House recognises the pressure that the increase in fuel prices, caused by pressures from the international oil market, has put on business and families; welcomes the Chancellor's decision to defer the planned two pence per litre increase in fuel duty that was due to take place in April 2008; notes that while fuel prices have
increased by over 20 per cent. since last October, fuel duty has stayed constant; also notes that had the escalator introduced in 1993 been in place since 1999, fuel duty would now be 29 pence per litre higher; supports the Government’s global leadership on this issue, in particular at the recent Jeddah Energy Meeting, and welcomes the Government’s intention to host a follow up to this meeting in London later this year; further recognises that the Government does not receive a significant windfall when oil prices rise, because any additional revenues from the North Sea are likely to be offset by other effects; and therefore further notes that a system which would automatically cut fuel duty when oil prices rise would be destabilising, creating volatility for the public finances and uncertainty for the financing of public services, and would create considerable pressure for tax increases elsewhere.

4 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, consideration of Lords Amendments to the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

5 Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

6 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Immigration (Supply of Information to the Secretary of State for Immigration Purposes) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

7 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 Maternity and Parental Leave etc. and the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 30th June, be approved—(Alison Seabeck)—It was agreed to.

8 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 17th July, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of the Prime Minister relating to the Intelligence and Security Committee not later than Six o’clock; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved, the Questions may be put after the moment of interruption, and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply—(Alison Seabeck.)

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 21st July, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on—

(1) the Motions in the name of Sir Peter Viggers relating to the Electoral Commission one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion; and

(2) the Motion in the name of Secretary Jack Straw relating to Data Protection and Freedom of Information one hour after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion;

in each case proceedings may continue though opposed after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply—(Alison Seabeck.)

10 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) staff and customers of the Revenue and Customs Office in Boston, Lincolnshire relating to HMRC workforce change (Lincolnshire); and

(2) supporters of the campaign to save Cherry Lane cemetery relating to planning and development (Heathrow)

were presented and read.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Home information packs (Angela Browning).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Alison Seabeck).
And the Motion having been made after Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seven minutes past Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.07 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1782), dated 9th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].


3 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1792), dated 9th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

Other Papers:

4 Access to Justice (Northern Ireland),—Business Plan of the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission for 2008–09 [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 2007–08 and Report and Accounts of Hybu Cig Cymru: Meat Promotion Wales for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 733-I and -II] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

6 Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Report and Accounts of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 692] [Secretary Ed Balls].

7 Education,—Report prepared pursuant to section 38(2) of the Education Act 2002 for the academic year 2006–07 [by Act] [Secretary Ed Balls].

8 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(i) Army Base Repair Organisation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 978] [Clerk of the House].

(ii) Defence Analytical Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 969] [Secretary Des Browne].

(iii) Defence Vetting Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 804] [Secretary Des Browne].

(iv) NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 780] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

(v) the Compensation Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 887] [Mr Secretary Woodward]; and

(vi) the Milk Development Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 734] [Secretary Hilary Benn];

(2) Resource Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(i) Central Office of Information, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 792] [Jane Kennedy].

(ii) Department for Children, Schools and Families, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 861] [Jane Kennedy].

(iii) HM Treasury, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 539] [Jane Kennedy].

(iv) Northern Ireland Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 676] [Jane Kennedy].
(v) Postal Services Commission, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 847] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(vi) Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 959] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(3) Report and Resource Accounts of the Assets Recovery Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 661] [Jane Kennedy].

9 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Central Office of Information, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 886] [Clerk of the House].

10 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 926] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

11 Innovation, Universities and Skills,—Draft Apprenticeships Bill [by Command] [Cm. 7452] [Secretary John Denham].

12 Justice (Northern Ireland),—Inspection of Approved Premises [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

13 Justices of the Peace,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Court Administration for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 768] [Secretary Jack Straw].


15 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Accounts of the National Maritime Museum for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 801] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

16 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs’ transformation programme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 930] [Clerk of the House].

17 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(1) Birmingham Children’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; and

(2) the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust [by Act] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

18 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 682] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

19 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 681] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

20 Natural Environment and Rural Communities,—Report and Accounts of the Commission for Rural Communities for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 958] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

21 Northern Ireland (Modification of Enactments No.1),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 789] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

22 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2007–08: Equitable Life: a decade of regulatory failure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 815-1 to -V] [Clerk of the House].

23 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the First and Second Special Reports and the Sixteenth to the Twenty-second Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7366] [Angela Eagle].
24 Railways and Transport Safety.—Statement of Accounts of the British Transport Police for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 643] [Clerk of the House].

25 Science and Technology.—Report and Accounts of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 761] [Secretary John Denham].

26 Serious Organised Crime and Police.—Statement of Accounts of the Serious Organised Crime Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 932] [Clerk of the House].

27 Standards and Privileges.—Report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 797] [Clerk of the House].

28 Transport.—(1) Paper, entitled Roads: Delivering Choice and Reliability [by Command] [Cm. 7445] [Secretary Ruth Kelly]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 2007-08 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

European Committees

1 European Union Documents No. 11285/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 11323/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 11325/08 and No. 11347/08 and Addendum 1, relating to Aviation Safety and the Single European Sky:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Committee A, nominated in respect of the Documents, and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Julian Brazier, Tony Cunningham, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Keith Hill, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mark Hunter, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr David Kidney, Mr John Leech, Mr Anthony Steen, Graham Stringer and Jeremy Wright.

2 European Union Documents No. 11285/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 11323/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 11325/08 and No. 11347/08 and Addendum 1, relating to Aviation Safety and the Single European Sky, have been referred to European Committee A.

3 European Union Document No. 10824/08, relating to Facing the challenges of higher oil prices, has been referred to European Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise.—(1) Post Office finance: matters arising from evidence taken on 10th June 2008: Tenth Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 662];

(2) Energy prices, fuel poverty and Ofgem: Eleventh Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 293]; and

(3) Waking up to India: Developments in UK-India economic relations: Government Response to the Business and Enterprise Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2007–08: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1006]

[Peter Luff].

2 Children, Schools and Families.—(1) Testing and Assessment: Government and Ofsted Responses to the Third Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee, Session 2007–08: Fifth Special Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 1003]; and

(2) Public Expenditure: the Department for Children, Schools and Families: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed [No. 835-ii]

[Mr Barry Sheerman].
3 Draft Marine Bill.—First Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Marine 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 3rd, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th June and 2nd July [No. 552-I and -II] [Joan Walley].

4 Environmental Audit,—Export Credits Guarantee Department and Sustainable Development: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 929-II] [David Chaytor].


(2) Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2007–08: Second Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1011].

(3) The potential of England’s rural economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee and the Sub-committee of the Committee; to be printed [No. 544-iv]; and

(4) Flooding: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

6 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-first Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxvii];

(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xvi]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

7 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—(1) Nuclear Engineering: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 640-ii]; and

(2) Science Budget Allocations: Letters laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Northern Ireland Office: Departmental Annual Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1005-I] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

9 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xxvi]; and

(2) Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 39-xxv] [David Maclean].

10 Transport,—(1) Draft Marine Navigation Bill: Ninth Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 709].

(2) Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-year Strategy for the Railways?: Tenth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 219].

(3) Road Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 460-v]; and

(4) Network Rail Engineering Delays over the New Year Period: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 284] [Mrs Louise Ellman].
11 Treasury.—(1) Appointment of Spencer Dale to the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: Sixteenth Report from the Treasury Committee, with Minutes of Evidence and a Memorandum: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1009]; and

(2) Banking Reform: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed [No. 1008-i]

[John McFall].

[No. 130; WH, No. 85]

Wednesday 16th July 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Road safety and young drivers (Mr Gordon Prentice).
Young people with disabilities (Mr David Anderson).
Belarus (Mark Pritchard).
Local housing allowance in the Highlands (Danny Alexander).
Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence special report on the Nursing and Midwifery Council (Mr Jim Devine).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Alison Seabeck.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.09 p.m.

Thursday 17th July 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th October.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th June, That the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 9th October.

3 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th October.

4 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th October.

5 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th October.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th October.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th October.
8 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Housing and Regeneration Bill.—The Lords have agreed to the Housing and Regeneration Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Powers of Entry etc. Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to regulate powers of entry and powers in relation to documents; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Housing and Regeneration Bill to be considered on Monday 21st July; and to be printed [Bill 142].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Housing and Regeneration Bill be printed [Bill 142–EN].

10 Political Parties and Elections Bill.—Secretary Jack Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Hazel Blears, Edward Miliband and Bridget Prentice, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the Electoral Commission, and to make provision about political donations and expenditure and about elections: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 141].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Political Parties and Elections Bill be printed [Bill 141–EN].

11 Freedom of Information,—Resolved, That the draft Freedom of Information (Parliament and National Assembly for Wales) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

12 Intelligence and Security Committee,—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the Annual Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2006–07, Cm. 7299, and the Government response, Cm. 7300.—(Secretary Jacqui Smith.)

13 Reform of Intelligence and Security Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House endorses the proposals for the reform of practice and operation of the Intelligence and Security Committee as set out in paragraphs 235-244 of the Governance of Britain White Paper, Cm. 7342-I, including provision for nomination of the members of the Committee drawn from the House of Commons to be based in future on proposals made by this House—(Secretary David Miliband).

An Amendment (a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 6, at the end, to add the words—‘; and considers that the secretariat of the Intelligence and Security Committee should be staffed by officials under the authority of the Clerk of the House.’.—(Andrew Mackinlay.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, David Taylor, Kelvin Hopkins: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Wayne David: 205.

So the Question was negatived.

Resolved, That this House endorses the proposals for the reform of practice and operation of the Intelligence and Security Committee as set out in paragraphs 235-244 of the Governance of Britain White Paper, Cm. 7342-I, including provision for nomination of the members of the Committee drawn from the House of Commons to be based in future on proposals made by this House.

14 Membership of Intelligence and Security Committee,—Ordered, That the following new Standing Order be made:

Members of the Intelligence and Security Committee

(1) The Committee of Selection may propose that certain Members be recommended to the Prime Minister for appointment to the Intelligence and Security Committee under section 10 of the Intelligence Services Act 1994.

(2) No motion may be made for the House to agree to a proposal under this order unless—

(a) notice of it has been given at least two sitting days previously; and

(b) it is made on behalf of the Committee of Selection by the chairman or another member of the committee.

(3) Paragraphs (1) (c) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to any motion made under this order.—(Secretary David Miliband.)

15 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of South West Norfolk relating to road safety (Norfolk) was presented and read.
16 Adjournment.

Subject: Burton upon Trent Brewing Museum (Mrs Janet Dean).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bob Blizzard);

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 21st July.

[Adjourned at 6.08 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Draft Legislative Reform Order:

1 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Legislative Reform (Lloyd’s) Order 2008 with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure [by Act] [Kitty Ussher].

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1892), dated 17th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Electricity,—Origin of Renewables Electricity (Power of Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to act for Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1888), dated 16th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

6 Excise,—Beer, Cider and Perry and Wine and Made-wine (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1885), dated 16th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].


8 Police,—Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1887), dated 15th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution),—Air Publication 3393 (Eighth Edition) of the Officer Commissioning and Terms of Service [by Act] [Secretary Des Browne].

10 Animals,—Review of Controls on Imports of Animal Products for 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7444] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

11 British Library,—Report and Accounts of the British Library for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 777] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

12 Chemical Weapons,—Report by the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform on the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 for 2007 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 968] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

13 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment,—Report and Financial Statements of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 902] [Secretary Andy Burnham].
14 Climate Change and Sustainable Energy.—Report of the UK Climate Change Programme for 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

15 Commissioners for Revenue and Customs.—Report of the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office for 2007–08 [by Act] [The Solicitor General].

16 Communities and Local Government.—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee. Session 2007–08 on Existing Housing and Climate Change [by Command] [Cm. 7428] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

17 Covent Garden Market.—Report and Accounts of Covent Garden Market Authority for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

18 Criminal Appeal.—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 798] [Secretary Jack Straw].

19 Criminal Justice.—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 2007–08 [by Act] [The Solicitor General].

20 Criminal Justice and Police.—Report and Accounts of the Central Police Training and Development Authority for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 900] [Clerk of the House].

21 Defence.—Paper, entitled The Nation’s Commitment: Cross-Government Support to our Armed Forces, their Families and Veterans [by Command] [Cm. 7424] [Secretary Des Browne].

22 Development of Tourism.—Report and Accounts of VisitBritain for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 806] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

23 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall.—Report and Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for 2007–08 [by Act] [Angela Eagle].

24 Employment and Training.—Report and Accounts of Investors in People UK for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 934] [Secretary John Denham].

25 Energy.—Report and Accounts of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 827] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

26 Food Standards.—Report of the Food Standards Agency for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 805] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

27 Forestry.—Report and Accounts of Forest Research for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 717] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

28 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Accounts of Returning Officers’ Expenses, Northern Ireland for—

(i) 2002–03;
(ii) 2003–04;
(iii) 2004–05;
(iv) 2005–06; and
(v) 2006–07,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 953, 954, 955, 956 and 957] [Jane Kennedy];

(2) Accounts for 2006–07 of the—

(i) Scottish Devolution Referendum: Account-Returning Officers’ Expenses and Counting Officers Expenses; and
(ii) Scottish Parliament Election: Account-Returning Officers’ Expenses, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 992 and 991] [Jane Kennedy];

(3) Election Accounts of the UK and European Parliamentary Elections for 2006–07: Account-Returning Officers’ Expenses, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 990] [Jane Kennedy];

(4) Financial Statement of the Security and Intelligence Agencies for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 872] [Jane Kennedy];

(5) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(i) Her Majesty’s Courts Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 741] [Secretary Jack Straw].
(ii) Jobcentre Plus, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 707] [Secretary James Purnell];

(ii) the Defence Medical Education and Training Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 834] [Secretary Des Browne];

(iv) the Defence Storage and Distribution Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 818] [Secretary Des Browne];

(v) the Disability and Carers Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 719] [Secretary James Purnell];

(vi) the Highways Agency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 671] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];

(vii) the Housing Corporation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 941] [Secretary Hazel Blears];

(viii) the Defence Medical Education and Training Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 790] [Clerk of the House];

(ix) the Independent Living Fund (2006), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 745] [Secretary James Purnell];

(x) the Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 699] [Secretary Des Browne];

(xi) the National Weights and Measures Laboratory, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 785] [Secretary John Denham];

(xii) the Office of National Statistics, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 678] [Jane Kennedy];

(xiii) the Pension Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 855] [Secretary James Purnell];

(xiv) the People, Pay and Pensions Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 923] [Secretary Des Browne];

(xv) the Planning Inspectorate, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 629] [Secretary Hazel Blears];

(xvi) the Rent Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 729] [Secretary James Purnell];

(xvii) the Royal Marines Museum, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1007] [Clerk of the House];

(xviii) the Royal Navy Submarine Museum, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 996] [Clerk of the House];

(xix) the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 766] [Secretary Des Browne];

(xx) the Tribunals Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 802] [Secretary Jack Straw];

(xxi) the United Kingdom Debt Management Office and Debt Management Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 963] [Clerk of the House]; and

(xxii) West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 701] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

(6) Reports and Resource Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(i) National Savings and Investment and Product Accounts of National Savings and Investments, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 829] [Jane Kennedy];

(ii) the Government Actuary’s Department, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 615] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(iii) the Northern Ireland Court Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 871] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(7) Resource Accounts for 2007–08 of the—

(i) Department for Culture, Media and Sport, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 793] [Jane Kennedy];

(ii) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 862] [Jane Kennedy];

(iii) Department for Transport, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 671] [Jane Kennedy].
(iv) Serious Fraud Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 796] [Jane Kennedy]; and
(v) Water Services Regulation Authority, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 795] [Jane Kennedy].

29 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—
(1) Companies House, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 803] [Mr Secretary Hutton];
(2) the Driving Standards Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 738] [Secretary Ruth Kelly]; and
(3) the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 925] [Clerk of the House].

30 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards),—Report and Accounts of the Commission for Social Care Inspection for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 778] [Clerk of the House].

31 Higher Education,—Report and Accounts of the Arts and Humanities Research Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 881] [Secretary John Denham].

32 Home Office,—Paper, entitled From the neighbourhood to the national: policing our communities together [by Command] [Cm. 7448] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

33 Horserace Betting and Olympic Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the Olympic Lottery Distributor for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 687] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

34 House of Commons (Administration),—(1) Report and Resource Accounts of the House of Commons: Members and Report of the Audit Committee for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 975] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Resource Accounts of the House of Commons: Administration for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 974] [The Speaker].

35 Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the Valuation Tribunal Service for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 769] [Clerk of the House].

36 Local Government and Patient and Public Involvement in Health,—Report and Accounts of the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health for 1st April 2007 to 30th June 2008, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 810] [Clerk of the House].

37 Museums and Galleries,—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—
(1) the Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery;
(2) the British Museum;
(3) the Imperial War Museum;
(4) the National Gallery;
(5) the National Museum of Science and Industry;
(6) the Natural History Museum;
(7) the Wallace Collection; and
(8) Victoria and Albert Museum,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 972, 776, 764, 781, 880, 908, 962 and 816] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

38 National Health Service,—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—
(1) Monitor: Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts;
(2) NHS Blood and Transplant; and
(3) NHS Direct,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 694, 750 and 728] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

39 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 668] [Secretary Andy Burnham].
40 National Lottery.—Report of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland National Lottery Fund for 2006–07 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

41 National Statistics.—Report of National Statistics for 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7435] [Angela Eagle].

42 Nursing and Midwifery.—Report and Accounts of the Nursing and Midwifery Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Order]; to be printed [No. 952] [Secretary Jack Straw].

43 Pensions.—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—
   (1) Pensions Ombudsman and Pension Protection Fund Ombudsman; and
   (2) Pensions Regulator,
      with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 763 and 731] [Secretary James Purnell]

44 Police.—Report and Accounts of the Police Information and Technology Organisation for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 889] [Clerk of the House].

45 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—(1) Report of the Electoral Commission for 2007–08, and
   (2) Resource Accounts of the Electoral Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 936 and 935] [Clerk of the House].

46 Science and Technology.—Report and Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 748] [Secretary John Denham].

47 Social Security Administration.—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 reviewing prescription for Bronchiolitis Obliterans and food flavouring agents [by Command] [Cm. 7439] [Secretary James Purnell].

48 Terrorism.—Report of the Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in Northern Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

49 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation).—Report and Resource Accounts of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 696] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

50 Treasury.—Consolidated statement on the use of EU funds in the UK for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command]; to be printed [No. 619] [Kitty Ussher].

51 Treasury Solicitor.—Accounts of the Crown’s Nominee for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 921] [Jane Kennedy].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—DCMS Annual Report 2008 and responsibilities of the Secretary of State: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1000-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Health.—NHS Next Stage Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 937-i] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—Quality Assurance Agency’s Recent Reports on Standards in Universities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Quality Assurance Agency’s Recent Reports on Standards in Universities Sub-Committee of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 905-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

4 International Development.—The Humanitarian and Development Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Eleventh 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 1st and 21st May [No. 522-I and -II] [Malcolm Bruce].
5 Public Administration.—(1) When Citizens Complain: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2007–08: Eighth Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 997];

(2) User involvement in Public Services: Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2007–08: Ninth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 998]; and

(3) Good Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 983-i]

[Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 131; WH, No. 86]

Thursday 17th July 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Medical care for the Armed Forces, Seventh Report from the Defence Committee and the Government response thereto.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 22nd July.

[Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

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

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

Sir Patrick Cormack
Right honourable Sir Alan Haselhurst
Right honourable Alan Williams
Mrs Sylvia Heal
Right honourable Sir Alan Beith

being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to exercise the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being by the said Act, at any time when there is no Speaker or the Speaker is out of the United Kingdom.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed without Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Bill [Lords].

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the National Insurance Contributions Bill to which this House has disagreed.

2 Microgeneration and Local Energy Bill.—Dr Alan Whitehead, supported by Colin Challen, Andrew George, Peter Bottomley, Mr Martin Caton, Mr Elliot Morley, Alan Simpson and Mr David Drew presented a Bill to make further provision for the promotion of microgeneration 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 17th October and to be printed [Bill 143].

3 Bercow review (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the Bercow review of services for children and young people (0–19) with speech, language and communication needs—(Kevin Brennan);

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

Appropriation (No. 2) Act 2008
Finance Act 2008
Sale of Student Loans Act 2008
Special Educational Needs (Information) Act 2008
Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2008
Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008
Health and Social Care Act 2008
Criminal Evidence (Witness Anonymity) Act 2008
National Insurance Contributions Act 2008

5 Bercow review (Topical Debate).—And the Question being again proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the Bercow review of services for children and young people (0–19) with speech, language and communication needs;

And it being one and half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

6 Housing and Regeneration 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 Housing and Regeneration Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 27th November 2007 (Housing and Regeneration Bill (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption at this day’s sitting.

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—(Alison Seabeck),
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tony Cunningham, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr John Baron: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Housing and Regeneration Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing and Regeneration Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 311 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 27, 28, 31, 203, 228, 231, 238, 241, 245 to 250 and 267.

8 Emissions from Heavy Duty Vehicles.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), that this House takes note of European Union Document No. 5127/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Regulation on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines with respect to emissions from heavy duty vehicles (Euro VI) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information; endorses the Government’s support for a package of measures to reduce vehicle emissions substantially, leading to improvements to health and the environment, whilst allowing appropriate flexibility for industry in the short-term, and notes that the Government will continue to seek the right balance between environmental and other benefits, and burdens on industry—(Tony Cunningham)—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) customers of Linslade Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Bedfordshire);
(2) customers of Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard, Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Bedfordshire);
(3) customers of Eaton Bray Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Bedfordshire);
(4) customers of High Street South, Dunstable, Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Bedfordshire);
(5) customers of Luton Road, Dunstable, Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Bedfordshire);
(6) those opposed to the decision to close Holmfield Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Halifax);
(7) supporters of increased parking facilities for shoppers in Halifax town centre relating to parking (Halifax);
(8) customers of May Bank High Street Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Staffordshire);
(9) customers of 553 London Road Post Office, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 9LJ and others relating to Post Office closures (Essex);
(10) those concerned about the closure of local HMRC offices in Cornwall relating to HMRC workforce change (Cornwall);
(11) those concerned about the provision of anti-TNF medicines for patients with ankylosing spondylitis relating to ankylosing spondylitis;
(12) those concerned about the proposed closure of Post Offices in South Manchester relating to Post Office closures (Manchester); and
(13) those concerned about the length of sentences given to people convicted of dangerous driving relating to sentencing (dangerous driving)

were presented and read.

10 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from supporters of NHS General Practice surgeries relating to NHS GP surgeries was presented.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Support for brass bands (Jeff Ennis).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Alan Campbell),

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18th July 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1. Attorney General,—Paper, entitled Extending the Powers of the Crown Court to Prevent Fraud and Compensate Victims: a Consultation [Cm. 7442] [The Solicitor General].

2. Regulatory Impact Assessments,—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st July 2007 to 31st March 2008 [Cm. 7358] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

3. Strategic Export Controls,—Report on United Kingdom Strategic Export Controls for 2007 [Cm. 7451] [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18th July 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7. Legal Services,—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 666), dated 10th March 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 21st July 2008:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


14 National Health Service.—Health Service Branded Medicines (Control of Prices and Supply of Information) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 1938), dated 19th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

15 Access to Justice.—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 841] [Secretary Jack Straw].

16 Administration of Justice.—Accounts of Funds in Court England and Wales for 1st March 2007 to 29th February 2008, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1025] [Clerk of the House].

17 Animals (Scientific Procedures).—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals for 2007 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 933] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

18 Atomic Energy Authority.—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1019] [Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change].

19 Audit Commission.—(1) Paper, entitled Code of Data Matching Practice; and
   (2) Proposed changes to the Audit Commission’s Code of Audit Practice for local government bodies
   [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

20 Biological Standards.—Report and Accounts of the National Biological Standards Board for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 973] [Clerk of the House].

21 Chelsea Hospital.—Accounts of the Royal Hospital Chelsea for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1023] [Clerk of the House].

22 Children.—Report and Accounts of The Children’s Commissioner for England for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 912] [Secretary Ed Balls].

23 Coal Industry.—Report and Accounts of The Coal Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 828] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

24 Criminal Justice.—Report and Accounts of the Parole Board for England and Wales for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 896] [Secretary Jack Straw].

25 Environment.—(1) Report and Accounts for 2007–08 of the Environment Agency; and
   (2) Reports and Financial Statements for 2007–08 of the—
      (i) Environment Agency Active Pension Fund; and
      (ii) Environment Agency Closed Pension Fund,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 843, 844 and 845] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

26 Equality.—Paper, entitled The Equality Bill: Government response to the Consultation [by Command] [Cm. 7454] [Ms Harriet Harman].

27 Exchange Equalisation Account.—Report and Accounts of the Exchange Equalisation Account for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 686] [Kitty Ussher].

28 Gambling.—Report and Accounts of the Gambling Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 726] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

29 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Combined Resource Accounts for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 876] [Jane Kennedy];
   (2) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—
      (i) Forensic Science Northern Ireland, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 794] [Mr Secretary Woodward].
(ii) HM Prison Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 860] [Secretary Jack Straw];

(iii) the Criminal Records Bureau, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 876] [Secretary Jacqui Smith];

(iv) the Government Car and Despatch Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 888] [Secretary Ruth Kelly];

(v) The Insolvency Service, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 800] [Mr Secretary Hutton];

(vi) the Office of the Public Guardian, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 842] [Secretary Jack Straw];

(vii) the Royal Naval Museum, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1017] [Clerk of the House];

(viii) the Rural Payments Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 521] [Secretary Hilary Benn];

(ix) the Treasury Solicitor’s Department, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 740] [The Solicitor General];

(x) the Vehicle Certification Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 931] [Secretary Ruth Kelly]; and

(xi) Wilton Park, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 774] [Secretary David Miliband].

(3) Reports and Consolidated Resource Accounts for 2007–08 of the—

(i) Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 757] [Jane Kennedy], and

(ii) Ministry of Defence, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 850] [Secretary Des Browne];

(4) Reports and Resource Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(i) the Forestry Commission Great Britain/England and Accounts of Forest Enterprise England Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 865] [Jane Kennedy];

(ii) the Government Equalities Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1002] [Jane Kennedy];

(iii) the Office of Fair Trading, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 836] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(iv) UK Trade and Investment, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 851] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(5) Resource Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(i) HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 867] [Jane Kennedy];

(ii) the Department for Communities and Local Government, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 791] [Jane Kennedy];

(iii) the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 864] [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. 863] [Jane Kennedy];

(v) the Home Office, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 868] [Jane Kennedy]; and

(vi) the Ministry of Justice, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 869] [Jane Kennedy].

30 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Reports and Accounts of the Defence Aviation Repair Agency for 1st April 2007 to 23rd May 2008, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 922] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—

(i) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 920] [Clerk of the House]; and

(ii) Fire Service College, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 858] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

31 Health Professions,—Report and Accounts of the Health Professions Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 986] [Secretary Jack Straw].
32 Hearing Aid Council.—Report and Accounts of the Hearing Aid Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1004] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

33 Industrial Organisation and Development.—(1) Accounts of the Wool Textile Industry for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1020] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 771] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

34 Insolvency.—Accounts of the Insolvency Act 1986 for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1014] [Clerk of the House].

35 Learning and Skills.—Report and Accounts of the Learning and Skills Council for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 783] [Secretary John Denham].

36 Local Government.—Report and Accounts of The Standards Board for England for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 842] [Clerk of the House].

37 Local Government Finance.—Accounts of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in England for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1016] [Clerk of the House].

38 Local Government, Planning and Land.—Report and Accounts of the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 857] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

39 London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.—Report and Accounts of the Olympic Delivery Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 645] [Tessa Jowell].

40 Marshall Aid Commemoration.—Report and Accounts of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1015] [Clerk of the House].

41 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Government Response to the Third Report from the Modernisation Committee, Session 2007–08, on Regional Accountability [by Command] [Cm. 7376] [Ms Harriet Harman]

42 Museums and Galleries.—Report and Accounts of the National Portrait Gallery for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 759] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

43 National Audit.—(1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department for Work and Pensions: Handling Customer Complaints [by Act]; to be printed [No. 995] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The procurement of goods and services by HM Prison Service [by Act]; to be printed [No. 943] [Clerk of the House]; and

(3) Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1027] [Mr Alan Williams].

44 National Health Service.—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—

(1) Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and

(2) The Health and Social Care Information Centre, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 609] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

45 National Loans.—Accounts of the National Loans Fund for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1022] [Clerk of the House].

46 National Lottery.—(1) Accounts of the Sports Council for Wales National Lottery Distribution for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1024] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—

(i) Arts Council England grant-in-aid and lottery, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 848] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

(ii) Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1013] [Clerk of the House].

(iii) Big Lottery Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 910] [Secretary Andy Burnham]; and

(iv) National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 811] [Secretary John Denham].

47 Natural Environment and Rural Communities,—Report and Accounts of Natural England for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 727] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

48 Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions).—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 977] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

49 Police Reform,—Report and Accounts of the Independent Police Complaints Commission for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 898] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

50 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Paper, entitled Performance Standards for Electoral Registration Officers in Great Britain [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

51 Postal Services,—Report and Accounts of the Consumer Council for Postal Services for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 906] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

52 Private Security Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Security Industry Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 732] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

53 Probation Board (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 822] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

54 Science and Technology,—(1) Accounts of the Research Councils Pension Scheme for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1026] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of the—

(i) Economic and Social Research Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 753] [Secretary John Denham].

