



**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
17th November 1998 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,
Francis Charles Hamon, Esquire**

All members were present with the exception of –

Senator John Stephen Rothwell – out of the Island
Senator Vernon Amy Tomes – ill
Kenneth Priaulx Vibert, Connétable of St. Ouen– ill
Michael Adam Wavell, Deputy of St. Saviour– out of the Island
Terence Augustine Le Sueur, Deputy of St. Helier– out of the Island
Derek Ryder Maltwood, Deputy of St. Mary– out of the Island.

Prayers

Connétable of St. Helier– re-election

The Deputy Bailiff, on behalf of the members of the States, congratulated Mr. Robert Lester Le Brocq on his re-election as Connétable of St. Helier.

Subordinate legislation tabled

The following enactments were laid before the States, namely –

Civil Service Administration (General) (Jersey) Rules 1949 (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Order 1998 R & O 9311.

Imported Food (Jersey) Order 1998. R & O 9312.

Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Jersey) Order 1998. R & O 9313.

Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts by Children) (Jersey) Order 1998. R & O 9314.

Wheelchairs (Jersey) Order 1998. R & O 9315.

Road Traffic (Lighting) (Jersey) Order 1998. R & O 9316.

Matter presented

The following matter was presented to the States –

The Jersey Law Commission – Report No. 1– The rights of beneficiaries to information regarding a trust.

The following matter was presented to the States on 10th November 1998 –

States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended – delegation of functions: Regulation of undertakings and development – R.C.48/98.

Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.

THE STATES ordered that the said report be printed and distributed.

Matters noted – acceptance of tenders

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee, dated 9th November 1998, showing that, in pursuance of Rule 5 of the Public Finances (General) (Jersey) Rules 1967, as amended, the Committee had noted that –

- (a) the Public Services Committee had accepted the lowest of four tenders, namely that submitted by P. Trant (Jersey) Limited in the sum of £869,413.21, for Contract 727 – the extension of foul sewers to serve the Victoria Inn area in the lower section of St. Peter's Valley;
- (b) the Education Committee had accepted the lowest of five tenders, namely that submitted by Camerons Limited in the sum of £1,242,195, for the extension and refurbishment (Phase I) of Grouville School.

Matters lodged

The following matters were lodged “au Greffe” –

Budget 1999.

Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Family Allowances (Jersey) Regulations 199 – P.228/98.

Presented by the Employment and Social Security Committee.

Draft Community Provisions (Freezing of Funds of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Serbia) (Jersey) Regulations 199 – P.229/98.

Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Community Provisions (Prohibition on Investment in the Republic of Serbia) (Jersey) Regulations 199 – P.230/98.

Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Public Markets (Administration) (Supplementary Provisions) (Jersey) Regulations 199 – P.231/98.

Presented by the Public Services Committee.

Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 19) (Jersey) Law 199 – P.232/98.

Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 20) (Jersey) Law 199 – P.233/98.

Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.

Simla, Janvrin Road, St. Helier – P.234/98.

Presented by the Planning and Environment Committee.

States members' income support and expense allowance: indexation – P.235/98.

Presented by Deputy M.F. Dubras of St. Lawrence.

Draft Ansbacher (Jersey) Limited (Jersey) Law 199 – P.236/98.

Presented by Deputy D.R. Maltwood of St. Mary.

The Inn on the Park: site of special interest – P.237/98.

Presented by Deputy T.J. Le Main of St. Helier.

Budget 1999: amendment – P.238/98.

Health and Social Services Committee.

The following matter was lodged “au Greffe” on 10th November 1998 –

Minimum wage legislation – P.227/98.

Presented by the Employment and Social Security Committee.

Projets withdrawn under Standing Order No. 17(6)

THE STATES noted that, in pursuance of Standing Order 17(6), the following matters, which were lodged “au Greffe” had been withdrawn –

New public park: an undertaking to mark the millennium – P.121/95.

Lodged: 5th September 1995.

Senator S. Syvret.

Supermarket on Fields 24-27, St. Brelade: petition– P.25/97.

Lodged: 18th February 1997.

Connétable of St. Peter.

Town drainage scheme: Committee of Inquiry – P.66/97.

Lodged: 22nd April 1997.

Senator S. Syvret.

Fire Service Headquarters: relocation – P.87/97.

Lodged: 17th June 1997.

Defence Committee.

Draft Milk (Sale to Special Classes) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 – P.209/98. Withdrawn

THE STATES granted leave to the Vice-President of the Employment and Social Security Committee to withdraw the draft Milk (Sale to Special Classes) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 (lodged ‘au Greffe’ on 20th October 1998).

Minimum wage – P.154/96

THE STATES granted leave to the Vice-President of the Employment and Social Security Committee to withdraw the following propositions having lodged ‘au Greffe’ a revised proposition on 10th November 1998 (P.227/98) –

Minimum wage – P.154/96.

Lodged: 1st October 1996.

Industrial Relations Committee.

Minimum wage (P.154/96): amendments – P.225/96.

Lodged: 19th November 1996 by Deputy J.L. Dorey.

Industrial Relations Committee.

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES granted leave to the President of the Housing Committee to defer consideration of the proposition regarding the Housing Strategy 1998-2003 (P.201/98 – lodged “au Greffe” on 29th September 1998) from the present meeting to a later date.

THE STATES decided to defer consideration of the proposition of Senator R.J. Shenton regarding Falles

Holdings Limited: Hideaway and la Maison des Pres, land to the north of Rue des Pres, St. Saviour (P.219/98– lodged “au Greffe” on 3rd November 1998) to a later date.

