

**THE STATES assembled on Thursday,
12th May 2005 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Greffier of the States,
Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye.**

All members were present with the exception of –

Senator Leonard Norman – out of the Island
Alan Breckon, Deputy of St. Saviour– excused
Celia Joyce Scott Warren, Deputy of St. Saviour– ill.

Prayers read by the Deputy Greffier of the States.

**Fiscal Strategy – P.44/2005
Amendment and Comments**

THE STATES, resumed consideration of an amendment of Senator Stuart Syvret to the proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee concerning a Fiscal Strategy and, after discussion, rejected paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of the amendment that, in paragraph (a)(i), after the final word, there be added the following words–

“except that GST will not apply to –

- (a) basic foodstuffs,
- (b) children’s clothing,
- (c) books and newspapers;”

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 14

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator S. Syvret
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
Senator E.P. Vibert
Connétable of St. Mary
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier (S)
Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)

CONTRE: 32

Senator F.H. Walker
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. John
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin

ABSTAIN: 1

Deputy of St. John

Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)
Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)
Deputy J.L. Dorey (H)
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy F.G. Voisin (L)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy S.G. Ferguson (B)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy M.A. Taylor (C)
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)

THE STATES rejected paragraph (c) of the amendment that in paragraph (a)(i), after the final word, there be added the following words –

“except that GST will not apply to medical services and products.”

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 17

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator S. Syvret
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
Senator E.P. Vibert
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Clement
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier (S)
Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)

CONTRE: 29

Senator F.H. Walker
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Helier
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Deputy J.L. Dorey (H)
Deputy F.G. Voisin (L)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy M.A. Taylor (C)
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)

ABSTAIN: 1

Deputy of St. John

THE STATES commenced consideration of an amendment of Senator Stuart Syvret that at the end of

paragraph (b), after the final word, there be added the following words–

“except that there shall be no de *minimis* limit in respect of holdings in private companies, public companies, unit trusts, investment trusts or investment funds of any description wherever located;”

THE STATES, following discussion, granted leave to Senator Stuart Syvret to withdraw the amendment.

THE STATES subsequently granted leave to the President of the Finance and Economics Committee to withdraw paragraph (b) of the principal proposition.

THE STATES adopted an amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier that in paragraph (d), after the words “Environment and Public Services Committee”, there be inserted the words “and the Parishes”; after the words “environmental taxes” there be inserted the words “and other taxes;” and, after paragraph (d)(ii), there be inserted the following new paragraph –

“(iii) a land value tax.”

THE STATES, then resumed consideration of the proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee concerning a Fiscal Strategy as amended.

Adjournment

THE STATES then adjourned, having adopted a proposition of the Deputy of St. John that they adjourn at 5.30 p.m.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 24

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator S. Syvret
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
Senator E.P. Vibert
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. John
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy of St. Martin
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Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)

CONTRE: 6

Senator P.F. Routier
Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)

ABSTAIN: 1

Senator M.E. Vibert

THE STATES agreed to continue with the consideration of the proposition of the Finance and Economics

Committee concerning a Fiscal Strategy, as amended, (P.44/2005 lodged "au Greffe" on 8th March 2005), the next day, Friday 13th May 2005.

THE STATES rose at 5.30 p.m.

A.H. HARRIS

Deputy Greffier of the States.