(ii) Medical Research Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 904] [Secretary John Denham]; and

(iii) Science and Technologies Facilities Council, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 819] [Secretary John Denham].

55 Social Security Administration,—Accounts of the Social Fund for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1018] [Clerk of the House].

56 Utilities,—Report of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 856] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

57 Water,—Paper, entitled Action taken by Government to encourage the conservation of water April 2004—March 2008 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 891] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

58 Work and Pensions,—Paper, entitled No one written of: reforming welfare to reward responsibility [by Command] [Cm. 7363] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers withdrawn:

59 Legal Services,—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 666), dated 10th March 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 11th March].
APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—A Bill of Rights for the UK? Twenty-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. 150-I and -II] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

2 Work and Pensions,—Valuing and Supporting Carers: Fourth 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 30th April [No. 485-I and -II] [Mr Terry Rooney].

Tuesday 22nd July 2008.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:
   Crossrail Bill.—The Lords have agreed to the Crossrail Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Crossrail Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Crossrail Bill to be printed [Bill 145].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Crossrail Bill be printed [Bill 145–EN].

3 Theft from Shops (Penalties),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exclude the offence of theft from retail and commercial premises from the provisions of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 relating to fixed penalty notices; and for connected purposes: And that Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Frank Field, Lady Hermon, Mr Mike Hancock, Patrick Mercer, Mr Brian Binley, Bob Russell, Kate Hoey, Kelvin Hopkins and Mr Shaiulsh Vara do prepare and bring it in.

4 Theft from Shops (Penalties) Bill,—Miss Anne McIntosh accordingly presented a Bill to exclude the offence of theft from retail and commercial premises from the provisions of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 relating to fixed penalty notices; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 144].

5 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming Adjournment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Ms Diana R. Johnson);
   And it being Six o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [8th July].

6 Crossrail Bill.—The Deputy Speaker notified the House that a Message had been brought from the Lords, as follows:
   Crossrail Bill.—The Lords have agreed to the Crossrail Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.
   Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Crossrail Bill be considered forthwith.—(Steve McCabe.)
   The House proceeded to consider the said Amendments.
   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 56 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 50 to 56.

7 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of North Norfolk and others relating to sea defences (Norfolk); and
   (2) residents of Basing and others relating to traffic noise (M3)
   were presented and read.

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) the Bridge Court Action Group relating to the Queen Elizabeth Resource Centre (Dartford).
(2) people of West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly relating to hospital closures (Cornwall);

(3) those concerned about the proposed closure of Botley Stores Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Buckinghamshire);

(4) those concerned about the proposed closure of Chalfont Common Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Buckinghamshire);

(5) those concerned about the proposed closure of Hazelmere Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Buckinghamshire);

(6) those concerned about the proposed closure of Old Amersham Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Buckinghamshire);

(7) those concerned about the proposed closure of Waterside Post Office relating to Post Office closures (Merseyside); and

(8) Birkenhead constituents relating to Post Office closures (Merseyside); and

(9) people of South Holland and the Deepings and others relating to the Driving Test Centre (Spalding) were presented.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Future of GP and pharmacy services in Mole Valley constituency (Sir Paul Beresford).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mark Tami);

10 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:

Housing and Regeneration Act 2008
Crossrail Act 2008.

11 Adjournment.—And the Question being again proposed:—It was agreed to.

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th October, pursuant to Resolution [4th June].

[Adjourned at 6.49 p.m.

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Police.—(1) Draft Police Appeals Tribunals Rules 2008;
(2) draft Police (Conduct) Regulations 2008; and
(3) draft Police (Performance) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Corporation Tax.—(1) Financing-Arrangement-Funded Transfers to Shareholders Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1926);
(2) Friendly Societies (Modification of the Corporation Tax Acts) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1937);
(3) Friendly Societies (Transfers of Other Business) (Modification of the Corporation Tax Acts) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1942);
(4) Insurance Companies (Taxation of Insurance Special Purpose Vehicles) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1923);
(5) Insurance Companies (Taxation of Reinsurance Business) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1944); and
(6) Overseas Life Insurance Companies (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1924), dated 22nd July 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].

3 Education,—(1) Education (Specified Work and Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1883); and

(2) General Teaching Council for England (Eligibility for Provisional Registration) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1884), dated 15th July 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

4 Environmental Protection,—Community Emissions Trading Scheme (Allocation of Allowances for Payment) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1939), dated 22nd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].


6 Family Law,—Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1953), dated 18th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 Income Tax,—(1) Individual Savings Account (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1934); and

(2) Registered Pension Schemes (Transfer of Sums and Assets) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1946), dated 22nd July 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Kitty Ussher].


11 Mental Health,—Mental Health Act 2007 (Commencement No. 7 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1900), dated 17th July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


13 Revenue and Customs,—Finance Act 2008 Section 135 (Disaster or Emergency) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1936), dated 22nd July 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].


16 Taxes,—(1) Tax Avoidance Schemes (Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1947); and

(2) Taxes (Fees for Payment by Telephone) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1948), dated 22nd July 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Jane Kennedy].
Other Papers:

17 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 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

18 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 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

19 Channel Tunnel (Security).—Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 during 2007 [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

20 Gangmasters (Licensing).—Report and Accounts of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 799] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

21 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Child Support Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1012] [Secretary James Purnell].

22 Home Affairs.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08, on A Surveillance Society? [by Command] [Cm. 7449] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

23 Housing.—Account of Grants and Loans to the Housing Action Trusts for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1021] [Clerk of the House].

24 Justice.—Paper, entitled The United Kingdom Report on the Re-use of Public Sector Information for 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7446] [Secretary Jack Straw].

25 Justice (Northern Ireland).—An Inspection of the Royal Mail Group Crime Investigations Function [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

26 National Health Service.—Reports and Accounts for 2007–08 of—

   (1) King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [by Act]; and
   (2) the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 927] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

27 Police.—Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to Scottish Ministers for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 659] [The Prime Minister].

28 Prisons.—Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7434] [Secretary Jack Straw].

29 Railways.—Report on the number of notices served, instructions given and enforcement notices served under the Railways Act 1993 during 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

30 Regulation of Investigatory Powers.—Reports for 2007 of the—

   (1) Intelligence Services Commissioner; and
   (2) Interception of Communications Commissioner
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 948 and 947] [The Prime Minister].

31 Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation.—Report and Accounts of the Renewable Fuels Agency for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 846] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

32 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) (Amendment) Order 2008, (S.I., 2008, No. 666) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

33 Teaching and Higher Education.—Report and Financial Statements of the General Teaching Council for England for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 762] [Secretary Ed Balls].
34 Treasury.—Paper, entitled Financial stability and depositor protection: special resolution regime [by Command] [Cm. 7459] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

European Committees

1 European Union Document No. 5089/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Carbon Dioxide emissions from cars and light commercial vehicles, has been referred to European Committee A.

2 European Union Document No. 11238/08 and Addendum 1, relating to Relations between the EU and the Overseas Countries and Territories, has been referred to European Committee B.

3 European Union Documents No. 11327/08 and Addendum 1 and No. 11307/08 and Addenda 1, 2, and 3, relating to Cross-border Healthcare, have been referred to European Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Harmful content on the Internet and in video games: Tenth 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. 353-I and -II];

(2) Draft Heritage Protection Bill: Eleventh Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 821]; and

(3) European Commission White Paper on Sport: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2007-08: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1029]

[Mr John Whittingdale].

2 Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill,—First Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Constitutional Renewal 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 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st May, 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th June and 1st and 15th July [No. 551-I and -II] [Michael Jabez Foster].

3 Environmental Audit,—Vehicle Excise Duty as an environmental tax: Tenth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 907] [Tim Yeo].

4 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. 16-xxviii];

(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xvii]; and

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

[Michael Connarty].

5 Public Administration,—(1) Selection of a new Chair of the House of Lords Appointments Commission:

(i) Thirteenth 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. 985-I]; and

(ii) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 985-II]; and

(2) Mandarins Unpeeled: Memoirs and Commentary by Former Ministers and Civil Servants: Fourteenth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 664]

[Dr Tony Wright].

6 Treasury.—Banking Reform: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1006-ii] [John McFall].
Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Proposed Post Office closures in Buckinghamshire (Mrs Cheryl Gillan).
- Bovine tuberculosis (Daniel Kawczynski).
- Housing for disabled children (Ms Sally Keeble).
- Conduct of solicitors (Dr Vincent Cable).
- Provision for allotments (Ben Chapman).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mark Tami).

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after half-past Two o’clock, it was adjourned, pursuant to Order [8th July], without Question put, till Tuesday 7th October.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]
[No. 134.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Mr John MacDougall, Member for Glenrothes. 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 New Member makes Affirmation.—John Fingland Mason, Esquire, Member for Glasgow East, made the Affirmation required by law.

3 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords].—The Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

4 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts 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 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords]:

   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 21st October 2008.

   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.

5 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts 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 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

   1 the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the Act; and

   2 the payment of funds into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

   1 residents of Castle Point and others relating to Post Offices (Essex); and

   2 Mrs Jean Everett, the residents of Castle Point and others relating to planning and development (Essex)

were presented and read.

7 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the Bordon for Option 1 Group relating to planning and development (Hampshire) was presented.
8 Adjournment.

Subject: Regeneration of Southend (Mr David Amess).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Helen Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Wednesday 23rd July 2008

1 Home Affairs.—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08, on Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and “Honour”-Based Violence [Cm. 7450] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Tuesday 29th July 2008

2 Ministers for Women.—Paper, entitled Women’s Changing Lives: Priorities for the Ministers for Women: One Year On Progress Report [Cm. 7455] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Wednesday 30th July 2008

3 Treaty Series (No. 9, 2008).—First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2008 [Cm. 7458] [Secretary David Miliband].

Thursday 31st July 2008

4 European Communities (No. 3, 2008).—Agreements, concluded between 2nd August and 4th September 2006, by the European Community and its Member States under Article XXI of the General Agreement on Trade in Services with Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the Separate customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei), Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Switzerland and the United States, on the necessary compensatory adjustments resulting from the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden, the Republic of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union [Cm. 7430] [Secretary David Miliband].

Tuesday 5th August 2008

5 Leader of the House of Commons.—Paper, entitled Audit and Assurance of MP’s Allowances [Cm. 7460] [Ms Harriet Harman].

Wednesday 6th August 2008

6 European Union.—Government Response to the Fifteenth Report from the House of Lords European Union Committee, Session 2007–08, on The Passenger Name Record (PNR) Framework Decision [Cm. 7461] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Friday 8th August 2008

7 Utilities.—Report of Energywatch for 2007–08 [Cm. 7317] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Monday 11th August 2008

8 Miscellaneous (No. 5, 2008).—Protocol, done at Kiev on 21st May 2003, on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7328] [Secretary David Miliband].

9 Treaty Series (No. 10, 2008).—Supplementary Agreement, done at Canberra on 3rd November 2005, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia concerning the Anglo-Australian Optical Telescope, at Siding Spring, New South Wales, Australia [Cm. 7371] [Secretary David Miliband].
Wednesday 13th August 2008
10 Law Commission.—Report of the Law Commission on Housing: Encouraging Responsible Letting [Cm. 7456] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Thursday 21st August 2008
11 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 osteoarthritis of the knee in coal miners [Cm. 7449] [Secretary James Purnell].

Wednesday 3rd September 2008
12 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.).—Nineteenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [Cm. 7464] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Monday 8th September 2008
13 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2008).—Council of Europe Convention, done at Warsaw on 16th May 2005, on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7465] [Secretary David Miliband].

Wednesday 10th September 2008
14 European Community Finances.—Statement on the 2008 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [Cm. 7462] [Kitty Ussher].
15 Hong Kong.—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong: 1 January–30 June 2008 [Cm. 7457] [Secretary David Miliband].

Monday 15th September 2008
16 Social Security Administration.—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, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2424) [Cm. 7469] [Secretary James Purnell].

Tuesday 16th September 2008
17 Innovation, Schools and Universities.—Department for Innovation, Schools and Universities Minute, dated 16th September 2008, concerning waiving clawback of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills’ interest in the Fulbright Commission’s Premises [Secretary John Denham].

Wednesday 17th September 2008
18 European Union.—Government Response to the Seventeenth Report from the House of Lords European Union Committee, Session 2007–08, on Increasing the supply of donor organs within the European Union [Cm. 7466] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Thursday 18th September 2008
19 Communities and Local Government.—Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Communities and Local Government, Session 2007–08, on the Supply of Rented Housing [Cm. 7326] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Friday 19th September 2008
20 Miscellaneous (No. 8, 2008).—Amendment, made at Almaty on 27th May 2005, to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters [Cm. 7471] [Secretary David Miliband].

Thursday 25th September 2008
21 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Paper, entitled Taking forward the Marine Bill: The Government Response to pre-legislative scrutiny and public consultation [Cm. 7422] [Secretary Hilary Benn].
22 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08, on the Annual Report on Human Rights 2007 [Cm. 7463] [Secretary David Miliband].
Friday 26th September 2008

23 Justice,—Paper, entitled Judicial and Court Statistics 2007 [Cm. 7467] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Tuesday 30th September 2008

24 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2007–08, on Overseas Territories [Cm. 7473] [Secretary David Miliband].

Friday 3rd October 2008

25 Treaty Series (No. 11, 2008),—Agreement, done at Accra on 17th July 2008, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ghana concerning the Transfer of Prisoners [Cm. 7479] [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 Affirmative Resolution:

Tuesday 2nd September 2008


Monday 29th September 2008


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Wednesday 23rd July 2008

28 Customs,—Export Control (Democratic Republic of Congo) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1964), dated 22nd July 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Mr Secretary Hutton].

29 Trade Marks,—(1) Community Trade Mark (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1959); and

Thursday 24th July 2008


31 Ecclesiastical Law,—(1) Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1970), dated 4th July 2008; and
   (2) Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1969), dated 4th July 2008; and

Friday 25th July 2008

32 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Early Years Foundation Stage (Learning and Development Requirements) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1952), dated 21st July 2008; and


Monday 28th July 2008


36 Road Traffic,—Tractor etc (EC Type-Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1980), dated 23rd July 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Tuesday 29th July 2008


Wednesday 30th July 2008


Thursday 31st July 2008


Friday 1st August 2008


Monday 4th August 2008


Tuesday 5th August 2008


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Monday 11th August 2008


Thursday 14th August 2008


Friday 15th August 2008


63 Merchant Shipping.—(1) Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2166); and


Monday 18th August 2008


Tuesday 19th August 2008


Wednesday 20th August 2008


Friday 22nd August 2008


Wednesday 27th August 2008


74 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2251), dated 20th August 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Thursday 26th August 2008


Friday 29th August 2008


Monday 1st September 2008

82 Medicines. — Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2297), dated 26th August 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Hilary Benn].


Tuesday 2nd September 2008


Wednesday 3rd September 2008


88 National Health Service. — (1) Care Equality Commission (Membership) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2252), dated 20th August 2008; and
   (2) National Health Service Pension Scheme and Injury Benefits (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2263), dated 22nd August 2008, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Thursday 4th September 2008


92 Rating and Valuation. — (1) Non-Domestic Rating (Communications Hereditaments) (Valuation, Alteration of Lists and Appeals and Material Day) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2333), and
57 ELIZ. II 6th October 2008


93 Road Traffic.—Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Buckinghamshire) (District of Wycombe) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2344), dated 1st September 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Friday 5th September 2008

94 Clean Air.—(1) Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2342); and


99 Wildlife.—(1) Wildlife and Countryside (Registration and Ringing of Certain Captive Birds) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2357); and


Monday 8th September 2008

100 Housing.—(1) Houses in Multiple Occupation (Specified Educational Establishments) (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2346); and


102 Sea Fisheries.—Fal & Helford Designated Area (Fishing Restrictions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2360), dated 1st September 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Tuesday 9th September 2008


Wednesday 10th September 2008


Friday 12th September 2008

110 Mental Capacity.—Mental Capacity (Deprivation of Liberty: Appointment of Relevant Person’s Representative) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2368), dated 5th September 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Monday 15th September 2008


Wednesday 17th September 2008


Thursday 18th September 2008


117 Family Proceedings.—(1) Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2446); and

118 Road Traffic.—Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of East Sussex) (Borough of Eastbourne) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2442), dated 17th September 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Monday 22nd September 2008


120 National Health Service.—Primary Opthalmic Services and National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2449), dated 16th September 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Tuesday 23rd September 2008


123 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Directions by Strategic Health Authorities to Primary Care Trusts Regarding Arrangements for Involvement) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2496), dated 14th September 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Friday 26th September 2008


Monday 29th September 2008


Wednesday 1st October 2008


127 Family Law,—(1) Child Support (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2543); and


Thursday 2nd October 2008


131 Supreme Court, Northern Ireland,—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 401), dated 26th September 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Paper:

Thursday 24th July 2008


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 6th October 2008:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

133 Civil Aviation,—Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards For Non-EASA Aircraft) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Geoff Hoon].

134 Immigration,—Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

135 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Draft Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Revocation) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].
136 International Criminal Court.—Draft International Criminal Court (Remand Time) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

137 Social Security.—Draft Social Security (Lone Parents and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

138 Tribunals and Inquiries.—Draft Judicial Appointments Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

139 Agriculture.—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels) (England and Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2570), dated 2nd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

140 Corporation Tax.—(1) Insurance Companies (Overseas Life Assurance Business) (Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2627); and

141 Excise.—(1) Hydrocarbon Oil (Supply of Rebated Heavy Oil) (Payment of Rebate) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2600); and
(2) Hydrocarbon Oil and Bioblend (Private Pleasure-flying and Private Pleasure Craft) (Payment of Rebate etc.) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2599), dated 3rd October 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

142 Healthcare and Associated Professions.—(1) General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2554), dated 29th September 2008 [by Act]; and
(2) Nursing and Midwifery Council (Constitution) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2553), dated 29th September 2008 [by Statutory Instrument], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

143 Income Tax.—(1) Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2601), dated 3rd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Stephen Timms];
(2) Life Assurance and Other Policies (Keeping of Information and Duties of Insurers) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2628), dated 6th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ian Pearson];
(3) Overseas Insurers (Tax Representatives) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2626), dated 6th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ian Pearson]; and

144 Mental Health.—(1) Mental Health (Hospital, Guardianship and Treatment) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2560); and

145 National Health Service.—National Information Governance Board Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2558), dated 30th September 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


147 Road Traffic.—Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (The County Council of Durham) (Durham District) Designation Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2567), dated 1st October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Geoff Hoon].
148 Social Security.—(1) Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2569), dated 2nd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell], and
(2) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2624), dated 6th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

Other Papers:

149 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 21 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

150 Constitution.—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution, Session 2007-08, on the Counter-Terrorism Bill: The Role of Ministers, Parliament and the Judiciary [by Command] [Cm. 7482] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

151 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minute, dated 6th October 2008, concerning the creation of a contingent liability for the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

152 Further and Higher Education.—Paper, entitled The Learning and Skills Council’s Statutory Intervention Policy [by Act] [Secretary John Denham].

153 Housing.—Financial Statements of Stonebridge Housing Action Trust for 1st April to 30th September 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

154 International Development.—Department for International Development Minute, dated 6th October 2008, concerning the Gifting of Armoured Land Cruisers to the OSCE Monitoring Mission in Georgia [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

155 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Feeding Back? Learning from complaints handling in health and social care; and
(2) The Administrative Burdens Reduction Programme, 2008 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 853 and 944] [Clerk of the House].


157 Parliamentary Commissioner.—(1) Report of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman for 2007–08; and
(2) Resource Accounts of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1040 and 1038] [Clerk of the House].

158 Police and Criminal Evidence.—Draft Code of Practice for the exercise by: police officers of statutory powers of stop and search; police officers and police staff of requirements to record public encounters (Code A) [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

159 Senior Salaries.—Notification of Change in Members’ Salaries from the Senior Salaries Review Body [pursuant to Resolution] [The Speaker].

160 Serious Crime.—Paper, entitled Data Sharing for the Prevention of Fraud: Code of practice for public authorities disclosing information to a specified anti-fraud organisation under sections 68 to 72 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

161 Social Security Administration.—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 (Lone Parents and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7480] [Secretary James Purnell].

162 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: Bradford and Bingley plc Transfer of Securities and Property etc. Order 2008, (S.I., 2008, No. 2546) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

163 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2008;
(2) Partnership Pension Account Death Benefits Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2008;
(3) Partnership Pension Account III Health Benefits Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2008; and
(4) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2008 (No. 2)
[by Act] [Edward Miliband].

164 Utilities.—Report and Accounts of Energywatch for 2007–08, with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1045] [Mr Pat
McFadden].

APPENDIX II

European Committees

European Union Documents No. 12244/08, No. 12177/08 and No. 12182/08, relating to the
Management of EU Funds in Bulgaria and Romania and Bulgarian EU accession, have
been referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—National Curriculum tests: Minutes of Evidence taken
before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 980-ii] [ordered
to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select Committees
(adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].

2 Communities and Local Government,—The Provision of Public Toilets: Twelfth 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, and
Memoranda reported and ordered to be published on 12th and 19th May, 2nd, 9th and
23rd June and 14th July [No. 636] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be
printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [16-
xxix] [ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select
Committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House];
(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-
xxviii]; and
(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be
published [Michael Connarty].

4 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—The Draft Apprenticeships Bill: Minutes of
Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be
printed [No. 1062-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

5 Treasury,—(1) Banking Reform: Seventeenth Report from the Treasury Committee, with
Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating
to the Report [No. 1008];
(2) Counting the population: Government Responses by the Statistics Authority and the
Government to the Eleventh Report from the Committee: Thirteenth Special Report from
the Committee; to be printed [No. 1032]; and
the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 1033-i]
[ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select Committees
(adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].
[No. 135.]

Tuesday 7th October 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 European Committee A.—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Committee A, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to Aviation Safety and the Single Sky, the following Resolution:


Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

2 Banking Bill.—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary David Miliband, Secretary Jack Straw, Secretary Jacqui Smith, Mr Secretary Hutton, Yvette Cooper, Mr Stephen Timms, Angela Eagle and Ian Pearson, presented a Bill to make provision about banking: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 147].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Banking Bill be printed [Bill 147–EN].

3 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 fiscal rules.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the successive criticisms by the IMF, the EU and the OECD of the state of the UK’s public finances; further notes that the Government is reviewing the fiscal rules and calls on the Government to announce the outcome of that review first to this House; further calls on the Government to clarify whether or not the Sustainable Investment rule will be met and to implement a full and independent review of the public finances, including off-balance sheet liabilities under the private finance initiative and public sector pension schemes; and further calls for the fiscal rules to be scrapped and replaced with a forward-looking fiscal framework with an independent mechanism for monitoring and assessing the sustainability of the Government’s fiscal position—(Mr Philip Hammond);

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 purpose of the fiscal framework is to smooth the path of the economy in the short term, to secure sustainable public finances in the medium term and to ensure that spending and taxation impact fairly between generations; recognises the success of the framework over the past decade, reversing historical under-investment in the infrastructure of public services, reducing debt from 43 per cent. of GDP in 1997 to below 37 per cent. last year and allowing borrowing to increase this year in order to support the economy; welcomes the £4 billion of tax cuts helping families and businesses this year, further notes the turmoil in the world economy and financial markets; recognises that Government is rightly focused on the turbulence in the financial markets and helping families and businesses with the twin shocks of the credit crunch and high commodity prices; and welcomes the Government’s commitment to take whatever steps are necessary to protect the stability of the financial system’, instead thereof.—(Yvette Cooper.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 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 that the purpose of the fiscal framework is to smooth the path of the economy in the short term, to secure sustainable public finances in the medium term and to ensure that spending and taxation impact fairly between generations; recognises the success of the framework over the past decade, reversing historical under-investment in the infrastructure of public services, reducing debt from 43 per cent. of GDP in 1997 to below 37 per cent. last year and allowing borrowing to increase this year in order to support the economy; welcomes the £4 billion of tax cuts helping families and businesses this year; further notes the turmoil in the world economy and financial markets; recognises that Government is rightly focused on the turbulence in the financial markets and helping families and businesses with the twin shocks of the credit crunch and high commodity prices; and welcomes the Government’s commitment to take whatever steps are necessary to protect the stability of the financial system.

Unemployment in the UK.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the recent increases in unemployment, and the widespread forecasts that the total may rise in the months ahead; further notes that the UK already has almost five million people in receipt of out of work benefit and calls on the Government to implement measures to help British business secure existing jobs and to improve the back to work support available to those who do become unemployed—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 ‘notes the global economic challenges that are facing the UK; congratulates the Government on policies such as Local Employment Partnerships which have helped nearly 40,000 people find work, Pathways to Work which has supported more than 94,000 people off Incapacity Benefit and into work, and the New Deal which has helped 1.97 million people into jobs; welcomes the policies of this Government which seek to reform the welfare state to give people active support to get back into work as quickly as possible; and supports rapid action to ensure that where redundancies occur people are given the personalised support they need to return to work, to intensify the activity of the welfare state to ensure no-one is written off and to maintain a strong and flexible labour market’, instead thereof.—Secretary James Purnell

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 205.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Steve McCabe: 300.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Steve McCabe: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 203.

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 global economic challenges that are facing the UK; congratulates the Government on policies such as Local Employment Partnerships which have helped nearly 40,000 people find work, Pathways to Work which has supported more than 94,000 people off Incapacity Benefit and into work, and the New Deal which has helped 1.97 million people into jobs; welcomes the policies of this Government which seek to reform the welfare state to give people active support to get back into work as quickly as possible, and supports rapid action to ensure that where redundancies occur people are given the personalised support they need to return to work, to intensify the activity of the welfare state to ensure no-one is written off and to maintain a strong and flexible labour market.
4 Social Security.—Ordered, That the Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1554), dated 12th June, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

5 Aviation Safety and the Single European Sky.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 11325/08, Commission Communication on Single European Sky II, towards more sustainable and better performing aviation, No. 11347/08 and Addendum 1, Commission Staff Working Document accompanying the Communication on Single European Sky II, the SESAR Master Plan for the development and implementation of the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR-Single European Sky ATM Research), No. 11323/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, Draft Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No. 549/2004, No. 550/2004, No. 551/2004 and No. 552/2004 in order to improve the performance and sustainability of the European aviation system, No. 11285/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, Draft Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008 in the field of aerodromes, air traffic management and air navigation services and repealing Council Directive 06/23/EC; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents—(Ms Diana R. Johnson)—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

1. the Women’s Institute ending violence against women campaign relating to ending violence against women;
2. Jo Grey, concerned Canvey Island residents and others relating to the protection of school playing fields; and
3. Andy Jones and concerned residents relating to energy efficiency

were presented and read.

7 Adjournment.

Subject: Blackpool Council and supported employment under Workstep (Mr Gordon Marsden).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2 Local Government,—Draft Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2009) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

3 Police,—Draft Police (Conduct) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Companies,—Statutory Auditors and Third Country Auditors (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2639), dated 6th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

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(2) European Single Currency (Taxes) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2647), dated 7th October 2008 [by Act];

(3) Group Relief for Overseas Losses (Modification of the Corporation Tax Acts for Non-resident Insurance Companies) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2646), dated 7th October 2008 [by Act]; and

(4) Non-resident Companies (General Insurance Business) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2643), dated 7th October 2008 [by Act],

with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ian Pearson].

7 Video Recordings,—Proposal by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport for the designation of Gerard Lemnos and Alison Hastings as authorities to determine the suitability of video works for classification [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

Other Papers:

8 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 7th October 2008, concerning the reporting of a contingent liability for the cost associated with the sale of Defence Aviation Repair Agency Rotary Wing and Components Business Units [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

9 Health,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2007–08, on Dental Services [by Command] [Cm. 7470] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

10 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.),—Secretary of State’s Fourth Report under section 11(1) of the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Act 2003 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1046] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

11 Wales,—Paper, entitled Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Agriculture and Rural Development) Order 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7474] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers withdrawn:

12 National Lottery,—Report and Financial Statements of the UK Film Council Group and Lottery for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [No. 782] [laid 7th July].

13 Police,—Draft Police (Conduct) Regulations 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 22nd July].

APPENDIX II

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European Union Documents No. 11285/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 11323/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 11325/08, and No. 11347/08 and Addenda 1, relating to Aviation Safety and the Single European Sky.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Adam Ingram and Mr David Kidney from European Committee A (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Clive Betts, Jim Dobbin and Mr Robert Flello.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—(1) Energy prices, fuel poverty and Ofgem: Government Response to the Business and Enterprise Committee’s Eleventh Report of Session 2007–08: Seventh Special Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 1069];

(2) Keeping the door wide open: Turkey and EU Accession: Government Response to the Business and Enterprise Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2007–08: Eighth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1070]; and

(3) The role of regional development agencies:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1054-i]; and

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

[Peter Luff]
2 Culture, Media and Sport,—London 2012 Games: Lessons from Beijing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1071-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence,—(1) Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2008–09: Memorandum laid before the Defence Committee; to be published;
   (2) Recruiting and retaining Armed Forces personnel: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (3) UK Operations in Iraq and the Gulf: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Implementation of the Nitrates Directive in England: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1080];
   (2) British Waterways: follow-up: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2007–08: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1081]; and
   (3) Badgers and cattle TB: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Michael Jack].

