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Presented to the States on 9th November 2004 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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COMMENTS

The Privileges and Procedures Committee believes that the issues raised by the amendment of Senator E.P. Vibert on the unelected members of the States are of considerable importance to the Island and need to be reviewed and discussed. The members of the Committee, in their capacity as the Special Committee on the Composition and Election of the States Assembly, stated in the proposition of the Special Committee (P.171/2004) –

"11.2 The Committee also believes that the position of the unelected members of the States should be addressed in the near future. The Committee is, for example, conscious that the recommendations of the Clothier Panel in relation to the position of the Bailiff have never been formally discussed by the States and is of the view that this issue should be considered as part of the overall reform of the composition of the Assembly."

The Privileges and Procedures Committee has written to all the unelected members notifying them of the impending review and the Committee intends to move forward with this issue as soon as the debates on the draft States of Jersey Law 200- and the Composition of the States Assembly are concluded. The Committee will take note of any views expressed during the debate.