5 Human Rights,—(1) Counter-Terrorism Policy and Human Rights (Thirteenth Report): Counter-Terrorism Bill: Thirtieth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights; 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 10th June [No. 1077];
   (2) Monitoring the Government’s Response to Human Rights Judgments: Annual Report 2008: Thirty-first 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 3rd December, 14th January, 22nd and 29th April, 6th and 12th May, 2nd, 17th and 24th June [No. 1078];
   (3) Scrutiny of Mental Health Legislation: Government Response: Thirty-second Report from the Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1079];
   (4) Human rights ministers: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (5) Human trafficking: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (6) Immigration and human rights: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (7) International human rights instruments: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (8) Legislative scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (9) Meaning of public authority: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (10) Older people in healthcare: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (11) Treatment of asylum seekers: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (12) Use of restraint in secure training centres: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].

6 International Development,—(1) Working Together to Make Aid More Effective: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Seventh Special Report from the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 1065];
   (2) The World Food Programme and Global Food Security: Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Eighth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1066].
(3) The Humanitarian and Development Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08. Ninth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1067]; and

(4) HIV/AIDS: DFID’s New Strategy: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Malcolm Bruce].

7 Justice,—The work of the Ministry of Justice: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 1076-i] [Sir Alan Beith].

8 Standards and Privileges,—Conduct of Ed Balls and Yvette Cooper: Fourteenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges; to be printed, with Appendices and the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1044] [Sir George Young].

9 Welsh Affairs,—(1) The proposed draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2008: Seventh Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 812]; and

(2) The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:
(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 401-xii]; and
(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 135; WH, No. 88]

Tuesday 7th October 2008.

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Home Office policy on anti-drug awareness (Mr Graham Allen).
Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West (Steve Webb).
Policing persistent and youth offenders in Northamptonshire (Mr Philip Hollobone).
Local Government Standards Boards (Dr John Pugh).
Housing in Plymouth (Linda Gilroy).

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 tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Liz Blackman, Mr Nicholas Brown and Mr Alan Campbell be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Frank Roy and Claire Ward be added to the Committee.—(Mark Tami.)

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

The Lords agree to the Planning and Energy Bill, with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

3 European Union (Transparency),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require a Minister to certify on a Government Bill or a statutory instrument whether or not the Bill or statutory instrument is a result of a decision of the European Union; and for connected purposes—(Mr Mark Harper);

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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, John Howell, Mr Peter Lilley: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Adrian Bailey, John Mann: 202.

So the Question was negatived.

4 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC19) (Support for accommodated children)—(Sarah McCarthy-Fry)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC7) (Registration scheme in England and Wales)—(Tim Loughton)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Six o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [16th June].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Helen Goodman: 289.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on a new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC24) (Responsibility for children in care who enter custody)—(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, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Helen Goodman: 289.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining Amendments and new Schedule moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 4 and 7 to 10) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (NS1) (Transitory modifications of Schedule 2 to the 1989 Act)—(Beverley Hughes)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
5 Adjournment.

Subject: Leicester City Council’s market charter (Mr Andrew Robathan).

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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.23 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Banks and Banking,—Landsbanki Freezing Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2668), dated 8th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Banks and Banking,—(1) Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander Limited Transfer of Certain Rights and Liabilities Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2674); and
   (2) Transfer of Rights and Liabilities to ING Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2666), dated 8th October 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

4 Corporation Tax,—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) (Taxes) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2673), dated 8th October 2008; and
   (2) Insurance Companies (Taxation of Reinsurance Business) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2670), dated 6th October 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ian Pearson].

5 Environmental Protection,—Genetically Modified Organisms (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2598), dated 2nd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn]

6 Medicines,—Veterinary Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2648), dated 3rd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

7 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2593), dated 2nd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

8 Access to Justice (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission for 1st November 2003 to 31st March 2004, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1028] [Clerk of the House].

9 Osteopaths,—Report and Accounts of the General Osteopathic Council for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

10 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: Heritable Bank plc Transfer of Certain Rights and Liabilities Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 2644).
(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: Transfer of Rights and Liabilities to ING Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 2666); and

(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: Landsbanki Freezing Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 2668)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

11 Treasury.—Treasury Minute, dated 8th October 2008, concerning Financial Support to the Banking Industry [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton and Dr William McCrea Chairmen of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mrs Janet Dean, Jeff Ennis, Mr Mark Field, Mr Mark Hoban, John Howell, Mr Martyn Jones, Tom Levitt, Kerry McCarthy, Judy Mallaber, Mr Brooks Newmark, Ian Pearson, Matthew Taylor and Mr Charles Walker.

2 Employment Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Caton and Mr John Bercow Chairmen of the Employment Bill [Lords] Committee; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Mr Brian Binley, Lorely Burt, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mary Creagh, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Natascha Engel, Michael Jabez Foster (Hastings and Rye), Barry Gardiner, Mr David Kidney, Mr Pat McFadden, Dr Nick Palmer, Alison Seabeck, Mr Hugo Swire, John Thurso and Claire Ward.


(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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David S. Borrow, Jon Cruddas, Sandra Gidley, Mr John Gunner, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Phil Hope, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Alan Milburn, Anne Milton, Laura Moffatt, Greg Mulholland, Mr Robert Walter and Jenny Willott.

4 Draft Mental Health Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Peter Bottomley, Mr Philip Dunne, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr James Gray, Mr David Hanson, Mr Tom Harris, David Howarth, Ms Sally Keeble, Ian Lucas, Mr Alan Meale, John Reid, Jim Sheridan, Ms Gisela Stuart and Lynda Wiltho.

5 Draft Remand on Bail (Disapplication of Credit Period) Rules 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Peter Bottomley, Mr Philip Dunne, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr James Gray, Mr David Hanson, Mr Tom Harris, David Howarth, Ms Sally Keeble, Ian Lucas, Mr Alan Meale, John Reid, Jim Sheridan, Ms Gisela Stuart and Lynda Wiltho.

6 Draft Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations 2008:

(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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Lorely Burt, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr David Curry, James Duddridge, Mr John Horam, Helen Jones, Lyne Jones, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Mr David Kidney, Martin Linton, Siobhain McDonagh, Andrew Selous, Jonathan Shaw, John Thurso and Malcolm Wicks.

European Committees

7 European Union Document No. 5089/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Carbon Dioxide emissions from cars and light commercial vehicles:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mrs Joan Humble Chairman of European Committee A, nominated in respect of the Document; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Karen Buck, Clive Efford, Jim Fitzpatrick, Helen Goodman, Mr Robert Goodwill, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Kelvin Hopkins, Mark Hunter, Mr Greg Knight, Mr John Leech, Meg Munn and Jeremy Wright.

8 European Union Documents No. 9656/08 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 9923/08, relating to CAP “Health Check” and Community action on rising food prices.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee A, nominated in respect of the Documents: Nick Aunger, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr James Clappison, Ms Katy Clark, Tim Farron, Helen Goodman, Mr Michael Jack, Jane Kennedy, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mr James Paine, Mr James Plaskitt, Joan Ryan and Mr Roger Williams.

9 European Union Documents No. 11327/08 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 11307/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, relating to Cross-border Healthcare.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Committee C, nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Peter Bone, Mr William Cash, Jim Dowd, Sandra Gidley, Helen Goodman, Mr Bob Laxton, Anne Moffat, Laura Moffatt, Greg Mulholland, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Dawn Primarolo, Derek Twigg and Jeremy Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Draft Apprenticeships Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 1082-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 European Scrutiny,—(1) Subsidiarity, National Parliaments and the Lisbon Treaty: Thirty-third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 563];

(2) Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxx];

(3) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xx]; and

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

[Michael Connarty].

3 Health,—Foundation Trusts and Monitor: Sixth Report from the Health Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 333-I and -II] [Mr Kevin Barron].


(2) After Leitch: Implementing Skills And Training Policies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the After Leitch: Implementing Skills and Training Policies Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed [No. 505-v];

(3) Biosecurity in UK Research Laboratories: Memorandum to be published; and

(4) Geo-Engineering: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published

[Mr Phil Willis].
5 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Policing and Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland: the Cost of Policing the Past: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Second Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1084] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts.—HM Revenue and Customs Standard Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1085-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 136; WH, No. 89]

Wednesday 8th October 2008

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Education of children and young people with autism (John Bercow).
Performance of Northamptonshire Police (Mr Peter Bone).
Aviation duty (Graham Stringer).
Westminster Council’s population estimates (Mr Mark Field).
Affordable housing and planning (Andrew George).

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 p.m.]

[No. 131.]

Thursday 8th October 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th October.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th June, That the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 16th October.

3 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th October.

4 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th October.

5 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th October.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th October.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th October.
8 Financial Stability (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of financial stability—(Mr Stephen Timms);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical debates).

9 Defence in the UK.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of defence in the UK—(Mr Bob Ainsworth);

And it being Six o'clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Gibraltar (Andrew Rosindell).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 13th October.

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Draft Legislative Reform Order:

1 Legislative and Regulatory Reform.—Draft Legislative Reform (Insolvency) (Individual Voluntary Arrangements) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure [by Act] and an Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Disabled Persons.—(1) Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (London Underground Victoria Line 09TS Vehicles) Exemption Order 2008; and

(2) draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility Exemption Orders (Parliamentary Procedures) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Geoff Hoon].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Corporation Tax.—Insurance Companies (Reserves) (Tax) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2679), dated 9th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ian Pearson].


5 Legal Services.—Legal Services Act 2007 (Prescribed Charity) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2680), dated 7th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


(2) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 5) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2667), dated 7th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

7 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) (Supplies of Domestic Fuel or Power) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2676), dated 8th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

Other Papers:

8 Government Resources and Accounts.—Resource Accounts of the Department of Health for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1042] [Stephen Timms].
9 National Lottery.—Report and Financial Statements of the UK Film Council Group and Lottery for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1030] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

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: Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander Limited Transfer of Certain Rights and Liabilities Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 2674) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

11 Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement.—Report of the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Martyn Jones, Mr Brooks Newmark and Ian Pearson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] Committee.

2 Employment Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Thurso from the Employment Bill [Lords] Committee and nominated in substitution John Hemming.

3 Employment Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Baron, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, John Hemming, Mr Pat McFadden, Dr Nick Palmer, Alison Seabeck and Claire Ward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Employment Bill [Lords] Committee.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration.—(1) Investigating the conduct of ministers: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee: Ninth Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 1056];

(2) Politics and Administration: Ministers and Civil Servants: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2006–07: Tenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1057];

(3) Parliamentary Commissions of Inquiry: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee: Eleventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1060];

(4) Charity Commission Annual Report and Public Benefit Consultation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 663-iv]; and

(5) Lobbying: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 137; WH, No. 90]

Thursday 8th October 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Ms Diana R. Johnson.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.06 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Glenrothes 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 Glenrothes in the room of Mr John William MacDougall, deceased.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)

2 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1554).

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

3 European Committee A,—Mrs Joan Humble reported from European Committee A, nominated in respect of a European Union Document relating to carbon dioxide emissions from cars and light commercial vehicles, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5089/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Regulation setting emissions performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Community’s integrated approach to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from light-duty vehicles; endorses the Government’s backing of the principle of regulation: supports an approach that takes into account environmental ambition, technical and financial feasibility, and the reality of the diverse European car market; and notes that the Government will continue to pursue a strategy that balances these factors.

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:

Immigration (Discharged Gurkhas) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Immigration Rules in connection with the requirements for indefinite leave to enter and remain in the United Kingdom as a Gurkha discharged from the British Army; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords agree to the Health and Safety (Offences) Bill, without Amendment.

5 Planning and Energy Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendment to the Planning and Energy Bill [Lords] to be considered on Friday 17th October; and to be printed [Bill 149].

6 Promoting Democracy and Human Rights,—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of promoting democracy and human rights.—(Caroline Flint.)

7 Children, Schools and Families,—Ordered, That Adam Afriyie be discharged from the Children, Schools and Families Committee and Mr Edward Timpson be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Human Rights (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Mr Douglas Carswell be discharged from the Joint Committee on Human Rights and Mr Edward Timpson be added.—(Tony Cunningham, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Robert J Kimmel, residents of Castle Point and others relating to planning and development (Essex) was presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Deaths of Ann Mawer and Sue Barker in December 2007 (Shona McIsaac).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Chris Mole.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10th October 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Directions by Strategic Health Authorities to Primary Care Trusts Regarding Arrangements for Involvement) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2677), dated 8th October 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 13th October 2008:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Dangerous Drugs,—Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Local Government,—Sustainable Communities Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2694), dated 9th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

7 Lord Chancellor,—Discipline of Judges (Designation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2700), dated 7th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 Police,—Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (Codes of Practice) (No. 4) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 408), dated 2nd October 2008 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

9 Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland),—Code of Practice for the Detention, Treatment and Questioning of Persons under Section 41 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Terrorism Act 2000 (Code H) 2008 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

10 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2705), dated 13th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

11 Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 13th October 2008, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2009 [by Act] [Stephen Timms].

12 Marine and Aviation (War Risks),—Account of Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 2007-08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1059] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on— (1) Regulating the Security Industry; (2) the Department for International Development: Operating in insecure environments; and (3) the Department for Transport: Letting Rail Franchises 2005–2007 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1036, 1048 and 1047] [Clerk of the House].
14 Police and Justice.—Report and Accounts of the National Policing Improvement Agency (HQ) for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1031] [Clerk of the House].

15 Supply Estimates, 2007–08.—Out-of-Turn Supplementary Estimates for 2007–08 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 1061] [Stephen Timms].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Remand on Bail (Disapplication of Credit Period) Rules 2008,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Third Delegated Legislation Committee in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mrs Janet Dean.

2 Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 1554).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony McNulty, Sandra Osborne, Mr Jamie Reed, Ian Stewart and Mr Robert Waller from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution John Howell, Mr David Kidney, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Jonathan Shaw and Phil Wilson.

European Committees

3 European Union Document No. 5089/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Carbon Dioxide emissions from cars and light commercial vehicles,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck from European Committee A (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Communities and Local Government,—Communities and Local Government’s Departmental Annual Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 1089-i] [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—English Pig Industry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1088-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—DIUS Departmental Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 999-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

[No. 139.]

Tuesday 14th October 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Legislative Reform (Lloyd’s) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 17th July, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords].—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts 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.

3 Employment Bill [Lords].—John Bercow reported from the Employment 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 Sale of Wine (Measures) Bill.—The Order for reading the Sale of Wine (Measures) Bill a second time on Friday 17th October was read and discharged.
   Bill withdrawn.

5 Trading of Primates as Pets (Prohibition).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the breeding, selling, purchasing and keeping of primates as pets in the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes. And that Mark Pritchard, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Edward Vaizey, Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Stewart Jackson, Mr Eric Martlew, David Taylor, Mr Colin Breed and Mr Eric Pickles do prepare and bring it in.

6 Trading of Primates as Pets (Prohibition) Bill.—Mark Pritchard accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the breeding, selling, purchasing and keeping of primates as pets in 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 17th October and to be printed [Bill 152].

7 Banking Bill.—The Banking Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Banking 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 Banking 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 18th November 2008.

   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 Bob Blizzard):—It was agreed to.

9 Banking 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 Banking Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session—(Mr Bob Blizzard):—It was agreed to.

10 Banking Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Banking Bill [Money]:

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

   (1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure of the Treasury for any purpose in connection with the special resolution regime for banks and other financial institutions (including bank insolvency and bank administration),

   (2) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure of the Treasury in respect of, or in connection with giving, financial assistance to or in respect of a bank or other financial institution,

   (3) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure of the Treasury in respect of financial assistance to the Bank of England,

   (4) loans from the National Loans Fund to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, and
(5) loans from the National Loans Fund to or in respect of a bank or other financial institution—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

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

(1) the charging of fees in connection with the recognition of inter-bank payment systems,

(2) the making of provision about the fiscal consequences of the exercise of stabilisation powers under the special resolution regime,

(3) the investment of sums, raised in connection with the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, in the National Loans Fund,

(4) other payments into the National Loans Fund, and

(5) payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

12 Business of the House (Supplementary Estimate and Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 3) Bill).—Ordered, That—

(1) at the sitting on Wednesday 15th October,—

(a) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Stephen Timms relating to a Supplementary Estimate not later than three hours after their commencement;

(b) if a Bill founded upon a Resolution agreed under paragraph (1) is then brought in, a Motion may be made without notice by a Minister of the Crown, That the Bill be now read a second time; and

(c) proceedings under this order may continue though opposed after the moment of interruption and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply; and

(2) at the sitting on Thursday 16th October the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he has notified the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

13 Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Cars and Light Commercial Vehicles.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 5089/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Regulation setting emissions performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Community’s integrated approach to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from light-duty vehicles; endorses the Government’s backing of the principle of regulation: supports an approach that takes into account environmental ambition, technical and financial feasibility, and the reality of the diverse European car market; and notes that the Government will continue to pursue a strategy that balances these factors—(Mr Bob Blizzard)—It was agreed to.

14 Adjournment.

Subject: South Central rail franchise (Sir John Stanley).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1. Animals (Scientific Procedures).—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 2007 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1058] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

2. Children, Schools and Families.—Departmental Minute relating to the waiver of Exchequer interest in regard to Watling House [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration, — Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 14th October, to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business and Enterprise, — (1) Post Office:
   (i) After the Network Change Programme and Post Office finance: Responses to the Committee’s Sixth and Tenth Reports of Session 2007–08: Ninth Special Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 1091]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

2 (2) The role of regional development agencies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1054-ii]
   [Peter Liuff].

3 Culture, Media and Sport, — The Licensing Act 2003: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1093-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Environmental Audit, — Export Credits Guarantee Department and Sustainable Development: Eleventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 929] [Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs, — Human Trafficking: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 318-v] [Keith Vaz].

6 Human Rights, — Equality and Human Rights Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 1094-i] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Justice, — Sentencing Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 1095-i] [Sir Alan Beith].

8 Regulatory Reform, — Draft Legislative Reform (Lloyd’s) Order 2008: Sixth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1090] [Andrew Miller].

9 Treasury, — The Economics of the Housing Market: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1092-i] [John McFall].
Wednesday 15th October 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Mental Health Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008.

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 Remand on Bail (Disapplication of Credit Period) Rules 2008.

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

3 Rape (Defences).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sexual Offences Act 2003 to prohibit the use of a defence of sleepwalking in proceedings relating to the offence of rape; and for connected purposes. And that Harry Cohen, Mrs Linda Riordan, Ms Dari Taylor, Siobhain McDonagh, Joan Ryan and Chris McCafferty do prepare and bring it in.

4 Rape (Defences) Bill.—Harry Cohen accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Sexual Offences Act 2003 to prohibit the use of a defence of sleepwalking in proceedings relating to the offence of rape; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th October and to be printed [Bill 153].

5 Supplementary Estimate, 2008–09.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the year ending with 31st March 2009, for expenditure by HM Treasury—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £1,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 1061, and

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £42,200,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to meet the costs as so set out—(Mr Stephen Timms);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [14th October]:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Yvette Cooper, Mr Stephen Timms, Angela Eagle and Ian Pearson do prepare and bring it in.

6 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 3) Bill.—Mr Stephen Timms accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2009 and to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of that year; and to appropriate the supply authorised by this Act for the service of that year: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed [Bill 148].

7 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 3) Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Order [14th October], That the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 3) Bill be read a second time;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

8 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of local government—(John Healey);

And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

9 Adjournment.

Subject: Allocation of research funding for universities (Mr Chris Mullin).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—( Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]

[No. 140.]

Wednesday 15th October 2008.

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2. Civil Contingencies.—Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

3. Constitutional Law.—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare and Other Fields) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

4. Housing.—Draft Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

5. Local Loans.—Draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ian Pearson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7. Legal Services Commission.—(1) Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2703); and (2) Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2704), dated 13th October 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


Other Papers:

10 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2007–08, on Harmful Content on the Internet and in Video Games [by Command] [Cm. 7477] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

11 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.),—Nineteenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1083] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

12 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty Third to the Twenty Ninth, the Thirty First to the Thirty Fifth, the Thirty Seventh to the Thirty Eighth, the Forty Second and the Fiftieth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7453] [Angela Eagle].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.),—Nineteenth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [Cm. 7464] [laid 3rd September].

14 Video Recordings,—Proposal by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport for the designation of Gerard Lemnos and Alison Hastings as authorities to determine the suitability of video works for classification [laid 7th October].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Banking Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Brooks Newmark, John Robertson, Ian Pearson and Dr John Pugh members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Banking Bill Committee.

2 Banking Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Jim Hood Chairmen of the Banking Bill Committee; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Colin Breed, Angela Eagle, Natasha Engel, Mr Robert Flello, Mr David Gauke, Mr Mark Hoban, Stewart Hosie, Mr Brooks Newmark, Ian Pearson, Dr John Pugh, John Robertson, Geraldine Smith, Mr Mark Todd, Sir Peter Viggers and Phil Wilson.

3 Value Added Tax (Finance) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2547):

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, John Bercow, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Gauke, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Brooks Newmark, Ian Pearson, Stephen Pound, Mark Pritchard, Mr Ken Purchase, Mrs Linda Riordan and Joan Walley.

4 Draft Mental Health Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Doug Henderson, Laura Moffatt and Greg Mulholland from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Des Browne, Rosie Cooper, Dr John Pugh and Emily Thornberry.


   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, John Austin, Mr John Baron, Colin Burgon, Lorely Burt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Adam Holloway, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Alan Meale, John Penrose, Martin Salter, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Gareth Thomas, John Thurso, Claire Ward and Sir George Young.

6 Draft Remand on Bail (Disapplication of Credit Period) Rules 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Meale, Jim Sheridan and Lynda Waltho from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Rules) and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Anthony Wright.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Ms Joan Walley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr David S. Borrow, Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, David Cairns, Mr David Chaytor, Ann Clwyd, David Davis (Haltemprice and Howden), Mr David Gauke, Mr John Greenway, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Brooks Newmark, Ian Pearson, Stephen Pound and Mr Don Touhig.

European Committees

The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman of European Committee A, nominated in respect of European Union Documents No. 9656/08 and Addendum 1 and 2 and No. 9923/08, relating to CAP “Health Check” and Community action on rising food prices.

The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Martlew Chairman of European Committee C, nominated in respect of European Union Documents No. 11327/08 and Addendum 1 and No. 11307/08 and Addenda 1, 2 and 3, relating to Cross-border Healthcare.

European Union Document No. 11238/08 and Addendum 1, relating to Relations between the EU and the Overseas Countries and Territories.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee, nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Evennett, Mr Mark Francois, Helen Goodman, Mr Greg Hands, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Gillian Merron, Mr Chris Mullin, Dan Norris, Sandra Osborne, Sir John Stanley, Jo Swinson and Dr Rudi Vis.

European Union Document No. 10824/08, relating to Facing the challenges of higher oil prices.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee, nominated in respect of the Documents: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Evennett, Helen Goodman, Charles Hendry, Peter Luff, Mr George Mudie, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Anthony Steen, Steve Webb, Phil Willis and Mr Anthony Wright.

European Union Documents No. 8163/08, No. 13829/07 and COM(2007)569, relating to “Debate Europe” and Communicating Europe in Partnership, have been referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Energy efficiency and fuel poverty: Fifth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 1099];

(2) Waste Strategy for England 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1100-i]; and

(3) Climate change: International climate policy post-2012: Memoranda laid before the Committee [Mr Michael Jack].

2 European Scrutiny.—(1) Thirty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxx];

(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xx]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

3 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2007:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 964-i]; and

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(2) Global Security: Japan and Korea: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mike Gapes].
4 Procedure.—Review of the Administration of Justice in the Courts: Memorandum laid before the Procedure Committee [Mr Greg Knight].

5 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Employment and Skills for the Defence Industry in Scotland: Responses by the Government and Scottish Executive to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2007–08. Fourth Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1098]; and

(2) Scotland and the European Union: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Mohammed Sarwar].

6 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xxvii] [David Kidney].

7 Transport.— (1) Ending the scandal of complacency: Road Safety beyond 2010: Eleventh Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 460];

(2) Department for Transport Annual Report 2007: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Fifth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1102];

(3) Freight Transport: Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Sixth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1103];

(4) Draft Marine Navigation Bill: Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Seventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1104];

(5) Delivering a Sustainable Railway: A 30-year Strategy for the Railways?: Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Eighth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1105];

(6) The Blue Badge Scheme: Government and Westminster City Council Responses to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Ninth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1106]; and

(7) School Travel: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 911-ii] [Mrs Louise Ellman]

8 Treasury.—Administration and expenditure of the Chancellor’s departments 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 1097-i] [John McFall].

[No. 140; WH, No. 92]

Wednesday 15th October 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
British business in China (Mr Bill Olner).
Rugby League (Derek Twigg).
Treatment for people with learning difficulties in the NHS (Mr Richard Benyon).
Electronic identification of sheep (Mark Williams).
Treatment of refractory angina (Mr George Howarth).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mark Tami)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 3) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 23rd October.

2 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th June, That the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 29th October at Four o’clock.

3 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 29th October at Four o’clock.

4 Canterbury City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 29th October at Four o’clock.

5 Leeds City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 29th October at Four o’clock.

6 Nottingham City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 29th October at Four o’clock.

7 Reading Borough Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 29th October at Four o’clock.

8 Dormant Bank and Building Societies Bill [Lords].—Dr William McCrea reported from the Dormant Bank and Building Societies Bill [Lords] 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 150].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Employment Bill [Lords].—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Employment Bill [Lords] 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 151].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

10 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
   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. 3) Bill, without Amendment.

12 Energy Providers (Topical Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of energy providers—(Mr Mike O’Brien).
13 Royal Assent.—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:
   Appropriation (No. 3) Act 2008

14 Energy Providers (Topical Debate).—The Question being again proposed, That this House has considered the matter of energy providers;
   And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed, pursuant to Temporary Standing Order (Topical Debates).

15 Access to Primary Care.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of access to primary care—(Mr Ben Bradshaw);
   And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

16 Adjournment.
   Subject: Healthcare in Bexley (Mr David Evennett).
   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Chris Mole.)
   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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Health Care and Associated Professions.—Draft Medical Profession (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 European Communities.—European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2564), dated 9th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

3 Landlord and Tenant.—Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (England) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2708), dated 13th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

4 Communications,—Fourth 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. 1037] [Mr Pat McFadden].

5 Justice (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled Anti-Social Behaviour Orders: An inspection of the operation and effectiveness of ASBOs [by Act] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Value Added Tax (Finance) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2547).—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Bercow from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Malcolm Moss.

2 Draft Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Gerald Kaufman from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbin.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—NHS Next Stage Review: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 937-iii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Liaison,—(1) Parliament and Government Finance: Recreating Financial Scrutiny: Government and National Audit Office Responses to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the Liaison Committee; to be printed [No. 1108];

(2) Planning Bill: Parliamentary Scrutiny of National Policy Statements: Fourth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1109]; and

(3) Modernisation of language in standing orders relating to select committees: Fifth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1110] [Mr Alan Williams].

3 Public Administration,—Good Government:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 983-ii]; and

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

[No. 141; WH, No. 93]

Thursday 16th October 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—[Maria Eagle]

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

[Adjourned at 5.09 p.m.

[No. 142.]

Friday 17th October 2008.
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 Planning and Energy Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Planning and Energy Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—[Mr Michael Fallon];

4 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, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Philip Hollobone: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Burrowes, Mr Christopher Chope: 36.

So the Question was negatived.
5 Planning and Energy Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment;
And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

6 Broadcasting (Television Licence Fee Abolition) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Broadcasting (Television Licence Fee Abolition) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Bill withdrawn.

7 Umbilical Cord Blood (Donation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Umbilical Cord Blood (Donation) 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 24th October.

8 Union Flag Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Union Flag Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th October.

9 Expenses of Public Servants (Publication) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expenses of Public Servants (Publication) Bill;

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

10 Land Use (Garden Protection) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Use (Garden Protection) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th October.

11 Iraq War Inquiry (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Iraq War Inquiry (No. 2) Bill;

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

12 Sovereignty of Parliament (European Communities) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sovereignty of Parliament (European Communities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th October.

13 Road Traffic (Congestion Reduction) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th June, That the Road Traffic (Congestion Reduction) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 24th October.

14 Leasehold Reform Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd February, That the Leasehold Reform Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 21st October.

15 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 Tuesday 21st October.

16 Fixed Term Parliaments Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 16th May, That the Fixed Term Parliaments Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 21st October.

17 Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Roadside Testing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th October.

18 Drugs (Reclassification) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drugs (Reclassification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th October.
19 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 31st October.

20 Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Rights Act 1998 (Meaning of Public Function) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 31st October.

21 Theft from Shops (Penalties) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Theft from Shops (Penalties) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th October.

22 Adjournment.

Subject: Regulations governing disconnection of gas supplies (Siobhain McDonagh).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 20th October.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Paper:

Opticians.—Report and Financial Statements of the General Optical Council for 2007-08 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Banking Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Natascha Engel from the Banking Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Ms Sally Keeble.

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—David Taylor reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the Value Added Tax (Finance) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2547).

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


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

3 European Committee A,—Mr Christopher Chope reported from European Committee A, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to CAP “Health Check” and Community action on rising food prices, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 9656/08 and Addenda 1 and 2—Draft Council Regulation establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the Common Agricultural Policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, and Draft Council Regulation on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending 320/2006, 1234/2007, 3/2008 and an unnumbered document relating to the Common Market Organisation for wine, and Draft Council Regulation 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), and Draft Council Decision amending Decision 2006/144/EC in the Community strategic guidelines for rural development (programming period 2007 to 2013) and European Union Document No. 9923/08, Commission Communication—Tackling the challenge of rising food prices—Directions for EU action; supports the Government’s negotiating aims that the “Health Check” should cut further the trade and market distorting nature of the CAP, reduce regulatory burdens, give farmers greater control over their business decisions, and direct more public spending towards delivery of targeted public benefits, and considers that the separately proposed measures to tackle rising food prices are adequate and proportionate to the scale of the problem.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

4 Political Parties and Elections Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Political Parties and Elections 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 Political Parties and Elections Bill, because it imposes arbitrary and partisan new local spending rules at the end of a Parliament, which are designed to give an unfair advantage to Labour hon. Members in marginal seats at the forthcoming general election, proposes the commencement of vague trigger rules at Royal Assent, before Electoral Commission guidance has been produced, in contravention of the Government Code of Practice on Guidance on Regulation, contains new powers of entry into people’s homes which risk undermining public confidence in giving to political parties, imposes disproportionate additional costs on local constituency associations and voluntary political parties, fails to tackle growing concern over electoral fraud, and lacks a comprehensive package of proposals to restore trust in politics, which would include the introduction of individual voter registration and an across-the-board cap on donations covering individuals, business and the trade unions’, instead thereof.—(Mr Francis Maude.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Philip Dunne: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Ms Dawn Butler: 290.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading).
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Ms Dawn Butler: 287.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Philip Dunne: 197.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Political Parties and Elections 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 Political Parties and Elections Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 13th November 2008.

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—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

6 Political Parties and Elections 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 Political Parties and Elections Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session—(Claire Ward);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 22nd October, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

7 Political Parties and Elections Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Political Parties and Elections Bill [Money];

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

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums to be charged on and paid out of the Fund under any other Act; and

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 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 three hours after their commencement; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply—(Claire Ward)

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 Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.
10 Mental Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Mental Health Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

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 Remand on Bail (Disapplication of Credit Period) Rules 2008, which were laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from people from the Mid Dorset and North Poole constituency relating to planning and development (Dorset) was presented and read.

13 Adjournment.

Subject: Floods in Northumberland (Sir Alan Beith).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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:

Draft Legislative Reform Order:

1 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Legislative Reform (Verification of Weighing and Measuring Equipment) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure [by Act] [Secretary John Denham].

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Banks and Banking,—Landsbanki Freezing (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2766), dated 20th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Plant Health,—Plant Health (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2765), dated 19th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

Other Papers:

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2007–08, on Tourism; and


[by Command] [Cm. 7487 and 7472] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Enterprise Act 2002 (Specification of Additional Section 58 Consideration) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2645).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Allen, John Austin and Mrs Anne McGuire from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Crausby, Jim Dobbin and Andrew Miller.

European Committees

2 European Union Documents No. 9656/08 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 9923/08, relating to CAP “Health Check” and Community action on rising food prices.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Benyon and Joan Ryan from European Committee A (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Hilary Armstrong and Alistair Burt.
APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—National Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 651-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office: Fifty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 601];

(2) Protecting consumers? Removing price controls: Fifty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 571];

(3) Reducing passenger rail delays by better management of incidents: Fifty-third Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 655];

(4) Compensating victims of violent crime: Fifty-fourth Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 251];

(5) BBC Procurement: The BBC Trust’s response to the 19th Report from the Committee of Public Accounts: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1118]; and

(6) Widening participation in higher education: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1119-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 144.]

Tuesday 21st October 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Banking Bill.—Mr Jim Hood reported from the Banking 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 be published.

2 European Committee C,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from European Committee C, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to Cross-border healthcare, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 11327/08 and Addendum, Commission Communication, a Community framework on the application of patients’ rights in cross-border healthcare, and No. 11307/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, draft Directive on the application of patients’ rights in cross-border healthcare, agrees with the Government on the desirability of EU legislation to clarify the operation of cross-border healthcare to provide certainty for patients; and supports the Government’s belief that the UK should continue to pro-actively engage in this area in order to achieve the maximum influence over the shape of the debate and final Directive.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

3 Driving Instructors Convicted of Sexual Offences (Suspension).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the immediate suspension from the Register of Approved Driving Instructors of driving instructors convicted of sexual offences; and for connected purposes: And that Willie Rennie, Mr Mark Lancaster, Ms Katy Clark, Nick Harvey, Mr Adam Holloway, Gordon Banks, Jo Swinson, Linda Gilroy, Mr Alan Reid, Danny Alexander, John Barrett and Mr David Hamilton do prepare and bring it in.

4 Driving Instructors Convicted of Sexual Offences (Suspension) Bill.—Willie Rennie accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the immediate suspension from the Register of Approved Driving Instructors of driving instructors convicted of sexual offences; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 27th October and to be printed [Bill 154].
5 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.

Controls on Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,
that this House notes that the Government’s immigration policy has resulted in a
quadrupling of net immigration since 1997; further notes that the European Commission
predicts that the UK population will reach 77 million by 2060; further notes that the
Select Committee on Communities and Local Government said in July that the pressure
on resources as a result of this level of immigration ‘increases the risk of community
tensions escalating’; further notes that the Chairman of the House of Lords Committee
on Economic Affairs said in April that ‘the argument put forward by the Government
that large-scale immigration brings significant economic benefits for the UK is
unconvincing’; and calls on the Government to introduce a limit on economic migration
from outside the EU, to ensure that immigration remains a real benefit to the country’s
economy and its public services and to reform the marriage visa system to encourage
better integration into British society—(Damian Green).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word
‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the actions of the
Government in undertaking the biggest shake-up of the immigration system in decades;
supports the introduction of the points based system for migration, which will ensure that
only those with skills the UK needs can come to work or study; endorses the proposals
set out in the Earned Citizenship Green Paper for newcomers to speak English, obey the
law and pay their way; looks forward to the issuing of the first identity cards for foreign
nationals next month, which will enable those who are here legally to prove it, helping
to reduce identity abuse and prevent those here illegally from benefiting from the
privileges of life in the UK; is committed to taking tough action against employers who
exploit illegal workers knowingly; supports the removal of record numbers of foreign
national prisoners; notes the Government’s doubling of the UK Border Agency’s
enforcement budget within three years from 2006; pays tribute to the work of the single
UK Border Agency; and welcomes the introduction of the electronic border system that
will check every visitor against immigration and security watchlists and count them in
and out of the UK’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Jacqui Smith).

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 164.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Helen Jones: 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 Dave Watts, Helen Jones: 281.
Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Dan Rogerson: 199.

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 actions of the Government in undertaking the
biggest shake-up of the immigration system in decades; supports the introduction of the
points based system for migration, which will ensure that only those with skills the UK
needs can come to work or study; endorses the proposals set out in the Earned
Citizenship Green Paper for newcomers to speak English, obey the law and pay their
way; looks forward to the issuing of the first identity cards for foreign nationals next
month, which will enable those who are here legally to prove it, helping to reduce identity
abuse and prevent those here illegally from benefiting from the privileges of life in the
UK; is committed to taking tough action against employers who exploit illegal workers
knowingly; supports the removal of record numbers of foreign national prisoners; notes
the Government’s doubling of the UK Border Agency’s enforcement budget within three
years from 2006; pays tribute to the work of the single UK Border Agency; and welcomes
the introduction of the electronic border system that will check every visitor against
immigration and security watchlists and count them in and out of the UK.

Economic Performance and Business.—A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House notes that, despite inheriting a strong economy and presiding
over 10 years of growth, the Government has raised pension funds, increased taxation,
reduced savings, encouraged debt, increased government borrowing and that 1.7 million
people are now unemployed; further notes that inflation is at a 16-year high, unemployment is rising at the fastest rate for 17 years and property sales are at a 30-year low; regrets the pain that is now being caused to business by the severe financial turmoil and the Government’s failure to prepare the British economy for any downturn; further notes with concern the Ernst & Young Item Club’s report that the UK economy has deteriorated dramatically in the past three months and is already in recession; further notes that the number of British businesses in distress has more than doubled since the start of the year; expresses concern that the limited availability of credit and the predatory behaviour by both banks and HM Revenue and Customs risks exacerbating the detrimental effects on business; calls on the Government to introduce an urgent package of measures to alleviate business pain, including allowing small and medium sized enterprises to defer their VAT bills for up to six months and cutting small business National Insurance contributions by 1p for at least six months; and endorses these measures as a first step towards alleviating business pain—(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 ‘notes that in the 1980s Britain experienced two recessions with unemployment reaching three million on both occasions, a thousand businesses a week were lost and that interest rates reached 15 per cent.; further notes that the roots and effects of the current financial crisis are global and unprecedented in recent decades; believes that at such a time it is essential that the Government acts to restore stability and confidence and therefore supports the action the Government has taken to inject liquidity into the banking system, to recapitalise the banks and to make funds available to resume the medium term lending essential to small businesses; further notes that the UK is better placed than in the past to get through the economic downturn with an economy that has produced three million more jobs over the past decade and enjoyed strong growth and low inflation; supports Government measures such as the Prime Minister’s announcement to reduce to 10 days the payment period from central government to small businesses and to bring forward funding for small businesses available through the European Investment Bank; and believes that the Government should reject public spending cuts at this time and continue working with the banks to ensure the availability and competitive pricing of lending to the small and medium sized business sector’, instead thereof.—(Mr Pat McFadden.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 214.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Steve McCabe: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Steve McCabe, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 343.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 158.

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 in the 1980s Britain experienced two recessions with unemployment reaching three million on both occasions, a thousand businesses a week were lost and that interest rates reached 15 per cent.; further notes that the roots and effects of the current financial crisis are global and unprecedented in recent decades; believes that at such a time it is essential that the Government acts to restore stability and confidence and therefore supports the action the Government has taken to inject liquidity into the banking system, to recapitalise the banks and to make funds available to resume the medium term lending essential to small businesses; further notes that the UK is better placed than in the past to get through the economic downturn with an economy that has produced three million more jobs over the past decade and enjoyed strong growth and low inflation; supports Government measures such as the Prime Minister’s announcement to reduce to 10 days the payment period from central government to small businesses and to bring forward funding for small businesses available through the European Investment Bank; and believes that the Government should reject public spending cuts at this time and continue working with the banks to ensure the availability and competitive pricing of lending to the small and medium sized business sector.

6 Social Security.—Ordered, That the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2424), dated 10th September 2008, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(Mr Frank Roy.)
7 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 (Finance) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2547), dated 29th September 2008, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th September, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy).—It was agreed to.

8 Competition.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Enterprise Act 2002 (Specification of Additional Section 58 Consideration) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2645), dated 6th October, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th October, be approved—(Mr Frank Roy).

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

9 CAP ‘Health Check’ and Community Action on Rising Food Prices.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 9656/08 and Addenda 1 and 2—Draft Council Regulation establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the Common Agricultural Policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, and Draft Council Regulation on modifications to the Common Agricultural Policy by amending 320/2006, 1234/2007, 3/2008 and an unnumbered document relating to the Common Market Organisation for wine, and Draft Council Regulation 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), and Draft Council Decision amending Decision 2006/144/EC in the Community strategic guidelines for rural development (programming period 2007 to 2013) and European Union Document No. 9923/08, Commission Communication—Tackling the challenge of rising food prices—Directions for EU action; supports the Government’s negotiating aims that the ‘Health Check’ should cut further the trade and market distorting nature of the CAP, reduce regulatory burdens, give farmers greater control over their business decisions, and direct more public spending towards delivery of targeted public benefits; and considers that the separately proposed measures to tackle rising food prices are adequate and proportionate to the scale of the problem—(Mr Frank Roy).—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from people living in the Mid Dorset and North Poole constituency relating to planning and development (Dorset) was presented and read.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Energy policy in Scotland (John Robertson).

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 Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Defence.—Draft Armed Forces (Alignment of Service Discipline Acts) (No. 2) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


Paper subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education.—Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2715), dated 12th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].
Other Papers:

4 Social Security,—Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Social Fund for 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7483] [Secretary James Purnell].

5 Treasury,—Departmental Minute relating to financial support in respect of Icelandic banks [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

European Committees

European Union Documents No.11327/08 and Addendum and No. 11307/08 and Addenda 1, 2 & 3, relating to Cross-border healthcare,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Bone and Laura Moffatt from European Committee C (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mrs Sharon Hodgson and Mr Robert Syms.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—The Departmental Annual Report and Accounts and Current Economic Situation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 1116-i] [Peter Luff].

2 Communities and Local Government,—(1) The Tenant Services Authority: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 1123-i]; and

(2) Balance of Power: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Channel 4 Annual Report 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1120-i]; and

(2) The Licensing Act 2003: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence,—(1) Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2008–09: Government response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Ninth Special Report from the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 1072];

(2) UK Operations in Iraq and the Gulf: Government response to the Fifteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Tenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1073].

(3) Recruiting and retaining Armed Forces personnel: Government response to the Fourteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Eleventh Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1074].

(4) Contribution of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to ISTAR capability: Government response to the Thirteenth Report, Session 2007–08: Twelfth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1087]; and

(5) UK national security and resilience:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 718-ii]; and

(ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr James Arbuthnot].

5 Environmental Audit,—(1) Reaching an international agreement on climate change: Government Response to the Environmental Audit Committee’s Sixth Report, Session 2007–08: Sixth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 1055]; and

(2) Reducing CO₂ and other emissions from shipping:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1117-i]; and

(ii) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) A Surveillance Society?: Information Commissioner’s Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Second Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1124]; and
7 Human Rights,—Policing and Protest: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [826-ii] [Mr Andrew Dismore].

8 Justice,—(1) Ministry of Justice Departmental Annual Report 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 1121-i]; and

(2) Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Office for Legal Complaints: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1122-i]
[Sir Alan Beith]

9 Standards and Privileges,—Additional Cost Allowance: Main Homes: Fifteenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1127] [Sir George Young].
1. Paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the following order: amendments to the clauses of the Bill; amendments to the Schedules to the Bill; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on consideration.

3. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 6 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 7 p.m. at this day's sitting—(Dawn Primarolo);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Helen Goodman, Mr Dave Watts: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Lee Scott: 157.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee and in the Public Bill Committee.

Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 26, after the word 'transmission', to insert the words 'via cytoplasm'.—(Dr John Pugh.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

6 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):

Political Parties and Elections Bill (Carry-over).—That if, at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Political Parties and Elections Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session.

Ayes: 285.

Noes: 216.

So the Question was agreed to.

Competition.—That the Enterprise Act 2002 (Specification of Additional Section 58 Consideration) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2645), dated 6th October, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th October, be approved.

Ayes: 424.

Noes: 64.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords].—Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ann Winterton, Mrs Nadine Dorries: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Steve McCabe: 299.

It being after Six o'clock, the Speaker proceeded to put the Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision, pursuant to Order [this day].

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

'(5A) Regulations made under subsection (5) may not provide for an egg or embryo whose nuclear genetic material has been altered by genetic modification, or whose nucleus has been replaced by the nucleus of a somatic cell, to be a permitted egg or a permitted embryo.

(5B) In this section, "genetic modification" includes the alteration of the nuclear genetic material of an egg or embryo by—

(a) recombinant nucleic acid techniques which change the DNA sequence of nuclear chromosomes of the egg or one or more cells of the embryo, or

(b) the introduction into the egg or into one or more cells of the embryo of a stably-maintained artificial chromosome, virus or plasmid.'—(Mr David Drew.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Brian Binley, Mr David Burrowes: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Steve McCabe: 298.

The Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

The Speaker then put the Question on another Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 47) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(f) an embryo created by combining pluripotent or totipotent human cells with animal embryonic cells in which the latter have been altered so as to contain double the number of chromosomes, or in which the animal cells have been otherwise altered to become largely or entirely extra-embryonic tissue.’—(Mr David Burrowes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Anne Main, David Taylor: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Steve McCabe, Claire Ward: 306.

The Speaker then put the Question on other Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 5 to 7, 75 to 77 and 8 to 20) made to the Bill.

The Speaker then put the Question on another Amendment selected for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) This section shall be subject to section (prohibition on placing human gametes into an animal).’—(Dr John Pugh.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dobbin, Mr Brian Binley: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Claire Ward, Steve McCabe: 308.

The Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 21 to 35, 78 and 79) 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 [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Frank Roy, Claire Ward: 355.

Tellers for the Noes, John Howell, Mr David Amess: 129.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

8 Cross-Border Healthcare.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 11327/08 and Addendum 1, Commission Communication, a Community framework on the application of patients’ rights in cross-border healthcare and No. 11307/08 and Addenda 1 to 3, draft Directive on the application of patients’ rights in cross-border healthcare, agrees with the Government on the desirability of EU legislation to clarify the operation of cross-border healthcare to provide certainty for patients; and supports the Government’s belief that the UK should continue to pro-actively engage in this area in order to achieve the maximum influence over the shape of the debate and final Directive—(Ms Diana R. Johnson):—It was agreed to.
9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of Bridgwater and others relating to care services (Somerset);
   (2) residents in the vicinity of Exmoor national park and others relating to planning
       and development (Exmoor);
   (3) Phil Faber and others relating to criminal convictions; and
   (4) the War Memorial Fund Raising Committee, members of the Royal British Legion
       and residents of Canvey Island relating to war memorials (Essex)
were presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: British nuclear test veterans (John Baron).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Frank Roy.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.44 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to A

1 Criminal Law.—Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (Amendment) Order 2008
   [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

2 Legal Services.—Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Functions of a Designated Regulator) Order
   2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack
   Straw].

Other Papers:

3 Communications,—Government Response to the First Report from the House of Lords
   Communications Committee, Session 2007–08, on the Ownership of the News [by
   Command] [Cm. 7486] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Report and Financial Statements of the Museum of London for
   2007–08 [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

5 Intergovernmental Organisations,—Government Response to the First Report from the
   House of Lords Select Committee on Intergovernmental Organisations, Session 2007–08
   on Diseases Know No Frontiers: How effective are Intergovernmental Organisations in
   controlling their spread? [by Command] [Cm. 7475] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

6 Justice,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Justice Committee, Session
   2007–08, on Towards Effective Sentencing [by Command] [Cm. 7476] [Secretary Jack
   Straw].

7 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 22nd October 2008 [by Act] [Mr
   Secretary Hutton].

8 Treaty Series (No. 12, 2008), —Protocol, done at London on 7th November 2007, between the
   Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
   Government of New Zealand to amend the Convention for the Avoidance of Double
   Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on
   capital Gains, signed at London on 4th August 1983, as Amended by the Protocol signed
   at London on 4th November 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 7488] [Secretary David
   Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Banking Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley as an additional Chairman of the
Banking Bill Committee.

2 Political Parties and Elections Bill.
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton, Mr Frank Cook and Mr Joe
       Benton Chairmen of the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Nick Ainger, Mr Brian Binley, Mr David Clelland, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, James Duddridge, Mr John Grogan, Stephen Hesford, David Howarth, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Martin Linton, Tony Lloyd, Ian Lucas, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Michael Wills and Pete Wishart.

3 Draft Police (Conduct) Regulations 2008, the draft Police Appeals Tribunals Rules 2008 and the draft Police (Performance) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and the draft Rules to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Michael Ancram, John Battle, Liz Blackman, Mr Crispin Blunt, Richard Burden, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mrs Ann Cryer, Natascha Engel, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Chris Huhne, Steve McCabe, Mr Michaelmates, Mr David Ruffley, Bob Russell and Phil Wilson.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Mike Weir Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Frank Dobson, Barry Gardiner, Mr Peter Hain, Mr John Heppell, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Douglas Hogg, Daniel Kawczynski, John Mason, Mr Brooks Newmark, Ian Pearson and Dr Howard Stoate.

5 Stamp Duty Land Tax (Variation of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2338)—The Committee of Selection has discharged Stephen Pound and Mr Don Touhig from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Margaret Moran and John Robertson.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Wilshire Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Vincent Cable, Ann Coffey, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Angela Eagle, Justine Greening, Dr Brian Iddon, Barbara Keeley, Mr Humfrey Malins, Alan Michael, Mr Brooks Newmark, Gwyn Prosser, Dr John Pugh, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr John Redwood, Helen Southworth and Ian Stewart.

7 Draft Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2009) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Robert Key Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Philip Dunne, John Healey, Mr Andrew Love, Anne Main, Julie Morgan, Dr Doug Naysmith, Robert Neill, Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Dan Rogerson, Joan Ryan, Jim Sheridan, Andrew Stunell, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Dave Watts.

8 Draft Judicial Appointments Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Blunkett, Tom Brake, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Philip Dunne, Maria Eagle, Paul Farrelly, Mr Mike Hall, Stephen Hesford, David Howarth, Mr Fraser Kemp, Ian Lucas, Mr Richard Shepherd, Hon Nicholas Soames and Sir Peter Soulsby.

9 The draft Social Security (Lone Parents and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Robert Key Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr James Clappison, Mr Parmjot Dhanda, James Duddridge, Michael Jabez Foster (Hastings and Rye), Mr Christopher Fraser, Helen Jones, Alan Keen, Mr David Kidney, Paul Rowen, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Graham Stuart, Ms Dari Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner, Kitty Ussher and Jenny Wilott.
European Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman of European Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Document No. 11238/08 and Addendum, relating to Relations between the EU and the Overseas Countries and Territories.

11 The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of European Committee C, nominated in respect of European Union Document No. 10824/08, relating to Facing the challenges of higher oil prices.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Draft Apprenticeships Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 1082-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) The potential of England’s rural economy: Eleventh 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. 544]; and
   (2) Correspondence with Defra: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [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. 16-xxxii];
   (2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xxi]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Michael Connarty].

4 Public Accounts,—Defence Information Infrastructure: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1133-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

5 Standards and Privileges,—Conduct of Mr Mark Hunter: Sixteenth 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. 1128] [Sir George Young].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xxvii] [David Maclean].

7 Transport,—(1) The Opening of Heathrow Terminal 5: Twelfth Report from the Transport Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 543]; and
   (2) School Travel: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 911-iii]
   [Mrs Louise Ellman].

8 Treasury,—(1) Banking Reform: Government and Financial Services Authority Responses to the Seventeenth Report from the Committee: Fourteenth Special Report from the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1131];
   (2) Inherited Estates: Financial Services Authority and Office of Fair Trading Responses to the Twelfth Report from the Committee: Fifteenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1132]; and
   (3) Administration and expenditure of the Chancellor’s departments 2007-08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed [No. 1097-ii]
   [John McFall].

9 Work and Pensions,—Department for Work and Pensions’ commissioning strategy and the employment programme market: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 1129-i] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Wednesday 22nd October 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
South East Plan (Anne Milton).
Support for victims of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism (Mr Nigel Dodds).
Banking services for small businesses during financial turbulence (Lorely Burt).
Sites for gypsies and travellers in Epping Forest (Mrs Eleanor Laing).
Recovery of tax credit overpayments (Michael Jabez Foster).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Ian Austin);
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. 146.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 30th October.

2 Work and Skills (Topical Debate),—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of work and skills.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

3 Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 5th, 8th, 14th to 29th, 31st to 35th, 37th, 38th, 42nd and 50th Reports and the 1st and 2nd Special Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2007–08, and of the Treasury Minutes on these Reports (Cm. 7366 and 7453).—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

4 Adjournment.

Subject: Flooding in Morpeth (Mr Denis Murphy).
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Chris Mole.)
And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday 27th October.

[Adjourned at 5.18 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Defence,—(1) Draft International Headquarters and Defence Organisations (Designation and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2008; and
(2) draft Visiting Forces and International Headquarters (Application of Law) (Amendment) Order 2008
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

2 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (2006 International Tropical Timber Agreement) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Alexander].

3 International Immunities and Privileges,—(1) Draft European Union Military Staff (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2008; and
(2) draft International Organization for Migration (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2008
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Stamp Duty.—Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Investment Exchanges and Clearing Houses) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2777), dated 22nd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ian Pearson].

Other Papers:

8 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 23rd October 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

9 Pensions.—Report and Accounts of the Personal Accounts Delivery Authority for 26th July 2007 to 31st March 2008, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 949] [Secretary James Purnell].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

Political Parties and Elections Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland from the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mrs Siân C. James.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-vii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Public Administration.—Good Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 983-iii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 146; WH, No. 96]

Thursday 23rd October 2008

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Chris Mole.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 28th October.

[Adjourned at 4.10 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Bercow reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Police (Conduct) Regulations 2008, the draft Police Appeals Tribunals Rules 2008 and the draft Police (Performance) Regulations 2008.

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

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the Landsbanki Freezing Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2668) and the Landsbanki Freezing (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2766).

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

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr David Wilshire reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the Landfill Tax (Material from Contaminated Land) (Phasing out of Exemption) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2669).

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

4 European Committee B.—Mr Greg Pope reported from European Committee B, nominated in respect of a European Union Document relating to Relations between the EU and the Overseas Countries and Territories, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 11238 and Addendum 1, the European Commission Communication: Green Paper: Future Relations between the EU and the Overseas Countries and Territories; recalls that such Communications are consultation documents and are not legally binding; welcomes the Commission’s Communication as the start of the process of the renegotiation of the Overseas Association Decision; and supports the Government’s response.

Resolution to lie upon the Table.

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

5 Local Transport Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Transport Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC9) (Power of authorities to provide services in exceptional circumstances)—(Paul Clark)—brought up, and read the first time and second time.

Amendment ((b)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 31, to leave out the words ‘three months’ and insert the words ‘one month’, instead thereof.—(Stephen Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Philip Dunne: 144.


Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC10) (Provision that may be made in an order under section 73)—(Paul Clark)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment ((b)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 12, at the end to insert the words—

‘(d) for those members to be appointed from among the elected members of the different political parties represented in the constituent councils, in such numbers as to be proportionate to the representation of political parties on those councils’.—(Stephen Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Alistair Burt, Mr John Baron: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Helen Goodman: 310.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC11) (Provision that may be made in an order under section 78: membership of ITA)—(Paul Clark)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on the remaining new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to Order [26th March].

Other Clauses (NC12) (Street works: reinstatement and remedial works), (NC13) (Advice by boards or their Commissioners), (NC14) (Consideration of proposed schemes by boards), (NC15) (Appeals against the making of schemes for areas in England), (NC16) (Exempt continuation proposals), (NC17) (Continuation of schemes for areas in England: procedure), (NC18) (Continuation of schemes for areas in Wales: procedure), (NC19) (Exemption from s.132 for specific variations directed by Transport Tribunal) and (NC23) (Financial penalty deposits: powers of vehicle examiners in Scotland)—(Paul Clark)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clauses be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Ms Dawn Butler: 316.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Alistair Burt: 136.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 104 to 112, 313 and 113 to 120) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 15, after the word ‘relates’, to insert the words ‘which are greater than those that would pertain under existing arrangements.’—(Stephen Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Alistair Burt: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Helen Goodman: 312.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on other Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 163, 121, 164 to 208, 122, 123, 209 to 263 and 124 to 152) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on another Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 68, line 29, at the end, to insert the words ‘but which arrangements must provide that members of the ITA who are not elected members of the ITA’s constituent councils may not vote unless this is unanimously agreed by the ITA’s elected members.’—(Mr John Leech.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Roger Williams: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Helen Goodman: 268.

The Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 153 to 158, 314, 264, 159 to 161, 265, 162 and 315) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make further provision in relation to local transport authorities, the provision and regulation of road transport services and the subsiding of passenger transport services; to amend sections 74, 75 and 79 of the Transport Act 1985; to make provision for or in relation to committees which represent the interests of users of public transport; to rename Passenger Transport Authorities as Integrated Transport Authorities and to make further provision in relation to them; to make further provision in relation to charging for the use of roads; to make provision about the meaning of “street works” and “street works licence” in Part 3 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991; to amend Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and section 90F of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988; to make provision in relation to the acquisition, disclosure and use of information relating to vehicles registered outside the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time,
And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [26th March].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Helen Goodman: 313.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Alistair Burt: 143.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

6 Political Parties and Elections 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 20th October 2008 (Political Parties and Elections Bill (Programme)) be varied by the substitution in paragraph 2 (time for conclusion of proceedings in Public Bill Committee) for the words ‘Thursday 13th November 2008’ of the words ‘Thursday 20th November 2008’—(Chris Mole)—It was agreed to.

7 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 29th October,

(a) notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business) opposition business may be proceeded with, for three hours or until Four o’clock, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of, and

(b) notwithstanding Standing Order No. 20 (Time for taking private business) the Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means shall be entered upon at the conclusion of opposition business (whether before, at or after Four o’clock), and may then be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours, after which the Speaker shall interrupt the business.—(Chris Mole.)

8 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 Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2338), dated 2nd September 2008, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd September, be approved—(Chris Mole)—It was agreed to.

9 Administration,—Ordered, That Mr Nicholas Brown be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Thomas McAvoy be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Street works by utility companies (Andrew Gwynne).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Chris Mole.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.39 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th October 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Miscellaneous Series (No. 9, 2008).—Optional Protocol, done at New York on 25th May 2000, to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 7490] [Secretary David Miliband].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th October 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 27th October 2008:

Other Papers:

4 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for 2007–08 [by Act] [Mr Pat McFadden].

5 Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.—Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Minute, dated 27th October, concerning a contingent liability in respect of an environmental indemnity to the Public-Private Partnership developing Harwell Science and Innovation Campus [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

6 Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Northern Ireland Court Service for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Health: Reducing Alcohol Harm: health services in England for alcohol misuse [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1049] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

8 Civil Contingencies.—Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 15th October].

9 Legislative and Regulatory Reform.—Draft Legislative Reform (Insolvency) (Individual Voluntary Arrangements) Order 2008, with an Explanatory Document recommending the affirmative resolution procedure and an Impact Assessment [laid 9th October].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Police (Conduct) Regulations 2008, the draft Police Appeals Tribunals Rules 2008 and the draft Police (Performance) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Rules) and nominated in substitution Andrew Gwynne.

2 Landsbanki Freezing Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2668) and the Landsbanki Freezing (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2766).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Charles Clarke and Frank Dobson from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Orders) and nominated in substitution Hilary Armstrong and Gwyn Prosser.

3 Landfill Tax (Material from Contaminated Land) (Phasing out of Exemption) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2669).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gwyn Prosser and Ian Stewart from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey and Mr Charles Clarke.

European Committees

4 European Union Document No. 10824/08, relating to Facing the challenges of higher oil prices.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Evennett, Helen Goodman, Charles Hendry, Peter Luff, Mr George Mudie, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Anthony Steen, Steven Webb, Phil Willis and Mr Anthony Wright from European Committee C (nominated in respect of the Document).

5 European Union Document No. 11238/08 and Addendum, relating to Relations between the EU and the Overseas Countries and Territories.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Francois, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Dan Norris and Sandra Osborne from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr David S. Borrow, Joan Ryan, Mr Keith Simpson and Mr Neil Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—Looked-after children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-ix] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2 Communities and Local Government.—Communities and Local Government’s Departmental Annual Report 2008:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 1089-ii]; and

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

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—English Pig Industry: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1088-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—The Draft Apprenticeships Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 1062-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Political Developments in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 483-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts.—Protecting the public: the work of the Parole Board: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1041-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 148.]
Tuesday 28th October 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Robert Key reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2009) Order 2008.

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

2 Gamma-Butyrolactone (Prohibition).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the classification of gamma-butyrolactone as a Class C drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971; and for connected purposes: And that Joan Ryan, Bob Spink, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Lee Scott, David Cairns, Mr John Leech, Mr Mike Hancock, Siobhain McDonagh, Liz Blackman and Julie Morgan do prepare and bring it in.

3 Gamma-Butyrolactone (Prohibition) Bill.—Joan Ryan accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the classification of gamma-butyrolactone as a Class C drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th November and to be printed [Bill 156].

4 Climate Change Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Climate Change Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC15) (Advice on emissions from international aviation and international shipping)—(Joan Ruddock)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC16) (Carbon emissions reduction targets)—(Joan Ruddock)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC17) (Regulations about reporting by companies)—(Joan Ruddock)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [9th June]:—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on new Clauses selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Clause (NC11) (Greenhouse gas emissions performance standard (electricity generating stations))—(Gregory Barker)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Ms Dawn Butler, Steve McCabe: 280.

Another Clause (NC14) (International aviation and shipping emissions)—(Steve Webb)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Ms Dawn Butler, Steve McCabe: 280.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on a new Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Another Clause (NC18) (Report on the Civil Estate)—(Joan Ruddock)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 1, 28 to 31, 72 and 32 to 47) proposed to the Bill—(Joan Ruddock.)

Question put, That the Amendments be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Dawn Butler, Steve McCabe: 476.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Sammy Wilson: 5.

The Speaker then put the Questions on a new Schedule and other Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

A Schedule (NS1) (Carbon Emissions Reduction Targets)—(Joan Ruddock)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 48 to 51) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to set a target for the year 2050 for the reduction of targeted greenhouse gas emissions; to provide for a system of carbon budgeting; to establish a Committee on Climate Change; to confer powers to establish trading schemes for the purpose of limiting greenhouse gas emissions or encouraging activities that reduce such emissions or remove greenhouse gas from the atmosphere; to make provision about adaptation to climate change; to confer powers to make schemes for providing financial incentives to produce less domestic waste and to recycle more of what is produced; to make provision about the collection of household waste; to confer powers to make provision about charging for single use carrier bags; to amend the provisions of the Energy Act 2004 about renewable transport fuel obligations; to make provision about carbon emissions reduction targets; to make other provision about climate change; and for connected purposes.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Dawn Butler, Steve McCabe: 463.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Philip Davies: 3.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

5 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, proceedings on the Motion in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to Standing Orders etc. (Energy and Climate Change) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.
6 Standing Orders etc. (Energy and Climate Change).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following Amendments 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) by inserting, in the appropriate place, the following item:

Energy and Climate Change Department of Energy and Climate Change 14

B LIAISON COMMITTEE

That the Resolution of the House of 13th July 2005 relating to Liaison Committee (Membership) be further amended in paragraph (2) by inserting, in the appropriate place, ‘Energy and Climate Change’.

C EUROPEAN COMMITTEES

That Standing Order No. 119 be amended by inserting in the Table in paragraph (6), in respect of European Committee A, in the appropriate place, ‘Energy and Climate Change’—(Chris Bryant);

An Amendment ((b)) was made.

The Question, as amended, was agreed to.

Resolved.—That the following Amendments be made in respect of Standing Orders with effect from 1st January 2009:

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) by inserting, in the appropriate place, the following item:

Energy and Climate Change Department of Energy and Climate Change 14

B LIAISON COMMITTEE

That the Resolution of the House of 13th July 2005 relating to Liaison Committee (Membership) be further amended in paragraph (2) by inserting, in the appropriate place, ‘Energy and Climate Change’.

C EUROPEAN COMMITTEES

That Standing Order No. 119 be amended by inserting in the Table in paragraph (6), in respect of European Committee A, in the appropriate place, ‘Energy and Climate Change’.

7 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Police Appeals Tribunals Rules 2008, which were laid before this House on 22nd July, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

8 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Police (Performance) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 22nd July, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

9 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Police (Conduct) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 7th October, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

10 Banks and Banking.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Landsbanki Freezing Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No 2668), dated 8th October 2008, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th October, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.

11 Banks and Banking.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the Landsbanki Freezing (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No 2766), dated 20th October 2008, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th October, be approved—(Claire Ward).—It was agreed to.
12 Landfill Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees). That the Landfill Tax (Material from Contaminated Land) (Phasing out of Exemption) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2669), dated 8th October 2008, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th October, be approved—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

13 Relations Between the EU and the Overseas Countries and Territories.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 11238 and Addendum, the European Commission Communication: Green Paper: Future Relations between the EU and the Overseas Countries and Territories; recalls that such Communications are consultation documents and are not legally binding; welcomes the Commission’s Communication as the start of the process of the renegotiation of the Overseas Association Decision; and supports the Government’s response—(Claire Ward)—It was agreed to.

14 Adjournment.

Subject: Schools Adjudicator and partially selective schools (Mr David Gauke).
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Claire Ward);

Wednesday 29th October 2008

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.06 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Cat and Dog Fur (Control of Import, Export and Placing on the Market) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2795), dated 26th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

2 Contracting Out,—Contracting Out (Administrative and Other Court Staff) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2791), dated 23rd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

3 Education,—Eccles College and Salford College (Dissolution) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2773), dated 21st October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

4 Immigration,—Immigration and Nationality (Cost Recovery Fees) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2790), dated 22nd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

5 National Health Service,—South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2784), dated 23rd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Allocation and management of risk in Ministry of Defence PFI projects [by Act], to be printed [No. 343] [Clerk of the House].

7 Pensions,—Report and Accounts of the Pension Protection Fund for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1086] [Secretary James Purnell].

8 Reserve Forces,—Amendment 32 to the Territorial Army Regulations [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Political Parties and Elections Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Djanogly, James Duddridge, Stephen Hesford, David Howarth, Martin Linton, Ian Lucas and Mr Michael Wills members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee.

2 Political Parties and Elections Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian Binley from the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 28th October; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) The Licensing Act 2003:
   (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1093-ii]; and
   (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

   (2) Commercial Activities of the BBC: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence and Foreign Affairs.—Iraq and Afghanistan: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence and Foreign Affairs Committees; to be printed [No. 1145-i] [Mike Gapes].

4 Environmental Audit.—(1) Greener Homes for the Future? An environmental analysis of the Government’s house-building plans: Twelfth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 566];
   (2) Halting biodiversity loss: Thirteenth Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 743];
   (3) Personal Carbon Trading: Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Seventh Special Report from the Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1125]; and
   (4) Reducing CO$_2$ and other emissions from shipping: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1117-ii]
   [Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs.—Managing Migration: Draft Immigration and Citizenship Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1130-i] [Keith Vaz].

6 Human Rights.—(1) Human rights issues relating to the Home Office: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [1142-i];
   (2) Human rights of older people in healthcare: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (3) Legislative Scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (4) Use of restraint in secure training centres: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].
7 International Development,—HIV/AIDS: DFID’s New strategy: 
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to 
be printed [No. 1068-i]; and 
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published 
[Malcolm Bruce].

8 Justice,—(1) Appointment of Chair of the Office for Legal Complaints: Seventh Report from 
the Justice Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 
relating to the Report [No. 1122]; and 
(2) Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be 
printed [No. 425-vii] 
[Sir Alan Beith].

9 Standards and Privileges,—Audit and Assurance of MPs’ Allowances (Cm.7460): Seventeenth 
Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with an Appendix; to be 
printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1138] 
[Sir George Young].

[No. 148; WH, No. 97]
Tuesday 28th October 2008.

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

Adjournment.

Subjects: 
State pension and benefits for elderly people (Richard Younger-Ross).
Inland waterways and their future restoration (Charlotte Atkins).
Bromley Hospitals NHS and Orpington Hospital (Mr John Horam).
Funding for restoration of the Newbridge Memorial Hall (Mr Don Touhig).
Ministry of Defence bilateral programme with Chinese People’s Liberation Army 
(Mr Ben Wallace).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Barbara Keeley.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.54 p.m.

[No. 149.]
Wednesday 29th October 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee, John Bercow reported from the Fifth Delegated 
Legislation Committee the draft Judicial Appointments Order 2008. 
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Food Labelling.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision 
for relevant information about food, including information about the country of origin, 
contents and standards of production of that food, to be made available to consumers 
by labelling, marking or in other ways; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Richard 
Bacon, Keith Hill, Mr Keith Simpson, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr David Heath, Mr Stephen 
O’Brien, Mr David Ruffley, Angus Robertson, Mr Roger Williams and Sir Nicholas 
Winterton do prepare and bring it in.

3 Food Labelling Bill.—Mr Richard Bacon accordingly presented a Bill to make further 
provision for relevant information about food, including information about the country 
of origin, contents and standards of production of that food, to be made available to 
consumers by labelling, marking or in other ways; and for connected purposes: And the 
same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th 
November and to be printed [Bill 157].
Opposition Day [11th allotted day: second part].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Olympic legacy—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House congratulates the British team on its superb results in Beijing, which should provide an excellent platform for its performance in London 2012; notes with concern however the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee Report of 23rd April 2008, which highlighted the inadequate preparations for an Olympic sporting legacy from London 2012; is disappointed with the Government’s legacy action plan which is largely a restatement of existing commitments; notes that the London Olympic Games will be the biggest sporting event in the history of the UK, and calls upon the Government to ensure that the UK lives up to the promise made in July 2005 in Singapore that the London 2012 Olympic Games will be used to leave a lasting sporting legacy—(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 ‘applauds the British Olympic and Paralympic teams for their superb performance in Beijing which should provide an excellent platform for their performance in London 2012; recognises that the increase in public funding for elite programmes has helped contribute to this success; notes that a decade of sustained investment at every level of sport—school, community and elite—has laid the strongest possible foundations for this Olympic period; welcomes the recent School Sport Survey which shows that 90 per cent. of children are doing two hours of sport a week; further welcomes the reform of Sport England that will build a world-class sport development system; and endorses the Government’s Legacy Action Plan, including measures that will make a reality of the promise made in Singapore in 2005 to make two million people more active by 2012’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Andy Burnham.)

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: 236.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Helen Jones: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Resolved, That this House applauds the British Olympic and Paralympic teams for their superb performance in Beijing which should provide an excellent platform for their performance in London 2012; recognises that the increase in public funding for elite programmes has helped contribute to this success; notes that a decade of sustained investment at every level of sport—school, community and elite—has laid the strongest possible foundations for this Olympic period; welcomes the recent School Sport Survey which shows that 90 per cent. of children are doing two hours of sport a week; further welcomes the reform of Sport England that will build a world-class sport development system; and endorses the Government’s Legacy Action Plan, including measures that will make a reality of the promise made in Singapore in 2005 to make two million people more active by 2012.

Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th June, That the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

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

Tony Lloyd 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, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ms Dawn Butler: 317.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Christopher Chope: 24.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Ms Dawn Butler: 307.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Peter Bone: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.
6  Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

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

Mr Tobias Ellwood rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined to put that Question.

Mr Tobias Ellwood rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined to put that Question.

John Battle 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, Mark Tami, Mr Dave Watts: 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bone: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dave Watts, Mark Tami: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Christopher Chope: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

7  Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Canterbury City Council Bill;

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

Mr Julian Brazier rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined to put that Question.

Mr Julian Brazier rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined to put that Question.

John Battle 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, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Dave Watts: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Peter Bone: 12.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Dave Watts: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Peter Bone: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

8  Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th November.

9  Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th November.

10 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th November.

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Rail links between Halifax and London (Mrs Linda Riordan).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Claire Ward.)

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. Civil Contingencies.—Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

2. Rehabilitation of Offenders.—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (England and Wales) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5. National Health Service.—Bradford District Care Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2786), dated 23rd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

Other Papers:

6. General and Specialist Medical Practice.—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board for 2004–05; and
   (2) Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board for 2005–06,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 1134 and 1135] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

7. National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on New Dimension—Enhancing the Fire and Rescue Services’ capacity to respond to terrorist and other large-scale incidents [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1050] [Clerk of the House].

8. National Health Service.—Review and Consolidated Accounts of NHS Foundation Trusts for 2007–08, by Monitor: Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1096] [Secretary Alan Johnson].

9. National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1101] [Secretary Jim Murphy].

10. Treaty Series (No. 13, 2008),—Agreement, done at Islamabad on 24th August 2007 between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the Transfer of Prisoners [by Command] [Cm. 7494] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1. Political Parties and Elections Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Siân C. James from the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee and nominated in substitution Mr David Kidney.

2. Draft Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Revocation) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Ann Winterton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Lorely Burt, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, John Hemming, Mrs Siân C. James, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Peter Lilley, Chris McCafferty, John McDonnell, Mr Pat McFadden, Alan Michael, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Graham Stuart and Claire Ward.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and draft Regulations to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and
the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: David Cairns, Paul Clark, Mr Geoffrey Cox, Mr Ian Davidson, David T. C. Davies (Monmouth), Mr Jun Devine, Stephen Hammond, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mark Hunter, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr John Leech, Alison Seabeck, Mark Tami, Mr Edward Timpson and Jeremy Wright.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Christopher Chope Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Liz Blackman, Annette Brooke, Ms Dawn Butler, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr David Laws, David Lepper, Sarah McCarthy-Fry, Mrs Maria Miller, Mr Elliot Morley, David Tredinnick, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Robert Walter and Mrs Betty Williams.

Draft Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Mr Jeremy Browne, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Philip Davies, James Duddridge, Natascha Engel, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Nick Hurd, Mr Brian Jenkins, Susan Kramer, Mr Austin Mitchell, Sandra Osborne, John Smith, Ian Stewart, Mark Tami and Mr Ian Taylor.

Draft Judicial Appointments Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Tom Brake from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution John Hemmings.

Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Hywel Williams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Graham Brady, Tom Brake, Mr Richard Caborn, Colin Challen, Mr David Clelland, Damian Green, Nigel Griffiths, Chris Huhne, Steve McCabe, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Lee Scott, Paddy Tipping, Phil Wilson and Mr Phil Woolas.

Draft Social Security (Lone Parents and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Michael Jabez Foster and Ms Dari Taylor from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Nick Ainger, Rob Harris and Anne Snelgrove.

Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards for Non-EASA Aircraft) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Dr William McCrea Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Brian H. Donohoe, James Duddridge, Paul Flynn, Patrick Hall, John Howell, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Helen Jones, Mr David Kidney, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Ian McCartney, Greg Mulholland, Paul Rowen, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Charles Walker, Mr Nigel Waterson and Ms Rosie Winterton.

Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2424):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Brian H. Donohoe, James Duddridge, Paul Flynn, Patrick Hall, John Howell, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Helen Jones, Mr David Kidney, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Ian McCartney, Greg Mulholland, Paul Rowen, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Charles Walker, Mr Nigel Waterson and Ms Rosie Winterton.

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2008:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Crispin Blunt, Tom Brake, James Brokenshire, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Stephen Crabb, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Michael Jabez Foster (Hastings and Rye), Dr Evan Harris, Keith Hill, Kelvin Hopkins, Steve McCabe, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Robert Syms and Phil Wilson.
European Committees

12 European Union Document No. 13195/08, relating to food distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community, has been referred to European Committee A.

13 European Union Document No. 10824/08, relating to Facing the challenges of higher oil prices.—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the European Committee C, nominated in respect of the document: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Evenett, Helen Goodman, Charles Hendry, Peter Luff, Mr George Mudie, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Anthony Sweeny, Steve Webb, Phil Willis and Mr Anthony Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—Looked-after Children: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 442-x] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Defra’s Departmental Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1158-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxxii];
   (2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xxii]; and
   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Proposed appointment of Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP as High Commissioner to Malawi: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee: First Special Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1157];
   (2) Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 964-iii]; and
   (3) Global Security: Non-Proliferation: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mike Gapes].

5 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—DIUS Departmental Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 999-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Public Accounts,—Department for Work and Pensions: Handling Complaints: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1155-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xxix] [David Maclean].

8 Transport,—Department for Transport Annual Report 2008:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 1148-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Mrs Louise Ellman].

9 Treasury,—Administration and expenditure of the Chancellor’s departments, 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1097-iii] [John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions,—Department for Work and Pensions’ commissioning strategy and the employment programme market: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee; to be printed [No. 1129-ii] [Mr Terry Rooney].
Adjournment.

Subjects:
- Compensation for UK victims of overseas terrorism (Mr Ian McCartney).
- Development policy and Sierra Leone (Laura Moffatt).
- Government strategy and objectives in Afghanistan (Mr Oliver Heald).
- Cancer service centre in Kendal (Tim Farron).
- Government support for social enterprise (Margaret Moran).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.38 p.m.

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PRAYERS.

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

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 6th November.

2 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Robert Key reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Social Security (Lone Parents and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008.

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 to the Amendments made by this House to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

4 Businesses and the Regions (Topical Debate).—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of businesses and the regions.—(Mr Pat McFadden.)

5 Defence Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of defence policy.—(Mr Secretary Hutton);

And it being Six o'clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

6 Adjournment.

Subject: Mole Valley constituency and the South East Plan (Sir Paul Beresford).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Chris Mole.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd November.

[Adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

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APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Gambling Act 2005 (Advertising of Foreign Gambling) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2829), dated 28th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

2 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2787), dated 23rd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].
Other Papers:

3 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Reports and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for—
   (1) 2002–03;
   (2) 2004–05;
   (3) 2005–06; and
   (4) 2006–07
[by Act][Mr Pat McFadden].

4 Government Resources and Accounts,—Review and Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 581][Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Patient Safety:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 1161-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1137]
[Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Home Affairs,—(1) Policing in the 21st Century: Seventh Report from the Home Affairs Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 364]; and
   (2) Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and “Honour”-Based Violence: Further Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Third Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1159]
[Keith Vaz].

3 International Development,—(1) DFID Annual Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 945-iii]; and
   (2) HIV/AIDS: DFID’s New Strategy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1068-ii]
[Malcolm Bruce].

4 Public Administration,—(1) Equitable Life: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 1143-i]; and
   (2) The Work of the Ombudsman: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1144-i]
[Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 150; WH, No. 99]

Thursday 30th October 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.


A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mark Tami);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 4th November.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
[No. 151.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—Ann Winterton reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Revocation) Order 2008.

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


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4 Dormant Bank and Building Societies Accounts Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dormant Bank and Building Societies Accounts Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC3) (Review and report to Parliament)—(Ian Pearson)—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 Dave Watts, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Evennett, Mr John Randall: 185.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Register of dormant accounts)—(Mr Jeremy Browne)—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, John Hemming: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dave Watts, Steve McCabe: 245.

Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 42, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr Mark Hoban.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Baron, Mr Philip Dunne: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Helen Goodman, Chris Mole: 236.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 17, after the word ‘State’, to insert the words ‘no later than 1st March in the preceding financial year’—(Simon Hughes.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 36, to leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert—

queen Part 1 shall come into force on 5 January 2009.
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

5 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Hull and others relating to public conveniences (Hull) was presented.

6 Adjournment.

Subject: A5—M1 link (Andrew Selous).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.49 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 31st October 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Immigration.—Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Objection to Civil Penalty) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2830), dated 29th October 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 3rd November 2008:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Cremation.—Cremation (England and Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2841), dated 22nd October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].


6 Housing.—(1) Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2831); and

(2) Transfer of Housing Corporation Functions (Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2839), dated 30th October 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Other Papers:

7 Children, Schools and Families.—Department for Children, Schools and Families Minute, dated 3rd November, concerning a contingent liability in respect of claims against Lord Sutherland’s inquiry into the delivery of National Curriculum tests in 2008 [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

8 Communities and Local Government.—Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, Session 2007-08, on Planning Matters: labour shortages and skills gaps [by Command] [Cm. 7495] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: The United Kingdom’s Future Nuclear Deterrent Capability [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1115] [Clerk of the House].

11 Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up),—Accounts of Northern Ireland Land Purchase for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1162] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Revocation) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Pat McFadden from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Gareth Thomas.

2 Draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility (London Underground Victoria Line 09TS Vehicles) Exemption Order 2008 and the draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility Exemption Orders (Parliamentary Procedures) Regulations 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Davidson and Mr Jim Devine from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order and the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey and Mr Kahlid Mahmood.

3 Draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Prescribed Criteria) (Foreign Offences) Order 2008 and the draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Transitory Provisions) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Godsiff from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr Virendra Sharma.

4 Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2424),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian H. Donohoe, James Duddridge, Paul Flynn, Patrick Hall, John Howell, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Helen Jones, Mr David Kidney, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Ian McCartney, Greg Mulholland, Paul Rowen, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Charles Walker, Mr Nigel Waterson and Ms Rosie Winterton from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—National Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 651-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—Balance of Power: Memorandum laid before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—(1) Nuclear Engineering: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 640-iii]; and

(2) Plastic Electronics Engineering: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 599-iii]

[Mr Phil Willis].

4 Public Accounts,—Programmes to reduce household energy consumption: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1169-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Treasury,—Banking Crisis: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1167-i] [John McFall].
[No. 152.]

Tuesday 4th November 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Political Parties and Elections Bill,—Frank Cook reported from the Political Parties and Elections 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.

2 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Hywel Williams reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 European Committee C,—David Taylor reported from European Committee C, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to Facing the challenge of higher oil prices, the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10824/08, Commission Communication on Facing the challenge of higher oil prices, and welcomes the Government’s support for appropriate action at the European level, where this would be effective in furthering energy efficiency, security of supply and the development of a liberalised energy market within the Union, and the Government’s own response to higher oil prices, in particular the Global Energy Initiative.
   Resolution to lie upon the Table.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Food Labelling (Nutrition and Health),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require simple, uniform nutritional labelling on the front of packaged foods; and for connected purposes: And that Helen Southworth, Mr Kevin Barron, Charlotte Atkins, Jim Dowd, Stephen Hesford, Christine Russell, David Taylor, Dr Howard Stoate, Mrs Janet Dean, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Paul Burstow and Mr David Amess do prepare and bring it in.

6 Food Labelling (Nutrition and Health) Bill,—Helen Southworth accordingly presented a Bill to require simple, uniform nutritional labelling on the front of packaged foods; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 158].

7 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 Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2009) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 7th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler):—It was agreed to.

8 Employment Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Employment Bill [Lords], as amended in the Public Bill Committee.
   A Clause (NC1) (Protection of those participating in lawful industrial action or a lawful strike)—(John McDonnell)—brought up and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (NC2) (Employer’s duties in relation to industrial action ballots)—(John McDonnell)—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 Andrew Dismore, David Taylor: 53.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Steve McCabe: 408.

Another Clause (NC4) (Time off for Workplace environmental representatives)—(John McDonnell)—brought up and read the first time.
   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time—It was negatived.
It being Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision, pursuant to Order [14th July].

Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 15, at the end to add the words—

‘(4) In section 177 (interpretation and other supplementary provision), after subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) For the purposes of section 174 an individual will only be considered to be a member of a political party if for the 12 months prior to the date of an individual’s application for membership of the trade union or at any point thereafter that individual is registered with the political party as a member.”’—(Mr Jonathan Djanogly.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Bob Blizzard, Ian Lucas: 322.

The Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

9 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from the members of the Cheshire Federation of the Women’s Institute relating to violence against women was presented and read.

10 Adjournment.

Subject: Security at Gatwick Airport (Ms Gisela Stuart).

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Helen Goodman);

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Chris Mole.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.11 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; to be printed [No. 1113] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].


Other Papers:

4 Housing,—(1) Impact Assessment to the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2831) [laid 3rd November]; and

(2) Impact Assessment to the Transfer of Housing Corporation Functions (Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2839) [laid 3rd November] [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

5 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Programmes to reduce household energy consumption [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1164] [Clerk of the House].

6 Transport,—Department for Transport Minute, dated 4th November, concerning non-statutory contingent liabilities in respect of Crossrail agreements [by Command] [Secretary Geoff Hoon].

Papers withdrawn:

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Programmes to reduce household energy consumption; to be printed [No. 787] [Clerk of the House] [laid 30th June].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Austin Mitchell and Ian Stewart from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Chris Ruane and Mr Don Touhig.

2 Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Caborn, Colin Challen, Mrs Anne McGuire, Paddy Tipping and Mr Phil Woolas from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mark Fisher, Andrew Gwynne, Meg Hillier and Mr Khalid Mahmood.

European Committees

3 European Union Document No. 10824/08, relating to Facing the challenge of higher oil prices.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adrian Bailey from European Committee C (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Mr Denis Murphy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise.—Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 168-vi] [Peter Luff].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Commercial Activities of the BBC: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1166-i] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 1168-i] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

4 Home Affairs.—(1) Police and the Media: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1139-i].

   (2) The rights of Gurkhas to settle in the UK: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1140-i]; and

   (3) The Draft Immigration and Citizenship Bill: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Keith Vaz].

5 Welsh Affairs.—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-xiii] [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 152; WH, No. 100]

Tuesday 4th November 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Government policy on international banking regulations (Mr James Plaskitt).
Funding of fire and rescue services in the South West region (Mr Mark Harper).
UK skills agenda (Eric Joyce).
Standards Board investigation into members of the Isle of Wight Council (Mr Andrew Turner).
Building schools for the future in Stoke-on-Trent South (Mr Robert Flello).

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

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 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Dr William McCrea reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards for Non-EASA Aircraft) Order 2008. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Sale of Registration Marks (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove restrictions on the format of vehicle registration marks; and for connected purposes: And that James Duddridge, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Sir George Young, Peter Bottomley, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Andrew Smith, Richard Ottaway, Mr Alistair Carmichael and Sir Malcolm Rifkind do prepare and bring it in.

3 Sale of Registration Marks (Amendment) Bill.—James Duddridge accordingly presented a Bill to remove restrictions on the format of vehicle registration marks; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 159].

4 Work and Welfare.—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of work and welfare.—(Kitty Ussher.)

5 Adjournment.

Subject: Confidentiality of hon. Members’ constituency correspondence (Mr Simon Burns).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Dawn Butler.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds.—Draft OGCbuying.solutions Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

2 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Family Proceedings.—Family Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2856), dated 4th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

4 Magistrates’ Courts.—Magistrates’ Courts Fees (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2855), dated 4th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2844), dated 31st October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Geoff Hoon].

6 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—(1) Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2853); and

(2) Non-Contentious Probate Fees (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2854), dated 4th November 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].
7 Video Recordings,—Proposal by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport for the designation of Gerard Lemnos and Alison Hastings as authorities to determine the suitability of video works (or classification [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

Other Papers:

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: The Control and Facilitation of Imports [by Act]; to be printed [No. 942] [Clerk of the House].

9 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Thirty Sixth, the Fortieth, and the Forty Third to the Forty Fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2007–08 [by Command] [Cm. 7493] [Angela Eagle].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Functions of a Designated Regulator) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Sir John Butterfill Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Tom Brake, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Philip Dunne, Linda Gilroy, Mr Tom Harris, Stephen Hesford, David Heyes, Philip Hollobone, David Howarth, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Ian Lucas, Meg Munn, Bridget Prentice, Paddy Tipping and Mr Andrew Turner.

2 Draft International Criminal Court (Remand Time) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Robert Key Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, James Brokenshire, Colin Challen, David Davis (Halempire and Howden), Mr Jim Devine, Mr John Gummer, Andrew Gwynne, Patrick Hall, Meg Hillier, Paul Holmes, David Howarth, Mr Greg Knight, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Steve McCabe, Mr Ian McCartney and Mr Gordon Prentice.

3 Draft Medical Profession (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008:
   (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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Peter Bottomley, Ben Bradshaw, Des Browne, Mr Tom Clarke, Rosie Cooper, Frank Dobson, Mr James Gray, Mr John Greenway, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Michael Meacher, Greg Mulholland, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Dr John Pugh, Dr Gavin Strang and Jeremy Wright.

4 Draft Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Paul Beresford, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Philip Dunne, Clive Efford, Julia Goldsworthy, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr Michael Jack, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Alan Milburn, John Reid, Dan Rogerson, Grant Shapps, Graham Stringer, Mr Dave Watts, Malcolm Wicks and Mr Iain Wright.

5 Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (Amendment) Order 2008:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Burrowes, Mr Stephen Byers, Ann Clwyd, Jon Cruddas, Mr Philip Dunne, Lynne Featherstone, Mr Peter Hain, Mr David Hanson, Stephen Hesford, Ms Patricia Hewitt, David Howarth, Ian Lucas, Richard Ottaway, John Penrose, John Smith and Mr Graham Stuart.
6 Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards for Non-EASA Aircraft) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Bruce George and Mr Philip Hollobone from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Siân C. James, Andrew Miller and Mr John Whittingdale.

7 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare and Other Fields) Order 2008:

1. The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Greg Pope Chairman; and

2. the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr John Baron, Mr Wayne David, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Dai Havard, Mr John Horam, Dr Kim Howells, Mrs Siân C. James, Mr David Jones, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr James Plaskitt, Adam Price, Mark Pritchard, Ian Stewart, Mark Tami and Mark Williams.

8 Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2424):

1. The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman; and

2. the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, James Duddridge, Helen Jones, Mr David Kidney, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gordon Marsden, Paul Rowen, Mr Dennis Skinner, Ms Dari Taylor, Sir Peter Viggers, Mr Nigel Waterson, Jenny Willott, Ms Rosie Winterton and Sir George Young.

European Committees

9 European Union Documents No. 8163/08 and No. 13829/07 and COM(2007) 569, relating to ‘Debate Europe’ and ‘Communicating Europe in Partnership’:

1. The Speaker has appointed Robert Key Chairman of European Committee B nominated in respect of the Documents; and

2. the Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Evennett, Caroline Flint, Mr Mark Francois, Helen Goodman, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Chris Mullin, Dan Norris, Mr Ken Purchase and Jo Swinson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—Post Office Card Account: successor arrangements: Twelfth Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1052] [Peter Luff].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Non-Proliferation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1176-i] [Mike Gapes].

3 Health,—Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-viii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

4 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—DIUS Departmental Report 2008: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 999-iii] [Mr Phil Willis].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Cross border co-operation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Northern Ireland Affairs; to be printed [No. 1174-i] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

6 Public Accounts,—Department for International Development: Operations in insecure environments: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1177-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xxx] [David Maclean].

8 Transport,—Taxes and charges on road users: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 1175-i] [Mrs Louise Ellman].
Adjournment.

Subjects:

Awareness of internet fraud (Dr Richard Taylor).
Changes to immigration rules and the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (Hugh Robertson).
Widening participation in higher education (Jeff Ennis).
Government policy on graveyards and burial grounds (John Mann).
Provision of allotments by local authorities (Mr John Leech).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Steve McCabe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.

[No. 154.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th November.

2 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th November.

3 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th November.

4 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th November.

5 Political Parties and Elections Bill.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported certain Memoranda from the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be published.

6 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2008.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Energy Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Energy Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Energy Bill to be considered on Monday 10th November; and to be printed [Bill 160].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Energy Bill be printed [Bill 160-EN].

9 Political and humanitarian situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Topical Debate).—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the political and humanitarian situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo.—(Bill Rammell.)
10 Public engagement in fighting crime.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of public engagement in fighting crime—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

11 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of organised crime in Northern Ireland be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 18th November 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)).—(Ms Dawn Butler.)

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Icelandic banking collapse and Government policy on UK citizens with overseas accounts (Mary Creagh).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Ms Dawn Butler);

And the Motion having been made at Six o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday 10th November.

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies.—Draft Companies (Trading Disclosures) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Family Proceedings.—Family Proceedings (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2861), dated 3rd November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

4 Local Government.—Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2867), dated 5th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

5 Magistrates’ Courts.—(1) Family Proceedings Courts (Children Act 1989) (Amendment) Rules 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2858); and

dated 3rd November 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

6 Political Parties.—Political Donations and Regulated Transactions (Anonymous Electors) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2869), dated 4th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].
7 Road Traffic.—(1) Retention of Registration Marks (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2850), dated 4th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command]; and
(2) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2849), dated 3rd November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Geoff Hoon].

8 Social Security.—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2824), dated 29th October 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

9 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statutes, dated 29th April 2008, made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College in the University of Cambridge revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Other Papers:

10 Identity Cards.—Paper, entitled Identity Cards Scheme Cost Report: November 2008 [by Act] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

11 National Heritage.—Report and Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Armouries for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1107] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

12 National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of Scottish Screen National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1053] [Secretary Jim Murphy].

13 Treasury.—(1) Paper, entitled Special resolution regime: safeguards for partial property transfers [by Command] [Cm. 7497]; and
(2) Treasury Minute, dated 6th November, concerning a contingent liability in respect of financial support for depositors in Icelandic banks [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Michael Jabez Foster, Keith Hill and Kelvin Hopkins from the Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Flello, Tony Lloyd, Siobhain McDonagh and Mr Virendra Sharma.

European Committees

2 European Union Documents No. 12156/08 and Addendum, No. 12471/08 and Addendum, No. 12472/08 and Addendum and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 16th October, submitted by Her Majesty’s Treasury, relating to financial management have been referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Badgers and cattle TB: Government Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2007–08: Sixth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, with Minutes of Evidence taken on 5th November; to be printed, [No. 1178] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 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. 16-xxxiv];
(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee on 5th November; to be printed [No. 361-xxiii]; and
(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

3 Health.—Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-ix] [Mr Kevin Barron].

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: The Supply of Rented Housing, Eighth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee and the Government response thereto.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Helen Goodman);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 11th November.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee.—Sir John Butterfill reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Functions of a Designated Regulator) Order 2008.

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

2 Opposition Day [20th 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.

Economic crisis.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned at the increasing difficulties caused by the current economic crisis to many British citizens in maintaining their homes, paying their bills and providing for themselves and their families; believes that these problems originated not just in the global financial system but in unsustainable levels of personal borrowing and house prices which were overlooked by Government policy; is alarmed at the steep rise in mortgage arrears and repossession orders; regrets that, despite receiving £500 billion of taxpayers’ money, the banking industry has failed to respond adequately to the needs of its customers or modify sufficiently its behaviour in respect of mortgage interest rates, new lending to struggling small businesses and its bonus culture; notes that the Bank of England has implemented the 2 per cent. cut in interest rates which the Liberal Democrats called for and urges it to make further cuts if the economy deteriorates further; and calls on the Government to introduce an immediate substantial cut in income tax to benefit low income and standard rate taxpayers, paid for by wealthy individuals who profited disproportionately from the economic boom and who do not pay their fair share of tax—(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 Government’s actions mean that the economy is entering a period of global downturn with unemployment, inflation and interest rates all much lower than in previous slowdowns, and with debt reduced from 43 per cent. of gross domestic product in 1997 to below 36 per cent. last year; welcomes the extra investment in public services and public servants that this has enabled to compensate for historical underinvestment both in infrastructure and services in every region; supports the Government’s global leadership and action to tackle both the causes and effects of the financial and economic turmoil on an international level; welcomes the Government’s timely support to protect financial stability and consequently depositors, business and the wider economy; further notes that as a condition of this support the Government has demanded support in turn for homeowners and small and medium size businesses; further notes the action that has been taken in the court system and through mortgage interest support to enable people to stay in their homes, and the provision of £360 million to help small and medium size businesses under the Train to Gain initiative; and further notes that Government action to support families, individuals and businesses across the UK through the tougher times ahead includes extra tax credits, cutting income tax, freezing fuel duty, further winter fuel payments and increases in Child Benefit’, instead thereof.—(Angela Eagle);

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, John Hemming: 58.

Tellers for the Noes, Helen Goodman, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 303.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Helen Goodman, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 289.


So the Question was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House notes that the Government’s actions mean that the economy is entering a period of global downturn with unemployment, inflation and interest rates all much lower than in previous slowdowns, and with debt reduced from 43 per cent. of gross domestic product in 1997 to below 36 per cent. last year; welcomes the extra investment in public services and public servants that this has enabled to compensate for historical underinvestment both in infrastructure and services in every region; supports the Government’s global leadership and action to tackle both the causes and effects of the financial and economic turmoil on an international level; welcomes the Government’s timely support to protect financial stability and consequently depositors, businesses and the wider economy; further notes that as a condition of this support the Government has demanded support in turn for homeowners and small and medium size businesses; further notes the action that has been taken in the court system and through mortgage interest support to enable people to stay in their homes, and the provision of £360 million to help small and medium size businesses under the Train to Gain initiative; and further notes that Government action to support families, individuals and businesses across the UK through the tougher times ahead includes extra tax credits, cutting income tax, freezing fuel duty, further winter fuel payments and increases in Child Benefit.

Renewal of the Post Office Card Account.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the fact that the Department for Work and Pensions has written to Post Office card account holders informing them that the Post Office card account contract ends in 2010; further notes that Post Office card account holders, many of whom have made a conscious decision to support the Post Office by retaining their card account, are being instructed to take out bank accounts in order to receive benefits beyond 2010; expresses its dismay at the fact that the letter does not mention the fact that a replacement for the current card account is currently out to tender, or make any mention of other Post Office products or services; believes that this is a deliberate attempt to encourage people to switch payment to direct debit and remove the role of the Post Office; further notes the additional damage inflicted on the Post Office by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, which is currently sending out licence renewal reminders as part of a communications campaign which makes no mention of the Post Office; calls on Ministers in the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform to encourage Ministers in the Department for Work and Pensions to consider the impact on communities across the country if the Post Office card account is not renewed, and encourages all Government departments to make their services available through post offices in order to ensure that they have a viable future—(Jenny Willott);

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 importance of the services offered by the Post Office to local communities; further notes that the Government has worked with the Post Office to make available services such as its own banking and financial services and access to high street banks’ basic accounts; further notes that the Post Office is now the largest provider of foreign exchange in the UK and amongst the largest suppliers of travel insurance, car insurance and telephone services; further notes the potential for future ID management business for the Post Office for passports, driving licences and ID cards; welcomes the commitment of the Government to provide £1.7 billion of support up to 2011 to maintain a national post office network and access to Post Office products, in contrast to no subsidy before 1997; further notes the importance of the Post Office card account in helping people to access basic banking services; welcomes the decision to offer this type of product beyond 2010; further notes that this product is currently out to tender; and believes that people should be aware of the Post Office card account product alongside other methods of payment’, instead thereof.—(Secretary James Purnell.)

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, Paul Rowen, Richard Younger-Ross: 240.
Tellers for the Noes, Ian Lucas, Steve McCabe: 278.
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, Ian Lucas, Steve McCabe: 279.


So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes the importance of the services offered by the Post Office to local communities; further notes that the Government has worked with the Post Office to make available services such as its own banking and financial services and access to high street banks' basic accounts; further notes that the Post Office is now the largest provider of foreign exchange in the UK and amongst the largest suppliers of travel insurance, car insurance and telephone services; further notes the potential for future ID management business for the Post Office for passports, driving licences, and ID cards; welcomes the commitment of the Government to provide £1.7 billion of support up to 2011 to maintain a national post office network and access to Post Office products, in contrast to no subsidy before 1997; further notes the importance of the Post Office card account in helping people to access basic banking services; welcomes the decision to offer this type of product beyond 2010; further notes that this product is currently out to tender; and believes that people should be aware of the Post Office card account product alongside other methods of payment.

3 Official Statistics.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 21st July, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

4 Civil Aviation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards for Non-EASA Aircraft) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

5 Industrial Organisation and Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Revocation) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

6 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 (Lone Parents and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 6th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

7 Tribunals and Inquiries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Judicial Appointments Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—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 Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 6th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

9 Disabled Persons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility Exemption Orders (Parliamentary Procedures) Regulations 2008, which were laid before this House on 9th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

10 Disabled Persons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Rail Vehicle Accessibility Exemption (London Underground Victoria Line 09TS Vehicles) Exemption Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 9th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

11 Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler),
And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 12th November, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions).

12 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 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Prescribed Criteria (Foreign Offences) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

13 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 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Transitory Provisions) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

14 Regulatory Reform,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft legislative reform orders), That the draft Legislative Reform (Lloyd’s) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 17th July, be approved—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

15 Facing the Challenge of Higher Oil Prices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10824/08, Commission Communication on Facing the Challenge of Higher Oil Prices; and welcomes the Government’s support for appropriate action at the European level, where this would be effective in furthering energy efficiency, security of supply and the development of a liberalised energy market within the Union, and the Government’s own response to higher oil prices, in particular the Global Energy Initiative—(Ms Dawn Butler)—It was agreed to.

16 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Gregory Campbell and Sammy Wilson be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and David Simpson and Mrs Iris Robinson be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

17 Transport,—Ordered, That David Simpson be discharged from the Transport Committee and Sammy Wilson be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Islwyn, and others relating to health (asbestosis and mesothelioma);
(2) residents of Cumbria and others relating to universities (Cumbria); and
(3) Christopher Rankin, residents of New Park Road, Benfleet and others relating to traffic management (Essex)

were presented and read.

19 Adjournment.

Subject: Support for Gloucester City Football Club (Mr Parmjit Dhanda).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Dawn Butler.)

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 7th November 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Police,—(1) Police (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2865); and
(2) Police (Complaints and Misconduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2866),
dated 5th November 2008, with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [Secretary Jacqui
Smith].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th November 2008:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Consumer Protection,—REACH Enforcement Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2852),
dated 1st November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact
Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].


6 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2868), dated 5th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Alan Johnson].


Other Papers:

8 House of Commons Members’ Fund,—Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1180] [Clerk of the House].

9 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.),—Twentieth Report of the Independent Monitoring Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1112] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Political Parties and Elections Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson as an additional Chairman of the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee.

2 Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Functions of a Designated Regulator) Order 2008,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy and Paddy Tipping from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Graham Stringer and David Wright.

Grand Committees

3 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Quentin Davies from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Helen Goodman.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—National Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 651-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—(1) The Balance of Power: Central and Local Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Communities and Local Government Committee; to be printed [No. 813-iii], and
Tuesday 11th November 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Andrew Miller reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Legislative Reform (Verification of Weighing and Measuring Equipment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 20th October, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Banking Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported a Memorandum from the Banking Bill Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

3 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Robert Key reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft International Criminal Court (Remand Time) Order 2008.

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

4 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Eric Martlew reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Medical Profession (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008.

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

5 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008.

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 Education and Skills Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Torture (Damages) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a bill to make provision for actions for damages for torture; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Education and Skills Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Education and Skills Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 164].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Education and Skills Bill be printed [Bill 164-EN].

8 Remembrance Day Bank Holiday Bill,—Mr Frank Field presented a Bill to designate 11th November as an annual public holiday in 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 21st November and to be printed [Bill 162].
9 Police (Justice Commissioners).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the replacement of police authorities with elected justice commissioners; to make provision regarding the duties and powers of justice commissioners; and for connected purposes.—(Mr Douglas Carswell).

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 Douglas Carswell, Mr Frank Field, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Mark Field, Mr Philip Hollobone, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Peter Bone, Mr Charles Walker, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Stephen Crabb and Daniel Kawczynski do prepare and bring in the Bill.

10 Police (Justice Commissioners) Bill.—Mr Douglas Carswell accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the replacement of police authorities with elected justice commissioners; to make provision regarding the duties and powers of justice commissioners; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 161].

11 Adding Capacity to Heathrow.—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of adding capacity to Heathrow.—(Mr Geoffrey Hoon.)

12 Legal Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Functions of a Designated Regulator) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved—(Mr Ian Austin).—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Chorley and others relating to Post Office Card Account; and
(2) The London Global Table (an association of people concerned for Global Justice) and others of like disposition relating to finance (public projects)
were presented and read.

14 Adjournment.

Subject: Lockerbie rail services (David Mundell).

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 Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Charities.—Accounts of the National Army Museum for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1181] [Clerk of the House].

2 Communities and Local Government.—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, Session 2007–08, on Community Cohesion and Migration [by Command] [Cm. 7469] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

3 Development of Tourism.—Report of VisitEngland for 2007–08 [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

4 Environmental Pollution.—Twenty-seventh Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Novel Materials in the Environment: The case of nanotechnology [by Command] [Cm. 7468] [Secretary Jack Straw].

5 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 11 November 2008 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hutton].
APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft International Criminal Court (Remand Time) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Devine, Patrick Hall, Dr Stephen Ladyman and Mr Ian McCartney from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr John Heppell, Keith Hill, Phil Wilson and Mr Virendra Sharma.

2 Draft Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jeremy Corbyn and Mr Alan Milburn from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David S. Borrow and Rob Marris.

3 Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2424),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Peter Viggers from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution John Howell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration,—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 11th November; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business and Enterprise,—(1) Companies House: Thirteenth Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 456];

(2) Construction matters: Government Response to the Business and Enterprise Committee’s Ninth Report of Session 2007–08: Tenth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1187]; and

(3) Consumer Focus: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1082-i].

[Peter Luff]

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—The Licensing Act 2003:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1093-ii]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) Making Government Operations More Sustainable: A Progress Report: Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report of Session 2007–08: Eighth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 1126]; and

(2) Climate change and local, regional and devolved government: Government Response to the Committee’s Eighth Report of Session 2007–08: Ninth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1189].

[Mr Tim Yeo].

5 Home Affairs,—Managing Migration: Draft Immigration and Citizenship Bill: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1130-ii] [Keith Vaz].

6 Human Rights,—(1) Counter-terrorism policy and human rights: Memorandum laid before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be published;

(2) Pre-legislative scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

(3) UN Convention Against Torture: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 Justice,—Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 425-viii] [Sir Alan Beith].
8 Public Administration,—(1) From Citizen’s Charter to Public Service Guarantees: Entitlements to Public Services: Government Response to the Twelfth Report from the Committee: Twelfth Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 1147];

(2) Equitable Life:

(i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1143-i];

(ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and

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

[Dr Tony Wright].

9 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Draft Legislative Reform (Verification of Measuring and Weighing Equipment) Order 2008: Seventh Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1185]; and

(2) Getting Results: the Better Regulation Executive and the Impact of the Regulatory Reform Agenda: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2007–08: First Special Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1186]

[Andrew Miller].

10 Standards and Privileges,—Ms Dari Taylor: Eighteenth 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. 1188] [Sir George Young].

11 Treasury,—Banking Crisis:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1167-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee

[John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs,—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed[No. 401-xiv]; and

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

[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 156; WH, No. 103]

Tuesday 11th November 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:

Housing provision in Greater London (Jeremy Corbyn).

At Eleven o’clock the House sitting in Westminster Hall observed two minutes’ silence in remembrance of those who gave their lives for their country

Law relating to assisted dying (Dr Evan Harris).

Local government boundary review in Devon (Mr Adrian Sanders).

Government policy on bank lending (Mr George Mudie).

Funding of schools in Torridge and West Devon (Mr Geoffrey Cox).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Chris Mole.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Wednesday 12th November 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Bercow reported from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (Amendment) Order 2008.

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

2 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee.—Mr Greg Pope reported from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare and Other Fields) Order 2008.

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

3 New Member sworn.—Lindsay Roy Esquire, Member for Glenrothes, was sworn.

4 Interest Rates (Maximum Limit).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a maximum limit for interest rates to be prescribed; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Jim Devine, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, John Bercow, Keith Hill, Mr Brian Binley, Mark Durkan, Ms Katy Clark, Mr Tom Clarke, John Barrett, Mr David Anderson and Jon Cruddas do prepare and bring it in.

5 Interest Rates (Maximum Limit) Bill.—Mr Jim Devine accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a maximum limit for interest rates to be prescribed; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 163].

6 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, at this day’s sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on:

(1) the Motions in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to Regional Accountability, Regional Select Committees, Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees and Regional Grand Committees not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion;

(2) the Motions in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to European Scrutiny (Standing Orders) and Modernisation of the House of Commons (Changes to Standing Orders) not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion; and

(3) the Motion in the name of Ms Harriet Harman relating to the Speaker’s Conference not later than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion;

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—(Chris Bryant);

Mr Nicholas Brown 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 Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, Jeremy Wright: 223.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Regional Accountability.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House welcomes the Third Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons on Regional Accountability (House of Commons Paper No. 282); approves the proposals for regional select and grand committees for each of the English regions set out in the response from the Government in the White Paper, Regional Accountability (Cm. 7376); accordingly endorses the clear expectation that the regional select committees should meet significantly less frequently than departmental select committees; and considers that the combination of select committees providing opportunities for inquiries and reports into regional policy together with opportunities for debate involving all honourable Members from the relevant region will provide a major step forward in the scrutiny of regional policy—(Ms Harriet Harman).
An Amendment ((c)) was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from '282)’ to the word ‘opportunities’ in line 10 and insert the words ‘approves the proposals for regional grand committees for each English region set out in the response from the Government contained in the White Paper, Regional Accountability (Cm. 7376); and considers that’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa May.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

8 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):

Dangerous Drugs.—That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved.

Ayes: 430.
Noes: 54.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Regional Accountability,—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, James Duddridge: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Helen Goodman, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 250.

So the Question was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

Another Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 6, after ‘(Cm. 7376)’, to insert the words ‘except that chairmen of regional select committees shall not be paid.’.—(Andrew Mackinlay.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kelvin Hopkins, Paul Flynn: 239.
Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Helen Goodman: 237.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Helen Goodman, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Benyon, James Duddridge: 224.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Third Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons on Regional Accountability (House of Commons Paper No. 282); approves the proposals for regional select and grand committees for each of the English regions set out in the response from the Government in the White Paper, Regional Accountability (Cm. 7376), except that chairmen of regional select committees shall not be paid; accordingly endorses the clear expectation that the regional select committees should meet significantly less frequently than departmental select committees; and considers that the combination of select committees providing opportunities for inquiries and reports into regional policy and administration together with opportunities for debate involving all honourable Members from the relevant region will provide a major step forward in the scrutiny of regional policy.

10 Regional Select Committees,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following new Standing Order and Amendment to temporary Standing Orders be made, with effect from 1st January 2009 until the end of the current Parliament—
A. New Standing Order

Regional select committees

(1) Select committees shall be appointed to examine regional strategies and the work of regional bodies for each of the following English regions:
   (a) East Midlands
   (b) East of England
   (c) North East
   (d) North West
   (e) South East
   (f) South West
   (g) West Midlands
   (h) Yorkshire and the Humber.

(2) Each committee appointed under this order shall consist of not more than nine members; and, unless the House otherwise orders, all Members nominated to a committee shall continue to be members of that committee for the remainder of the Parliament.

(3) A committee appointed under this order shall have power—
   (a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn to any place within the United Kingdom, and to report from time to time;
   (b) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee’s order of reference;
   (c) to invite—
      (i) Members of the House who are not members of the committee but represent constituencies within the region in respect of which it is appointed, and
      (ii) specified elected councillors from the region in respect of which it is appointed to attend and participate in its proceedings at specified meetings (but not to move motions or amendments, vote or be counted in the quorum).

B. Amendment to Temporary Standing Order of 13th July 2005:

   Liaison Committee (Membership)

At end add—

(4) In addition to the members appointed under paragraphs (2) and (3) of this order, one Member who is for the time being the Chairman of a Regional Select Committee shall be a member of the Liaison Committee.

(5) The question on a motion in the names of the chairmen of all the Regional Select Committees to nominate a member of the Liaison Committee under paragraph (4) shall be put forthwith and may be decided after the moment of interruption—(Chris Bryant);

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Question, in line 17, after first ‘members’ to insert the words ‘who represent constituencies within the relevant region’.—(Simon Hughes.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Richard Younger-Ross, John Hemming: 90.

Tellers for the Noes, Helen Goodman, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 235.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment ((c)) was proposed to the Question, in line 19, at end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) In nominating Members to the Committees under this order, the Committee of Selection shall have regard to the proportion of Members of each party representing constituencies in the relevant region;

(2B) Notwithstanding paragraph (2A), the Committee of Selection shall nominate at least one Member from each of the three largest parties to each Committee.’—(Simon Hughes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Paul Rowen, John Hemming: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Helen Goodman, Ms Diana R. Johnson: 231.

So the Question was negatived.

An Amendment ((d)) was made to the Main Question, in line 29, to leave out from 'appointed' to the end of line 32—(Andrew Mackinlay).—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following new Standing Order and Amendment to temporary Standing Orders be made, with effect from 1st January 2009 until the end of the current Parliament—

A. New Standing Order

Regional select committees

(1) Select committees shall be appointed to examine regional strategies and the work of regional bodies for each of the following English regions:

(a) East Midlands
(b) East of England
(c) North East
(d) North West
(e) South East
(f) South West
(g) West Midlands
(h) Yorkshire and the Humber.

(2) Each committee appointed under this order shall consist of not more than nine members; and, unless the House otherwise orders, all Members nominated to a committee shall continue to be members of that committee for the remainder of the Parliament.

(3) A committee appointed under this order shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn to any place within the United Kingdom, and to report from time to time;

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

(c) to invite Members of the House who are not members of the committee but represent constituencies within the region in respect of which it is appointed to attend and participate in its proceedings at specified meetings (but not to move motions or amendments, vote or be counted in the quorum).

B. Amendment to Temporary Standing Order of 13th July 2005:

Liaison Committee (Membership)

At end add—

(4) In addition to the members appointed under paragraphs (2) and (3) of this order, one Member who is for the time being the Chairman of a Regional Select Committee shall be a member of the Liaison Committee.

(5) The question on a motion in the names of the chairmen of all the Regional Select Committees to nominate a member of the Liaison Committee under paragraph (4) shall be put forthwith and may be decided after the moment of interruption.

11 Regional Grand Committees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following new Standing Orders be made, with effect from 1st January 2009 until the end of the current Parliament—

A. Regional grand committees

(1) There shall be general committees, called Regional Grand Committees, for each of the following English regions:

(a) East Midlands
(b) East of England
(c) North East
(d) North West
(e) South East
(f) South West
(g) West Midlands
(h) Yorkshire and the Humber

which in each case shall consist of those Members who represent constituencies within the region and up to five other Members nominated by the Committee of Selection, which shall have power from time to time to discharge the Members so nominated by it and to appoint others in their place.

(2) A motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown providing for—
(a) a Regional Grand Committee to sit on a specified day at a specified place in the region to which it relates or at Westminster;
(b) the time and duration of such a sitting; and
(c) the business as provided in paragraph (4) to be conducted at it.

(3) The question on a motion under paragraph (2) shall be put forthwith and may be decided after the moment of interruption.

(4) The business of the committees may include—
(a) questions tabled in accordance with Standing Order (Regional Grand Committees (questions for oral answer));
(b) statements by a Minister of the Crown, in accordance with paragraph (5) below;
(c) general debates on specified matters.

(5) The chairman may permit a Minister of the Crown, whether or not a Member of the House, to make a statement and to answer questions thereon put by members of the committee; but no question shall be taken after the expiry of a period of 45 minutes from the commencement of such a statement.

(6) If the House has resolved that the business at a sitting of a committee shall be concluded at a certain hour and it has not otherwise been concluded before that time the chairman shall, at that time, adjourn the committee without question put and any business then under consideration shall lapse.

B. Regional Grand Committees (questions for oral answer)

(1) Notices of questions for oral answer in a Regional Grand Committee by the relevant regional minister, on a day specified in an order made under paragraph (2) of Standing Order (Regional grand committees), may be given by members of the committee in the Table Office.

(2) Notices of questions given under this order shall bear an indication that they are for oral answer in a specific Regional Grand Committee.

(3) No more than one notice of a question may be given under this order by any member of the committee for each day specified for the taking of questions.

(4) On any day so specified, questions shall be taken at the time provided for in an order under paragraph (2) of Standing Order (Regional Grand Committees); no question shall be taken later than three quarters of an hour after the commencement of the proceedings thereon, and replies to questions not reached shall be printed with the official report of the committee’s debates for that day.

(5) Notices of questions under this order may be given ten sitting days before that on which an answer is desired save where otherwise provided by a memorandum under paragraph (8) of Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments), provided that when it is proposed that the House shall adjourn for a period of fewer than four days, any day during that period (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) shall be counted as a sitting day for the purposes of the calculation made under this paragraph—(Mrs Harriet Harman).

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Main Question, in line 2, after the word ‘made’, to insert ‘and Standing Order No. 117 (Regional Affairs Committee) be suspended’.—(Sir George Young.)

Another Amendment ((c)) was proposed to the Question, in line 16, to leave out from the word ‘region’ to the end of line 18.—(Simon Hughes.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, John Hemming, Paul Rowen: 107.
Tellers for the Noes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Helen Goodman: 219.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put:—It was agreed to.
Ordered, That the following new Standing Orders be made and Standing Order No. 117 (Regional Affairs Committee) be suspended, with effect from 1st January 2009 until the end of the current Parliament—

A. Regional grand committees

(1) There shall be general committees, called Regional Grand Committees, for each of the following English regions:
   (a) East Midlands
   (b) East of England
   (c) North East
   (d) North West
   (e) South East
   (f) South West
   (g) West Midlands
   (h) Yorkshire and the Humber

which in each case shall consist of those Members who represent constituencies within the region and up to five other Members nominated by the Committee of Selection, which shall have power from time to time to discharge the Members so nominated by it and to appoint others in their place.

(2) A motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown providing for—
   (a) a Regional Grand Committee to sit on a specified day at a specified place in the region to which it relates or at Westminster;
   (b) the time and duration of such a sitting; and
   (c) the business as provided in paragraph (4) to be conducted at it.

(3) The question on a motion under paragraph (2) shall be put forthwith and may be decided after the moment of interruption.

(4) The business of the committees may include—
   (a) questions tabled in accordance with Standing Order (Regional Grand Committees (questions for oral answer));
   (b) statements by a Minister of the Crown, in accordance with paragraph (5) below;
   (c) general debates on specified matters.

(5) The chairman may permit a Minister of the Crown, whether or not a Member of the House, to make a statement and to answer questions thereon put by members of the committee; but no question shall be taken after the expiry of a period of 45 minutes from the commencement of such a statement.

(6) If the House has resolved that the business at a sitting of a committee shall be concluded at a certain hour and it has not otherwise been concluded before that time the chairman shall, at that time, adjourn the committee without question put and any business then under consideration shall lapse.

B. Regional Grand Committees (questions for oral answer)

(1) Notices of questions for oral answer in a Regional Grand Committee by the relevant regional minister, on a day specified in an order made under paragraph (2) of Standing Order (Regional grand committees), may be given by members of the committee in the Table Office.

(2) Notices of questions given under this order shall bear an indication that they are for oral answer in a specific Regional Grand Committee.

(3) No more than one notice of a question may be given under this order by any member of the committee for each day specified for the taking of questions.

(4) On any day so specified, questions shall be taken at the time provided for in an order under paragraph (2) of Standing Order (Regional Grand Committees); no question shall be taken later than three quarters of an hour after the commencement of the proceedings thereon; and replies to questions not reached shall be printed with the official report of the committee’s debates for that day.

(5) Notices of questions under this order may be given ten sitting days before that on which an answer is desired save where otherwise provided by a memorandum under paragraph (8) of Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments), provided that when it is proposed that the House shall adjourn for a period of fewer than four days, any day during that period (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) shall be counted as a sitting day for the purposes of the calculation made under this paragraph.
12 European Scrutiny (Standing Orders).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Amendments to Standing Order No. 119 and the Amendments to nomenclature in the Standing Orders agreed to by this House on 7th February 2008, shall have permanent effect from 1st January 2009.—(Chris Bryant).

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 4, at end to add the words ‘and that paragraph 10 of Standing Order No. 143 be replaced by the following paragraph:

(10) Each such Committee shall determine at the beginning of each meeting whether any part of or all of its business that day shall be conducted in private;

and that the Standing Order, as amended, shall have permanent effect from 1st January 2009.’.—(Mrs Theresa May.)

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Jeremy Wright: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mark Tami, Chris Mole: 201.

So the Question was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments to Standing Order No. 119 and the Amendments to nomenclature in the Standing Orders agreed to by this House on 7th February 2008, shall have permanent effect from 1st January 2009.

13 Modernisation of the House of Commons (Changes to Standing Orders).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Amendments to the Standing Orders and new Orders, agreed to by this House on 25th October 2007, relating to the recommendations of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons in its First Report of Session 2006–07, Revitalising the Chamber: the role of the back bench Member (House of Commons Paper No. 337 of Session 2006–07) and the Government response thereto (Cm. 7231) shall have permanent effect with the following Amendments—

(1) In Standing Order No. 24A (Topical debates)—

(d) in line 19, leave out ‘six’ and insert ‘ten’; and

e in line 24, leave out from ‘to’ to the end of line 26 and insert ‘a maximum of five interventions.’.

(2) In Standing Order No. 24B (Amendments to motions to consider specified matters)—

(a) in line 1, after ‘Speaker’, insert ‘or the Chairman’; and

(b) in line 2, after ‘House’, insert ‘or, as the case may be, the committee’—(Ms Harriet Harman);

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, to leave out lines 9 to 12.—(Mrs Theresa May.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, James Duddridge: 165.


So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put.—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Amendments to the Standing Orders and new Orders, agreed to by this House on 25th October 2007, relating to the recommendations of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons in its First Report of Session 2006–07, Revitalising the Chamber: the role of the back bench Member (House of Commons Paper No. 337 of Session 2006–07) and the Government response thereto (Cm. 7231) shall have permanent effect with the following Amendments—

In Standing Order No. 24B (Amendments to motions to consider specified matters)—

(a) in line 1, after ‘Speaker’, insert ‘or the Chairman’; and

(b) in line 2, after ‘House’, insert ‘or, as the case may be, the committee’.

14 Speaker’s Conference,—Ordered, That—
(1) There shall be a committee to be known as the Speaker’s Conference which shall consist of the Speaker, who shall be chairman, and up to 17 other Members appointed by the Speaker one of whom shall be vice-chairman;

(2) The Conference shall consider and make recommendations for rectifying the disparity between the representation of women, ethnic minorities and disabled people in the House of Commons and their representation in the UK population at large; and may agree to consider other associated matters;

(3) Notwithstanding any Standing Order of this House, the Conference shall conduct its proceedings in such manner, and have such of those powers which the House may delegate to select committees, as the Speaker shall determine;

(4) The Conference shall have power to report from time to time;

(5) The quorum of the Conference shall be five;

(6) This order shall have effect until the end of the current Parliament.—(Ms Harriet Harman.)

15 House of Commons Members’ Fund.—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 1957, in the year commencing 1st October 2008 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.)

16 International Criminal Court.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft International Criminal Court (Remand Time) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 6th October, be approved—(Ian Lucas)—It was agreed to.

17 Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Ian Lucas)—It was agreed to.

18 Healthcare 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 Medical Profession (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Ian Lucas)—It was agreed to.

19 Adjournment.

Subject: Licence fees levied by the Performing Right Society (Alison Seabeck).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ian Lucas.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.13 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons.—Draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Prescribed Criteria and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Family Provision.—Draft Family Provision (Intestate Succession) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

3 Legal Services Commission.—Criminal Defence Service (Funding) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2930), dated 11th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].
Other Papers:

4 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of Service Children’s Education for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 909] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

5 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Independent Police Complaints Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1035] [Clerk of the House].

6 South Atlantic Territories.—Falkland Islands Constitution Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2846), dated 5th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary David Miliband].

7 Treaty Series (No. 14, 2008).—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2008 [by Command] [Cm. 7496] [Secretary David Miliband].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

1 Draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 2008:
   
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Celia Barlow, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Douglas Carswell, Mr Jim Devine, Mr David Gauke, Mr David Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Anne Main, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Brooks Newmark, Ian Pearson, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Richard Shepherd and Paddy Tipping.

2 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (2006 International Tropical Timber Agreement) Order 2008:
   
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ian Austin, Mr Simon Burns, Mr William Cash, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mrs Sian C. James, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Ian McCartney, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Michael Moore, Margaret Moran, Martin Salter, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Gareth Thomas and Stephen Williams.

3 Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2008:
   
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mr Martin Caton Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Charles Clarke, Rosie Cooper, Mr David Crausby, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Norman Lamb, Mr Bob Laxton, Greg Mulholland, Mike Penning, Mr John Redwood, Mr Gary Streeter, Derek Twigg and Jeremy Wright.

4 Draft International Organization for Migration (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2008:
   
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee and has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Colin Burgon, Alistair Burt, Mr Edward Davey, Michael Jabez Foster (Hastings and Rye), Mr Neil Gerrard, Patrick Hall, Mr Greg Hands, Mr David Lidington, Mr Andrew Love, Gillian Merron, Mr Mark Oaten, Gwyn Prosser, Hon Nicholas Soames, Sir John Stanley, Mark Tami and Mr Neil Turner.

5 Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (Amendment) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Smith from the Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mrs Anne McGuire.

6 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare and Other Fields) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dai Havard from the Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Nia Griffith.
7 Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2424).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Bone, Mr Brian H. Donohoe and Mrs Anne McGuire from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mrs Linda Gilroy, Andrew Gwynne and Daniel Kawczynski.

Grand Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 18th November.

European Committees

9 European Union Documents No. 12149/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 13713/08 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14317/08, relating to Financial services have been referred to European Committee B.

10 European Union Document No. 16488/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Procurement in the fields of defence and security has been referred to European Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families.—Diversity of school provision: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 311-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 1168-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Waste Strategy for England 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1100-ii]; and

(2) Badgers and cattle TB: Memorandum laid before the Committee, to be published [Mr Michael Jack].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Thirty-ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxxv];

(2) Minutes of the Public Deliberations of the Committee; to be printed [No. 361-xxiv]; and

(3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Global Security: Japan and Korea: Tenth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, with Memoranda and an Annex; 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 March, 9th July and 15th October [No. 449] [Mike Gapes].

6 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills.—Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council: recent developments and introductory hearing: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 1170-ii] [Mr Phil Willis].

7 International Development.—The Annual Autumn Meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 1195] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Public Accounts.—Reducing Alcohol Harm: health services in England for alcohol misuse: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1197-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
9 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Thirty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 38-xxxi]; and
(2) Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 39-xxi]
[David Maclean].

10 Transport.—The enforcement activities of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA): Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 1196-i] [Mrs Louise Ellman].

[No. 157; WH, No. 104]

Wednesday 12th November 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.
Subjects:
Housing supply in the current economic situation (Mr Clive Betts).
Children of prisoners (Kerry McCarthy).
Proposals for a British Day (Andrew Rosindell).
Developments in financial markets (Mr Andrew Pelling).
Local government reform in Gloucestershire (Mr David Drew).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Barbara Keeley.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

[No. 158.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th November.

2 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th November.

3 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th November.

4 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th November.

5 Banking Bill.—Mr Jim Hood reported a Memorandum from the Banking Bill Committee.
Memorandum to lie upon the Table and to be published.

6 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee.—John Bercow reported from the Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2424).
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 Children and Young Persons Bill [Lords].

The Lords agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Employment Bill [Lords].

8 Combating obesity (Topical Debate).—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of combating obesity.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

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

Planning and Energy Act 2008
Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008
Children and Young Persons Act 2008

10 International aid transparency.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of international aid transparency—(Mr Secretary Alexander);

And it being Six o’clock, the Motion lapsed without Question put.

11 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Cuddington and Sandiway, and others relating to planning and development (Cheshire) was presented and read.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Thames Water’s proposals for a reservoir in Oxfordshire (Mr Edward Vaizey).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Dawn Butler.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 17th November.

[Adjourned at 6.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Capital Gains Tax.—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (France) Order 2008;

(2) draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Isle of Man) Order 2008; and

(3) draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taxes on Income and Capital) (Netherlands) Order 2008

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

2 Housing.—Draft Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Housing.—Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) (Disapplication) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2909), dated 10th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

4 Supreme Court.—High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2934), dated 11th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].
Other Papers:

5 Vietnam (No 1, 2008).—Treaty, done at Hanoi on 12th September 2008, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 7498] [Secretary David Miliband].

6 Work and Pensions.—Paper entitled, The Buncefield Investigation: the Government and Competent Authority’s response [by Command] [Cm. 7491] [Secretary James Purnell].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—(1) Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-x]; and

(2) Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2008: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1190]

[Mr Kevin Barron].

2 Home Affairs,—The work of the Home Office: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1191] [Keith Vaz].

3 Public Administration,—Equitable Life:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 1143-iii]; and

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

[Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 158; WH, No. 105]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Harmful content on the Internet and in video games, Tenth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee and the Government’s response thereto.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Barbara Follett.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 18th November.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Delegated Legislation Committee,—David Taylor reported from the First Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr David Amess reported from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (2006 International Tropical Timber Agreement) Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Third Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mr Martin Caton reported from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee the draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee,—Mrs Janet Dean reported from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee the draft International Organization for Migration (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2008.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 European Committee B,—Robert Key reported from European Standing Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to 'Debate Europe' and Communicating Europe in Partnership, the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of Commission Documents No. 13829/07 and Addenda 1 to 3 (Communicating Europe in Partnership) and No. 8163/08 (Debate Europe); recognises the importance of communicating effectively with European citizens and welcomes the measures taken to further improve the co-ordination of the European Union’s work on communicating with the public.
   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:

   London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

   That the promoters of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords on 22nd January 2008, should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the Bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament according to the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150A (Suspension of bills).

   London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill [Lords], to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

   That the promoters of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords on 22nd January 2008, should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the Bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament according to the provisions of House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150A (Suspension of bills).

   Transport for London (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 concurrence 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 in Session 2006–07 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 House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150A (Suspension of bills).
Broads Authority Bill.—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Broads Authority Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

That the promoters of the Broads Authority Bill, which was originally introduced in this House in Session 2006–07 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 House of Lords Private Business Standing Order 150A (Suspension of bills).

The Lords have agreed to the Counter-Terrorism Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Counter-Terrorism Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Counter-Terrorism Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 168].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Counter-Terrorism Bill be printed [Bill 168–EN].

8 Education and Skills Bill [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Education and Skills Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees in respect of inspections by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills of independent educational institutions.—(Jim Knight.)

9 Education and Skills Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83A (Programme motions), that the following provisions shall apply to the Education and Skills Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 14th January and 13th May 2008 (Education and Skills Bill (Programme) and Education and Skills 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 at the moment of interruption 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.

10 Education and Skills Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Education and Skills Bill. Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 170 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 23, 28, 32, 40, 81 and 151.

Lords Amendment No. 171.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jim Knight);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Helen Jones, Chris Mole: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Alistair Burt: 120.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 172 to 215 were agreed to.

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 Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (Amendment) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved.—(Ian Lucas)—It was agreed to.

12 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) (Social Welfare and Other Fields) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved.—(Ian Lucas)—It was agreed to.

13 Treasury.—Ordered, That Mr Philip Dunne be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr Stephen Crabb be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
14 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Wirral relating to further education (Wirral) was presented and read.

15 Adjournment.

Subject: Healthcare in Sutton (Mr Paul Burstow).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ian Lucas.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th November 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 17th November 2008:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Local Government,—Draft Local Government (Structural Changes) (Areas and Membership of Public Bodies in Bedfordshire and Cheshire) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

6 Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Consolidated Accounts of the Local Probation Boards for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 849] [Clerk of the House].

7 Enterprise,—Plan of the Office of Fair Trading for 2009–10 [by Act] [Mr Pat McFadden].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Department for Children, Schools and Families: Mathematics Performance in Primary Schools: Getting the Best Results; and

(2) HM Revenue and Customs: Management of Tax Debt [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1151 and 1152] [Clerk of the House].

9 Pastoral Measure,—Report and Accounts of the Churches Conservation Trust for 2007–08 [by Measure] [Secretary Andy Burnham].
APPENDIX II
General Committees

1 Draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Plaskitt and Paddy Tipping from the First Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David S. Borrow and Mr Brian Jenkins.

2 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (2006 International Tropical Timber Agreement) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Milburn and Margaret Moran from the Second Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Fellyo and David Wright.

3 Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Crausby from the Third Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Tom Harris.

4 Draft International Organization for Migration (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2008.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Jabez Foster from the Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Stephen Pound.

European Committees

5 European Union Documents No. 8163/08 and No. 13829/07 and COM(2007) 569 relating to ‘Debate Europe’ and Communicating Europe in Partnership.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Denis MacShane and Dan Norris from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr David Anderson and Sandra Osborne.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Children, Schools and Families,—National Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 651-vii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Communities and Local Government,—(1) Supplementary Business Rate: Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee: Third Special Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 1200];

   (2) The Balance of Power: Central and Local Government: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 813-iv];

   (3) Government Equalities Office Departmental Annual Report and Accounts 2007–08: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and

   (4) Housing and the Credit Crunch: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Dr Phyllis Starkey].

3 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—Geo-Engineering: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Geo-Engineering Sub-Committee of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 1202-i] [Mr Phil Willis].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) British Council: Achieving Impact: Fifty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 814];

   (2) Shared services in the Department for Transport and its agencies: Fifty-seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 684]; and

   (3) Renewing the physical infrastructure of English further education colleges: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1201-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

Examiners Of Petitions For Private Bills.—In pursuance of Standing Order 69 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills), the Speaker appointed Mr Liam Cledwyn Laurence Smyth to be an Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills in place of Mr Alan Sandall with immediate effect.
PRAYERS.

1 Banking Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Banking Bill Committee, That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Memoranda (reported on 21st October and 11th and 13th November) to be printed.

Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 170].

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

2 Political Parties and Elections Bill.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported certain Memoranda from the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

3 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of organised crime in Northern Ireland, referred to it on 6th November.

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

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

The Lords agree, without Amendment, to certain Amendments made by this House to the Climate Change Bill [Lords]; they agree to an Amendment made by this House with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they agree to an Amendment made by this House, with Amendments in lieu of the words so left out of the Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they disagree to certain other Amendments made by this House, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Planning Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Climate Change Bill.—Lords Amendments in lieu of, or to, certain Commons Amendments to the Climate Change Bill [Lords] printed pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) and 78 (Lords amendments) on 17th November [Bill 169].

6 Planning Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Planning Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 171].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Planning Bill be printed [Bill 171-EN].

7 Torture (Damages) Bill [Lords].—The Torture (Damages) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 172].

8 Energy Bill [Ways and Means] (No. 2).—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Energy Bill, it is expedient to authorise the levying of charges by virtue of the Act by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority in connection with payments relating to the renewable generation of heat.—(Mr Mike O’Brien.)

9 Energy 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 Energy Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 22nd January 2008 (Energy 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 four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Energy Bill [Ways and Means] (No. 2).

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any further question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Dave Watts)—It was agreed to.
10 Energy Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Energy Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 41 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 42.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 11, to leave out the word ‘may’ and insert the words ‘shall within 12 months of Royal Assent’, instead thereof.—(Alan Simpson.)

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

Another Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 14, to leave out the words ‘financial incentives’ and insert the word ‘payment’, instead thereof.—(Charles Hendry.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Helen Jones, Ms Dawn Butler: 288.

So the Question was negatived.

Amendment ((g)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

Another Amendment ((f)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 76, to leave out the words ‘with an electrical capacity of 50 kilowatts or less’.—(Charles Hendry.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Helen Jones, Ms Dawn Butler: 286.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of the Lords Amendment.

Lords Amendments Nos. 43 to 64 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of the Lords Amendments Nos. 43, 44, 55 to 57 and 63.

Lords Amendment No. 65.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the word ‘may’ and insert the words ‘shall within 12 months of Royal Assent’, instead thereof.—(Alan Simpson.)

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

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of the Lords Amendment.

Lords Amendments Nos. 66 to 105 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 86.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision relating to gas importation and storage; to make provision in relation to electricity generated from renewable sources; to make provision relating to electricity transmission; to make provision about payments to small-scale generators of low-carbon electricity; to make provision about the decommissioning of energy installations and wells; to make provision about the management and disposal of waste produced during the operation of nuclear installations; to make provision relating to petroleum licences; to make provision about third party access to oil and gas infrastructure and modifications of pipelines; to make provision about reports relating to energy matters; to make provision about the duties of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority; to make provision about payments in respect of the renewable generation of heat; to make provision relating to gas meters and electricity meters and provision relating to electricity safety; to make provision about the security of equipment, software and information relating to nuclear matters; and for connected purposes.

11 Climate Change 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 Climate Change Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 9th June 2008 (Climate Change Bill [Lords]) (Programme):
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 two hours 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. Proceedings on any further Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Dave Watts): It was agreed to.

12 Climate Change Bill [Lords].—The House, pursuant to Order [this day], proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of, or to, certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Climate Change Bill [Lords].

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 7 and agrees with Lords Amendments Nos. 7A and 7B in lieu thereof.—(Joan Ruddock.)

Resolved, That this House agrees with Lords Amendments Nos. 17A and 17B in lieu of the words left out of the Bill by its Amendment No. 17.—(Joan Ruddock.)

Resolved, That this House agrees with Lords Amendment No. 43A to its Amendment No. 43.—(Joan Ruddock.)

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 48 and agrees with Lords Amendment No. 48A in lieu thereof, the Commons being willing to waive its privileges in respect of the Lords Amendment.—(Joan Ruddock.)

13 Local Loans.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts): It was agreed to.

14 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft International Organization for Migration (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts): 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) (2006 International Tropical Timber Agreement) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts): It was agreed to.

16 Civil Contingencies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees), That the draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2008, which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved—(Mr Dave Watts): It was agreed to.

17 ‘Debate Europe’ and Communicating Europe in Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of Commission documents Nos. 13829/07 and Addenda 1 to 3 (Communicating Europe in Partnership) and 8163/08 (Debate Europe); recognises the importance of communicating effectively with European citizens; and welcomes the measures taken to further improve the co-ordination of the European Union’s work on communicating with the public—(Mr Dave Watts);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ms Diana R. Johnson, Mr Dave Watts: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright: 127.

So the Question was agreed to.

18 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from David Head, residents of Daws Heath, Hadleigh, Thundersley and others relating to planning and development (Essex) was presented and read.

19 Adjournment.

Subject: NHS services for secondary breast cancer patients (Mrs Linda Riordan).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Ms Diane R. Johnson.)

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. Companies,—Draft Companies (Disclosure of Address) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4. Pensions,—Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2942), dated 13th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hutton].


6. Taxes,—Taxes (Fees for Payment by Internet) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2991), dated 17th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

Other Paper:

7. Severn Bridges,—Report and Accounts of Severn River Crossing plc for 2007 [by Act] [Secretary Geoff Hoon].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1. Business and Enterprise,—(1) Departmental Annual Report and Scrutiny of the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform: Fourteenth Report from the Business and Enterprise Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1116]; and

(2) Pub Companies: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1183-i]

[Peter Luff].

2. Culture, Media and Sport,—Commercial Operations of the BBC: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1166-ii] [Mr John Whittingdale].

3. Defence,—Defence Equipment: (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 1198-i]; and

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

[Mr James Arbuthnot].

4. Environmental Audit,—Reducing CO2 and other emissions from shipping:

(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 1117-ii]; and

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

[Joan Walley].

5. Home Affairs,—Monitoring of UK Border Agency: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1192-i] [Keith Vaz].
6 Human Rights.—(1) UN Disability Rights Convention: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [1204-i].
   (2) Human Rights issues relating to the Home Office: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published;
   (3) Pre-legislative scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
   (4) Use of restraint in secure training centres: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Mr Andrew Dismore].

7 International Development.—DFID and China: Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee; to be printed [No. 596-iii] [Malcolm Bruce].

8 Justice.—Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 425-ix] [Sir Alan Beith].

9 Treasury.—Banking Crisis:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1167-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs.—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:
   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-xv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be published
   [Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 160; WH, No. 106]
Tuesday 18th November 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.

Subjects:
   Government policy on people with strokes (Mr Graham Allen).
   Regional broadcasting (Paul Rowen).
   Consular support to UK nationals and the case of April Nord (Mr Eric Illsley).
   Digital broadcasting and the use of relays in West Dorset (Mr Oliver Letwin).
   Mobility component of disability living allowance (Mr Martin Caton).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mark Tami.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.51 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [17th November] as relates to the London Local Authorities and Transport for London (No. 2) 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.


Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

3 Broads Authority Bill,—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [17th November] as relates to the Broads Authority Bill be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the promoters of the Broads Authority Bill, which was originally introduced in this House in Session 2006–07 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).—(Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

4 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 Local Transport Bill [Lords].

The Lords agree to one of the Amendments made by this House to the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords], with an Amendment in lieu of the words left out of the Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, they agree to another of the Commons Amendments with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: and they agree, without Amendment, to the remaining Amendments made by this House.

5 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments in lieu of, or to, certain Commons Amendments to the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 173].

6 Road Traffic (Accident Compensation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for no-fault compensation for personal injury in road traffic accidents where liability cannot be established: And that Dr Brian Iddon, Dr Desmond Turner, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr David Kidney, Mark Lazarowicz and Christopher Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

7 Road Traffic (Accident Compensation) Bill.—Dr Brian Iddon accordingly presented a Bill to provide for no-fault compensation for personal injury in road traffic accidents where liability cannot be established: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 167].

8 Counter-Terrorism 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 Counter-Terrorism Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 1st April 2008 (Counter-Terrorism Bill (Programme)): 
Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at this day’s sitting at the moment of interruption.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely Nos. 2, 106, 133, 3, 15, 82, 113, 127, 1, 4 to 14, 16 to 81, 83 to 105, 107 to 112, 114 to 126, and 128 to 132.

Subsequent stages

3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

4. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Helen Goodman)—It was agreed to.

9 Counter-Terrorism Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Counter-Terrorism Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, to leave out the words ‘governmental agencies’ and insert the words ‘such governmental agencies as he considers appropriate’, instead thereof.—(Damian Green.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Chris Mole: 329.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Richard Benyon: 209.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 106.

A Motion was made and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ian Lucas, Mr Dave Watts: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 220.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 133, 3 and 15 were disagreed to.

Ordered, That Clause 33 be transferred to the end of line 4 on page 64—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

Amendments ((a)) and ((b)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 15 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 82, 113, 127, 1 and 4 to 14 agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 82, 113 and 127.

Lords Amendment No. 16.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 13, after the word ‘to’ to insert—

‘(i)’—(Damian Green.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Roy, Ian Lucas: 284.
So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 81, 83 to 105, 107 to 112, 114 and 115 were agreed to.

Consequential Amendment ((a)) made to the Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 116 to 126 and 128 to 132 were agreed to.

Title accordingly amended as follows: A Bill to confer further powers to gather and share information for counter-terrorism and other purposes; to make further provision about the detention and questioning of terrorist suspects and the prosecution and punishment of terrorist offences; to impose notification requirements on persons convicted of such offences; to confer further powers to act against terrorist financing, money laundering and certain other activities; to provide for review of certain Treasury decisions and about evidence in, and other matters connected with, review proceedings; to amend the law relating to inquiries; to amend the definition of “terrorism”; to amend the enactments relating to terrorist offences, control orders and the forfeiture of terrorist cash; to provide for recovering the costs of policing at certain gas facilities; to amend provisions about the appointment of special advocates in Northern Ireland; and for connected purposes.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) and Order [this day], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 2, 3, 106 and 133.

That Mr Vernon Coaker, Damian Green, Chris Huhne, Steve McCabe and Phil Wilson be members of the Committee.

That Mr Vernon Coaker be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Ian Austin).—It was agreed to.

10 Counter-Terrorism Bill,—Mr Vernon Coaker reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Counter-Terrorism 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. 2 for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 3 for the following Reason:

Because the provision made by the amendment has no legal effect.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment Nos. 106 and 133 for the following Reason:

Because sensitive material should not be disclosed to members of the public.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

11 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Cornwall and others relating to health services (Cornwall) was presented and read.

12 Adjournment.

Subject: Lymington River and the Habitats Directive (Mr Desmond Swayne).

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Frank Roy).

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

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 Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5. Education and Inspections,—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1114] [Secretary Ed Balls].

6. Law Commissions,—Report of the Law Commission on Reforming Bribery [by Act]; to be printed [No. 928] [Secretary Jack Straw].

7. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Natural England's Role in Improving Sites of Special Scientific Interest [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1051] [Clerk of the House].

8. Taxes,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Taxes (Fees for Payment by Internet) Regulations (S.I., 2008, No. 2991) [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

9. Treasure,—Treasure Report for 2005 and 2006 [by Act] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

Papers withdrawn:

10. Taxes,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Taxes (Fees for Payment by Internet) Regulations (S.I., 2008, No. 2991) [laid 18th November].

APPENDIX II

General Committees

European Committees

11. European Union Document No. 16488/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Procurement in the fields of defence and security:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mrs Janet Dean Chairman of European Committee B, nominated in respect of the Document; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Simon Burns, Mr David Crausby, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Helen Goodman, Mr Greg Hands, Nick Harvey, Keith Hill, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Eric Joyce, Mr Denis MacShane, Dr Andrew Murrison and Willie Rennie.

12. European Union Document No. 12149/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 13713/08 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14317/08, relating to Financial Services:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Bercow Chairman of European Committee B, nominated in respect of the Documents; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Jeremy Browne, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Clapham, Jim Cousins, Jim Dobbin, Mr Michael Fallon, Helen Goodman, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Brooks Newmark, Stephen Pound, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Stephen Timms and Paddy Tipping.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Children, Schools and Families,—Draft Apprenticeships Bill: Fourth Report from the Children, Schools and Families Committee, with a Memorandum; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1082] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Waste Strategy for England 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1100-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Non-Proliferation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1176-ii] [Mike Gapes].

4 Health,—Health Inequalities: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 422-xii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

5 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—(1) Engineering in Government: (i) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee; to be printed [No. 1194-i]; and (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published; and (2) Geo-engineering: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Cross-border co-operation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1174-ii] [Sir Patrick Cormack].

7 Public Accounts,—The United Kingdom’s future nuclear deterrent capability: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1154-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Office of the Advocate General for Scotland: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1149-i] [Mr Mohammad Sarwar].

9 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Thirty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 38-xxxii]; and (2) Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 39-vi] [David Maclean].

10 Treasury,—Banking Crisis: (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1167-iv]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—(1) Department for Work and Pensions’ IT Procurement: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed [No. 1203-i]; and (2) Department for Work and Pensions’ commissioning strategy and the employment programme market: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Terry Rooney].

[No. 161; WH, No. 107]

Wednesday 19th November 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Policy on the Stern Report (Mr Peter Lilley).
RAF support to operations in Afghanistan and Iraq (Mr Mark Lancaster).
Rail links to the continent (Mr David Kidney).
Parliamentary accountability of nuclear industry finances (Paul Flynn).
Remploy and public procurement (Annette Brooke).

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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.11 p.m.]
Thursday 20th November 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1. London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the London Local Authorities (Shopping Bags) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 26th November.

2. Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 26th November.

3. Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 26th November.

4. Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 26th November.

5. Political Parties and Elections Bill.—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Political Parties and Elections Bill Committee:
   (1) a Memorandum; and
   (2) That it had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A bill to make provision in connection with the Electoral Commission; and to make provision about political donations and expenditure and about elections and electoral registration.
   Memoranda (reported on 4th, 6th and 18th November and this day) to be printed.
   Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee, to be considered on Monday 24th November; and to be printed [Bill 165].
   Minutes of proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6. Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Pensions Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

7. Pensions Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Pensions Bill printed pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) and 78 (Lords amendments) on 19th November [Bill 174].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Lords Amendments to the Pensions Bill be printed [Bill 174–EN].

8. Fisheries.—Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of fisheries.—(Huw Irranca-Davies.)

9. Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That—
   (1) at the sittings on Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Message from the Lords has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported, and
   (2) at the sittings on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House, if a Message from the Lords Commissioners is expected, until that Message has been received.—(Helen Jones.)

10. Notices of Questions.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding sub-paragraph (a) of the proviso to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments), notices of questions for oral answer on Wednesday 10th December may be given on Wednesday 3rd December.—(Helen Jones.)

11. Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the residents and former residents of ex-Ministry of Defence service family accommodation on the West Vale estate, and others relating to service accommodation (Glamorgan) was presented and read.

   Subject: Liquidation of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (Keith Vaz).
   A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Helen Jones);
And it being Six o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Spellar.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 24th November.

[Adjourned at 6.22 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2987), dated 17th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

Other Paper:

3. Registration Service,—Mortality Statistics: Review of the National Statistician on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales for 2007 [by Act] [Liam Byrne].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1. Business and Enterprise,—Creating a Higher Value-Added Economy: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 168-vii] [Peter Luff].

2. Health,—Patient Safety: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee; to be printed [No. 1161-ii] [Mr Kevin Barron].

3. Home Affairs,—Immigration Issues: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1199-i] [Keith Vaz].

4. Public Administration,—Official Statistics:

   (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No.1146-i]; and

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

   [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 162; WH, No. 108]

Thursday 20th November 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subject: Organ donation.

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Sharon Hodgson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 25th November.

[Adjourned at 4.21 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [17th November] as relates to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 European Committee B.—Mrs Janet Dean reported from European Committee B, nominated in respect of a European Union Document relating to Procurement in the fields of defence and security, the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 16488/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive on the co-ordination procedures for the award of public contract in the fields of defence and security; and endorses the Government’s approach to the negotiations and its view that if, following European Council agreement on a text and negotiations with the European Parliament, the document remains within the UK’s negotiating position, the Commission draft Directive could be supported.

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 do not insist on their Amendments to the Counter-Terrorism Bill to which this House has disagreed; they agree to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of one of the Lords Amendments; and they agree to the consequential Amendment made by this House.

4 Planning 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 Planning Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 19th December 2007, 2nd June 2008 and 25th June 2008 (Planning Bill (Programme), Planning Bill (Programme) (No. 2) and Planning 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.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely Nos. 115, 160, 1 to 114, 116 to 159 and 161 to 217.

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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ian Lucas, Mark Tami: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Philip Dunne: 228.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Planning Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Planning Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 115.

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, Ian Lucas, Steve McCabe: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Philip Dunne: 217.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 160.

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, Claire Ward, Steve McCabe: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Baron, Mr Philip Dunne: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(John Healey);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 114, 116 to 159 and 161 to 217 agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 25, 65, 76, 100, 109 and 117 to 163.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) and Order [this day], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 115 and 160.

That Julia Goldsworthy, John Healey, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Andrew Love and Mr Dave Watts be members of the Committee.

That John Healey be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Dave Watts).—It was agreed to.

6 Planning 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 Planning 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. 115 for the following Reason:
Because the proposed statutory duty is unnecessary and inappropriate.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 160 for the following Reason:
Because it concerns financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

7 Data Protection and Freedom of Information.—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Data Protection and Freedom of Information;

Resolved, That, in respect of service from 30th November 2007, the salary of the Information Commissioner shall be at a yearly rate of £140,000.—(Secretary Jack Straw.)
8 Administration,—Ordered, That Pete Wishart be discharged from the Administration Committee and John Mason be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Angus MacNeil be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Pete Wishart be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Intelligence and Security,—Resolved, That this House agrees with the recommendation to the Prime Minister that Sir Alan Beith be discharged from the Intelligence and Security Committee and Sir Menzies Campbell be added.—(Rosemary McKenna, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Adjournment.

Subject: Care farming and disadvantaged groups (Mr Mark Todd).

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.

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

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday, 21st November 2008 pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Companies,—(1) Companies (Company Records) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3006), dated 19th November 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment; and


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 24th November 2008:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Gaming Machines in Bingo Premises) Order 2008, and

(2) Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Variation of Monetary Limit) Order 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

5 Companies,—Draft Registrar of Companies and Applications for Striking Off Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

6 Excise,—(1) Alcoholic Liquor Duties (Surcharges) and Tobacco Products Duty Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3026); and
Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) (Revocation) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3018), dated 24th November 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

Representation of the People,—Draft European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 2009 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Social Security,—Draft Child Benefit (Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

9 Excise,—Excise Duties (Road Fuel Gas) (Reliefs) (Revocation) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3019), dated 24th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].

Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Indexation) (No. 4) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3024), dated 24th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Stephen Timms]; and

(2) Individual Savings Account (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3025), dated 24th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ian Pearson].

Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2989), dated 17th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute relating to Gibbs Prizes, dated 22nd April 2008, made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the University;

(2) Statute relating to the Foster Memorial Fund, dated 22nd April 2008, made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the University; and

(3) Statute, dated 13th February 2008, made by the Governing Body of New College in the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the College [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3021); and

(2) Value Added Tax (Change of Rate) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3020), dated 24th November 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

Other Papers:

Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for the 2008 Pre-Budget Report [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1150] [Clerk of the House].

Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 1st April–30th September 2007, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1034] [Secretary James Purnell].

Justice,—Victims of Mentally Disordered Offenders Information (Northern Ireland) Scheme 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 457), dated 17th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on End of Life Care [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1043] [Clerk of the House].

Pre-Budget Report,—Paper, entitled Pre-Budget Report, November 2008: Facing global challenges: Supporting people through difficult times [by Command] [Cm. 7484] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

European Committees

1 European Union Documents No. 12149/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 13713/08 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14317/08, relating to Financial Services,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jeremy Browne from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Breed.

2 European Union Document No. 16488/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to Procurement in the fields of defence and security,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Helen Goodman from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Document) and nominated in substitution Ms Diana R. Johnson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Business and Enterprise,—Energy prices follow-up: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 1207] [Peter Luff].

2 Children, Schools and Families,—National Curriculum: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Children, Schools and Families Committee; to be printed [No. 651-viii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Waste Strategy for England 2007: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1100-iv] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills,—(1) Pre-legislative Scrutiny of the Draft Apprenticeships Bill: Seventh Report from the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee, with Memoranda; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1062-I and II];

(2) Biosecurity in UK research laboratories: Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2007–08: Ninth Special Report from the Committee; to be printed [No. 1111]; and

(3) Investigating the Oceans: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published [Mr Phil Willis].

5 Public Accounts,—Independent Police Complaints Commission: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts; to be printed [No. 1208-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 164.]

Tuesday 25th November 2008.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That promoters of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords in Session 2006–07 on 21st 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 Chairman of Ways and Means);

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

2 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords in Session 2006–07 on 21st 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 Chairman of Ways and Means);

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
3 Canterbury City Council Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Canterbury City Council Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 22nd January 2008, 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 Chairman of Ways and Means);
And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

4 Leeds City Council Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Leeds City Council Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 22nd January 2008, 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 Chairman of Ways and Means);
And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

5 Nottingham City Council Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Nottingham City Council Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 22nd January 2008, 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 Chairman of Ways and Means);
And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

6 Reading Borough Council Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Reading Borough Council Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 22nd January 2008, 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 Chairman of Ways and Means);
And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

7 European Committee B.—John Bercow reported from European Committee B, nominated in respect of European Union Documents relating to Financial Services, the following Resolution:
That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 12149/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive on the co-ordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS); No. 13713/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive amending Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management; and No. 14317/08, draft Directive amending Directive 94/19/EC on deposit guarantee schemes as regards coverage level and the payout delay; and endorses the Government’s approach on all three draft Directives.
Resolution to lie upon the Table.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:
The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Planning Bill to which this House has disagreed.

9 Emergency Debate (Pre-Budget Report).—Mr George Osborne, Member for Tatton, rose in his place and asked leave to move that the House should debate a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration, namely the Pre-Budget Report; and the leave of the House having been given, the Speaker announced that the debate would be held at the commencement of public business to-morrow, for three hours, pursuant to Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates).

10 Children (Protection of Privacy).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision to protect children’s privacy in the media; to make provision for the protection of children from avoidable emotional distress resulting from participating in, or being the subject of, media programmes or reports; and for connected purposes. And that Kerry McCarthy, John Battle, Roger Berry, Annette Brooke, Ms Karen Buck, Alistair Burt, Mr Tom Clarke, Andrew Gwynne, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Jamie Reed and Alison Seabeck do prepare and bring it in.
11 Children (Protection of Privacy) Bill.—Kerry McCarthy accordingly presented a Bill to make provision to protect children’s privacy in the media; to make provision for the protection of children from avoidable emotional distress resulting from participating in, or being the subject of, media programmes or reports; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th November and to be printed [Bill 175].

12 Defence and Security Procurement.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 16488/07 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive on the co-ordination procedures for the award of public contracts in the fields of defence and security, and endorses the Government’s approach to the negotiations and its view that if, following European Council agreement on a text and negotiations with the European Parliament, the document remains within the UK’s negotiating position, the Commission draft Directive could be supported—(Mr Frank Roy);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Helen Jones, Ms Dawn Butler: 335.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts 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 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 6th October 2008 (Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords] (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Message

1. Proceedings on the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Frank Roy)—It was agreed to.

14 Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message relating to the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendment No. 7A in lieu of words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 7 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 10A in lieu of words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 10 was agreed to.

15 Pensions 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 Pensions Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 7th January 2008 (Pensions Bill (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement at this day’s sitting.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Frank Roy);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Helen Jones, Ms Dawn Butler: 327.
Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Jeremy Wright: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.
16 Pensions Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Pensions Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 56 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 57.

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 46, to leave out subsection (9).—(Mr. Nigel Waterson.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Michael Fabricant, James Duddridge: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Dawn Butler, Helen Jones: 286.

So the Question was negatived.

Lords Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 58 to 289 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of the Lords Amendments Nos. 132, 135, 147, 149, 150, 171 to 176, 188, 193, 194, 198, 199, 202 to 205, 239, 240 to 246 and 278.

17 Standing Orders (Select Committees).—Ordered, That the following Amendments be made to Standing Orders—

(1) In Standing Order No. 125, line 2, leave out ‘the examination of witnesses’ and insert ‘oral evidence sessions’.

(2) In Standing Order No. 128, line 5, leave out ‘minutes of the proceedings’ and insert ‘formal minutes’.

(3) In Standing Order No. 129,

(a) line 1, leave out ‘minutes of the proceedings’ and insert ‘formal minutes’,

(b) line 2, leave out ‘laid on the Table of’ and insert ‘reported to’.

(4) In Standing Order No. 130, line 2, leave out ‘minutes of’ and insert ‘record of the’.

(5) In Standing Order No. 131, line 2, leave out ‘under examination’.

(6) In Standing Order No. 133, line 3, leave out ‘minutes of the’.

(7) In Standing Order No. 135, line 5, leave out ‘memoranda of evidence’ and insert ‘written evidence’.

(8) In Standing Order No. 137,

(a) line 4, leave out ‘minutes of proceedings’ and insert ‘formal minutes’,

(b) line 5, leave out ‘minutes of’, and

(c) line 12, leave out ‘laid upon the Table’ and insert ‘reported’.

(9) In Standing Order No. 139, line 34, leave out ‘minutes of their proceedings’ and insert ‘its formal minutes’.

(10) In Standing Order No. 143, line 62, leave out ‘minutes of’.

(11) In Standing Order No. 145, line 35, leave out ‘minutes of’.

(12) In Standing Order No. 146, line 27, leave out ‘minutes of’.

(13) In Standing Order No. 152,

(a) line 21, leave out ‘minutes of’;

(b) line 22, leave out ‘to lay upon the Table of the House the minutes of the proceedings’ and insert ‘the formal minutes’, and

(c) line 28, leave out ‘minutes of their proceedings’ and insert ‘their formal minutes’.

(14) In Standing Order No. 152A, line 26, leave out the words ‘minutes of’.—(Chris Bryant.)

18 Committees Meeting Concurrently.—Ordered, That the following Amendments be made to Standing Orders:

(1) No. 124 (Quorum of select committees):

Line 6, leave out from ‘concurrently’ to ‘Standing’ in line 7 and insert ‘pursuant to sub-paragraphs (1)(b) or (1)(ba) of’.

(2) No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees)

Line 14, at end insert the following sub-paragraph—

‘(ba) to agree with any other select committee or sub-committee of this House on the exercise of any power which each of those committees, or sub-committees may separately have to appoint specialist advisers, to authorise witnesses to publish written evidence submitted by them, or to adjourn from place to place’.—(Chris Bryant.)

19 Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of Public Expenditure in Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration,
25th November 2008

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 17th December at Nine o'clock and between Two o'clock and half-past Four o'clock to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)) and to consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above; and

(3) this Order shall be a temporary Standing Order of the House.—(Chris Bryant.)

20 Adjournment.

Subject: Release from prison of Mr John Haase and Mr Paul Bennett (Mr Peter Kilfoyle).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Barbara Keeley.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Draft Open-Ended Investment Companies (Amendment) Regulations 2008; and
   (2) draft Unit Trusts (Electronic Communications) Order 2008
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Ian Pearson].

2 Social Security,—Draft Child Benefit (Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education,—(1) Education (Student Support) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2939), dated 13th November 2008; and
   (2) Rodbaston College, Cannock Chase Technical College and Tamworth and Lichfield College (Dissolution) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2992), dated 16th November 2008
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary John Denham].

4 Electricity,—(1) Electricity (Exemption from the Requirement for a Generation Licence) (Gunfleet Sands II) (England and Wales) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3046); and
   (2) Electricity (Exemption from the Requirement for a Generation Licence) (Little Cheyne Court) (England and Wales) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3045),
   dated 22nd November 2008 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda and Impact Assessments thereon [by Command] [Secretary Edward Miliband].


7 Road Traffic,—(1) Mutual Recognition of Driving Disqualifications (Great Britain and Ireland) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3010), dated 19th November 2008 [by Act],
   with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command]; and
   [Secretary Geoff Hoon].

Other Papers:

8 Atomic Energy Authority,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
   [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1153] [Clerk of the House].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Accounts of the Fleet Air Arm Museum for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1205] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Treasury Minute, dated 25th November 2008, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2009 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

10 National Loans.—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 2006–07, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 807] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Lottery.—Account of the National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2007–08 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1172] [Secretary Andy Burnham].

12 Supply Estimates, 2008–09.—Winter Supplementary Estimates for Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 1163] [Yvette Cooper].

13 Supply Estimates, 2009–10.—Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2009–10 for—
   (1) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 1039] [Yvette Cooper];
   (2) the Electoral Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1160] [The Speaker];
   (3) the House of Commons: Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1136] [The Speaker]; and
   (4) the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1171] [Mr Alan Williams].

14 Value Added Tax.—(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3021); and
   (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Value Added Tax (Change of Rate) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3020)
   [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

15 Work and Pensions.—Paper, entitled Improving health and work: changing lives: The Government's Response to Dame Carol Black’s Review of the health of Britain’s working-age population [by Command] [Cm. 7492] [Secretary James Purnell].

Papers withdrawn:

16 Atomic Energy Authority.—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 2007–08, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1019] [Clerk of the House] [laid 21st July].

17 Social Security.—Draft Child Benefit (Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 24th November].

18 Value Added Tax.—(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3021) [laid 24th November]; and
   (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Value Added Tax (Change of Rate) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3020) [laid 24th November].

APPENDIX II

European Committees

European Union Documents No. 12149/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, No. 13713/08 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 14317/08, relating to Financial Services.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham and Mr Mark Hoban from European Committee B (nominated in respect of the Documents) and nominated in substitution Mrs Janet Dean and Mr David Gauke.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—Record of the Administration Committee’s discussions at its meeting on 25th November; to be published [Mr Frank Doran].

2 Business and Enterprise.—Energy prices follow-up: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Business and Enterprise Committee; to be printed [No. 1207-ii] [Peter Luff].

3 Culture, Media and Sport.—The Licensing Act 2003: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee; to be printed [No. 1093-iv] [Mr John Whittingdale].

4 Defence.—Defence Equipment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee; to be printed [No. 1198-ii] [Mr James Arbuthnot].

(2) Reducing CO₂ and other emissions from shipping: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1117-iv]; and
(3) The scientific basis of carbon reduction targets: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Tim Yeo].

6 Home Affairs.—Knife Crime: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1206-i] [Keith Vaz].

7 Human Rights.—(1) Policing and Protest: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights; to be printed [No. 826-iii];
(2) Human rights of older people in healthcare: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published; and
(3) Legislative scrutiny: Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be published
[Mr Andrew Dismore].

8 International Development.—HIV/AIDS: DFID’s New Strategy: Twelfth 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 8th and 28th October 2008 [No. 1068-I and -II] [Malcolm Bruce].

9 Justice.—Justice Reinvestment: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Justice Committee; to be printed [No. 425-x] [Sir Alan Beith].

10 Standards and Privileges.—(1) Use of pre-paid envelopes and official stationery: Nineteenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1211]; and
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11 Treasury.—Bank of England November 2008 Inflation Report: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1210-i] [John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs.—The provision of cross-border public services for Wales:
(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 401-xiv]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
[Dr Hywel Francis].

[No. 164; WH, No. 109]
Tuesday 25th November 2008.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting began at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.
Subjects:
Fire services in Hertfordshire (Anne Main).
Equitable Life (Jo Swinson).
Information-sharing by the Serious and Organised Crime Agency (James Brokenshire).
Administration of the education maintenance allowance (Mr Gordon Prentice).
Supervision of paedophiles (Mr Rob Wilson).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Austin.)
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 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Leeds City Council Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

2 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Nottingham City Council Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

3 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Reading Borough Council Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

4 Manchester City Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday 25th November, That the promoters of the Manchester City Council Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords in Session 2006-07 on 21st 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);
   
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

5 Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday 25th November, That the promoters of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords in Session 2006-07 on 21st 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);
   
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

6 Canterbury City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday 25th November, That the promoters of the Canterbury City Council Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 22nd January 2008, 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);
   
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

7 Leeds City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday 25th November, That the promoters of the Leeds City Council Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 22nd January 2008, 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);
   
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

8 Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday 25th November, That the promoters of the Nottingham City Council Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 22nd January 2008, 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);
   
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

9 Reading Borough Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday 25th November, That the promoters of the Reading Borough Council Bill, which was originally introduced in this House on 22nd January 2008, 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);
   
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

10 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on Standards and Privileges be published.
11 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House to one of the Lords Amendments to the Energy Bill.

12 Pre-Budget Report (Emergency Debate).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the Pre-Budget Report—(Mr George Osborne);

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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Roger Williams: 67.

Tellers for the Noes, Chris Mole, Mr Frank Roy: 422

So the Question was negatived.

It being after three hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Motion lapsed without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates).

13 Financial Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 12149/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, draft Directive on the co-ordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS); No. 13713/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, Draft Directive amending Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC as regards banks affiliated to central institutions, certain own funds items, large exposures, supervisory arrangements, and crisis management; and No. 14317/08, Draft Directive amending Directive 94/19/EC on deposit guarantee schemes as regards coverage level and the payout delay; and endorses the Government’s approach on all three draft Directives—(Helen Goodman):—It was agreed to.

14 Banking Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Order of 14th October 2008 (Banking 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 three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.—(Ian Pearson.)

15 Banking Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Banking Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee.

A Clause (NC11) (Special resolution regime: compensation: sources of compensation)—(Ian Pearson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill. Another Clause (NC12) (Special resolution regime: continuity obligations: onward property transfers)—(Ian Pearson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC13) (Special resolution regime: continuity obligations: onward share transfers)—(Ian Pearson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (NC1) (Remuneration of senior staff of rescued banks)—(Harry Cohen)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (NC3) (Safeguards for partial property transfers)—(Mr David Gauke)—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 Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Benyon: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Ms Dawn Butler, Ian Lucas: 264.

It being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Banking Bill Programme (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [this day].

Amendments (Nos. 19 to 40) made to the Bill.
The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 86, line 7, to leave out Clause 164. —(Mr Mark Hoban.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Benyon, Mr Crispin Blunt: 133.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 41 to 73) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday 1st December.

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [20th November].

16 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 the following Acts, and for proroguing this present Parliament.

The Royal Assent was given to the following Acts:—

- Education and Skills Act 2008
- Local Transport Act 2008
- Climate Change Act 2008
- Counter-Terrorism Act 2008
- Planning Act 2008
- Pensions Act 2008
- Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

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 Lords and Members of the House of Commons

My Government has pursued policies to ensure economic stability, to respond to the rising aspirations of the people of the United Kingdom and to ensure security for all.

Legislation has been brought forward to protect depositors and to ensure confidence in the banking system.

An Act has been passed to enable unclaimed money in dormant bank accounts to be used for youth facilities, financial inclusion and social investment, while ensuring customers retain the right to reclaim their money.

An Act has been passed to reduce the regulatory burdens on businesses.

Legislation has been enacted to provide for long-term reform of pensions and place a duty on every employer to contribute to workplace pensions for their employees.

An Act has been passed to provide better protection for vulnerable workers and to reduce burdens on employers.

My Government has taken further action to meet people’s aspirations for better education, housing and healthcare.

An Act has been passed to ensure that young people stay in education or training until the age of 18, and to provide new rights for adults to receive skills training.

A draft bill has been published to reform apprenticeships.

Legislation has been enacted to create a stronger health and adult social care regulator, with a remit to assure the safety and quality of care for patients and users of services.
An Act has been passed to reform the regulation of human embryology and to ensure that the United Kingdom remains at the forefront of medical research.

Legislation has been enacted to create a new Homes and Communities Agency that will deliver more social and affordable housing. It will promote regeneration and create a new Tenant Services Authority which will give tenants more choice and influence over how their homes are managed.

Legislation has been enacted to reform the planning system, providing for quicker and more transparent decision making, and to enable the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy.

My Government has worked to protect the environment and to tackle climate change, both at home and abroad.

Legislation has been enacted to make the United Kingdom the first country in the world to introduce a legally binding framework to reduce carbon emissions, by 80 per cent of the 1990 levels by 2050.

Legislation has also been enacted to provide clean and secure supplies of energy.

An Act has been passed to tackle congestion and improve public transport.

My Government brought forward legislation to grant the powers to secure land, to build and to maintain the Crossrail scheme in the South East of England.

Legislation has been enacted to reform the criminal justice system with the aim of protecting the public and reducing offending.

An Act has been passed to protect the public from terrorism by improving powers to gather and share information and to ensure the effective prosecution of suspects.

A draft bill has been published on Citizenship and Immigration.

Legislation has been brought forward on the regulation of party finance and expenditure and to ensure the effective administration of elections.

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, Wales and Northern Ireland.

My Government has worked to secure a prosperous and secure European Union, better able to respond to the challenges of globalisation.

Legislation has been enacted which enabled the ratification of the European Union Lisbon Treaty.

My Government has continued to work with the United Nations, the G8 and the European Union to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction and to address international concerns on nuclear proliferation and terrorism.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to pay State visits to Uganda in November 2007 for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting, to Turkey in May and to Slovenia and Slovakia in October. We were also pleased to receive President Sarkozy during his State visit to the United Kingdom in March.

My Government remains committed to peace in the Middle East. It has continued to support the Governments of Iraq and Afghanistan to deliver security, political reconciliation and economic reconstruction.

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 Wednesday the third day of this instant December to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the third day of December.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Excise—Alcoholic Liquor (Surcharge on Spirits Duty) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3062), dated 26th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Angela Eagle].
2 Representation of the People,—Draft European Parliament (Disqualification) (United Kingdom and Gibraltar) Order 2009 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

3 Social Security,—Draft Christmas Bonus (Specified Sum) Order 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

4 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Draft Transfer of Tribunal Functions and Revenue and Customs Appeals Order 2009 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum and Impact Assessment [by Command] [Stephen Timms].

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5 Customs,—Export Control (Iran) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3063), dated 25th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

6 Education,—North Yorkshire County Council (School Meals) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3016), dated 20th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Ed Balls].

7 Family Proceedings,—Family Proceedings (Amendment No. 3) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 466), dated 20th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jack Straw].

8 Housing,—Allocation of Housing (England) (Amendment) (Family Intervention Tenancies) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3015), dated 19th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

9 Local Government,—Local Government (Structural Changes) (Finance) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3022), dated 20th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hazel Blears].

10 Social Security,—Christmas Bonus (Relevant Week) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3064), dated 26th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].


12 Prisons,—Prison and Young Offenders Centre (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. (N.I.), 2008, No. 452), dated 17th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Woodward].

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13 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Design Council for 2007–08 [by Act], to be printed [No. 1141] [Secretary John Denham].

14 Immigration,—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3052), dated 26th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Jacqui Smith].

15 Social Security,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2928) [by Command] [Secretary James Purnell].

16 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 3055), dated 24th November 2008 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Pat McFadden].

Papers withdrawn:

17 Social Security,—Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2008 (S.I., 2008, No. 2928) [laid 14th November].

APPENDIX II

European Committees

1 European Union Document No. 7676/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to recovery of cod stocks, has been referred to European Committee A.
2 European Union Documents No. 14480/08 and Addendum and No. 14481/08 and Addendum, relating to financial management, have been referred to European Committee B, together with European Union Documents No. 12156/08 and Addendum, No. 12471/08 and Addendum, No. 12472/08 and Addendum and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 16th October, submitted by Her Majesty’s Treasury, already referred to the Committee on 6th November.

3 European Union Document No. 14938/08, relating to From financial crisis to recovery: A European framework for action, has been referred to European Committee B.

4 European Union Document No. 5938/08 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to safety of toys, has been referred to European Committee C.

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1 Environmental Audit,—The scientific basis for carbon reduction targets: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee; to be printed [No. 1214] [Mr Tim Yeo].

2 European Scrutiny,—(1) Fortieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 16-xxxvi];
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   (3) Ministerial Correspondence: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
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3 Foreign Affairs,—Global Security: Non-Proliferation: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee; to be printed [No. 1176-iii] [Mike Gapes].

4 Public Administration,—(1) Public Services and the Third Sector: Rhetoric and Reality: Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee: Thirteenth Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration; to be printed [No. 1209];
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      (ii) Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published, and
   (3) Equitable Life: Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be published
   [Dr Tony Wright].

5 Transport,—School Travel: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee; to be printed [No. 911-iv] [Mrs Louise Ellman].

6 Treasury,—Administration and expenditure of the Chancellor’s departments 2007–08: Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee; to be printed [No. 1097-iv] [John McFall].

[No. 165; WH, No. 110]

Wednesday 26th November 2008.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.

Subjects:
Temporary housing (Mr Neil Gerrard).
Future of secondary education in Croxteth, Liverpool (Mr Robert N. Wareing).
Sex education in schools (Philip Davies).
Effect of interest rates on mortgage holders (John Barrett).
Compensation for pleural plaques victims (Jim Sheridan).
Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Chris Mole.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.13 p.m.]
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That, for the year ending with 31st March 2009, for expenditure by HM Treasury:

1. further resources, not exceeding £1,000, be authorised for use as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 1061, and

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