Arrangement of public business for the next meeting on 1st and 2nd December 1998

THE STATES confirmed that the following matters lodged “au Greffe” would be considered at the next meeting on 1st and 2nd December 1998 –

Budget 1999.
Lodged: 17th November 1998.
Finance and Economics Committee.

Budget 1999: amendment P.238/98
Lodged: 17th November 1998.
Health and Social Services Committee.

Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 19) (Jersey) Law 199 – P.232/98.
Lodged: 17th November 1998.
Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 20) (Jersey) Law 199 – P.233/98.
Lodged: 17th November 1998.
Finance and Economics Committee.

Water contamination in the vicinity of the Airport – questions and answers (Tape No. 478)

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John asked Deputy James Thomas Johns, President of the Harbours and Airport Committee, the following questions –

- “1. Would the President explain what action has been taken over the last four years to monitor water contamination apparently caused by fire fighting foam getting into the watercourses in the vicinity of the Airport?”
2. Would the President give members details of the type of contamination and details of the breakdown rate of the contamination?”
3. Given that to-date eleven households in the vicinity have been connected to the public water supply, would the President disclose the cost of placing the main and connecting the various properties to the water supply?”

The President of the Harbours and Airport Committee replied as follows –

- “1. The Harbours and Airport Committee appointed a consultant (Consultants in Environmental Services) from the United Kingdom to assist it. A number of water-sampling, soil-sampling and crop-sampling exercises have been carried out and reports have been passed to individual house owners and to a number of other Committees.

The Airport Director has chaired a group of officers since 1995 from a number of Committees and those Committees have been kept informed. I now chair a group made up of officers from the Agriculture and Fisheries, Finance and Economics, Harbours and Airport, Health and Social Services, and Planning and Environment Committees, with the Environmental Adviser to the States and the Chief Engineer of The Jersey New Waterworks Company Limited. This monitoring process will continue.

2. The type of contamination results from unburned fuel and aircraft fire fighting foams and comprises complex hydrocarbons and a wide range of other organic compounds. We are not aware of the breakdown rate of the contamination.

3. The cost of placing the water main was solely the responsibility of The Jersey New Waterworks Company Limited. The properties which have been connected to the main have cost my Committee £8,354.46.”

Harbour charges – question and answer (Tape No. 478)

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John asked Deputy James Thomas Johns, President of the Harbours and Airport Committee, the following question –

“Recently a letter was sent to clubs and associations detailing increases in harbour charges in the yacht basin, marina and hard standing, with effect from 1st January 1999. It appears that some charges are being raised beyond the increase in the cost of living (for example, 16 per cent in one area to 7+ per cent in the yacht basin, 4+ per cent in St. Helier marina) while there is no increase proposed for the New Elizabeth Marina.

Would the President explain –

the policy underlying these increases?

how the increases are reconciled with overall States policy regarding charges?”

The President of the Harbours and Airport Committee replied as follows –

“I have been asked for the thinking behind the proposed increases for sailboard and surfboard registration 16 per cent, the annual marina fees for local boat owners in La Collette Yacht Basin of seven per cent and St. Helier Marina four per cent. As members will be aware, these fees are included in the Harbour and Light Dues which will be before the States at its next meeting.

Regarding the registration fee for sailboards and surfboards the fee has remained at £3.00 per registration since 1991 and the proposal is to increase it to £3.50. Thus this increase relates to a period of some eight years.

On the question of marina fees, with the opening of Elizabeth Marina and the ability for the first time to sell long-term berths to non-residents, the fees charged for visiting yachts and local boat owners can no longer be viewed separately. The Department has carried out extensive investigation during the last 18 months or so on the best way to manage three marinas and to promote marine leisure to short-stay and long-stay non-resident boat owners. As an aside, members may be interested to know that following a survey undertaken in conjunction with the Tourism Department, the average period of stay for short term visiting yachtsmen has increased from 2.5 days to 3.7 days during this last season as a result of improved facilities and increased space in St. Helier Marina. The opening of Elizabeth Marina has allowed for all three marinas to be developed and organised individually to best suit demands and available resources.

La Collette Yacht Basin being open to the sea is the holding marina for both St. Helier and Elizabeth Marinas. St. Helier Marina is the visitors marina and the Elizabeth Marina the long stay marina for both locals and long term non-resident berth holders. As a result of this, the Department is able to concentrate its resources particularly in terms of manpower, for example, staffing is maximised at the visitors marina in St. Helier and the holding marina and maintenance area at La Collette Yacht Basin, whereas Elizabeth Marina is more high-tech in the employment of automatic security systems and minimal staffing levels. In order to achieve this strategy to best effect, the Department has been progressively encouraging local berth holders to release space for visitors in La Collette and St. Helier and a different fee structure for the three marinas encourages this and is justified on the basis of resources per marina berth.

The fees for Elizabeth Marina are being held at their existing level in 1999. Currently they are marginally competitive with the south coast of England. There still remains a number of berths to sell and it is therefore in our interest to keep these fees competitive with the outside world.

The four per cent rise for St. Helier Marina is the average increase proposed for all harbour fees in 1995 and gives a small incentive to release more visitor space to meet the anticipated increase in numbers for next season.

Turning now to La Collette Yacht Basin –

- (a) this is a very popular marina as it has direct access to the sea;
- (b) there is a waiting list equivalent to around four or five to every berth;
- (c) the proposed increase in La Collette Yacht Basin is actually 7.48 per cent and this merely brings into line the fees in this marina which since 1993 have risen at less than the cost of living rate.

Shortly, the results of the marina exit survey will be published and will demonstrate that Jersey Harbours marketing strategy has achieved excellent results during the last season following the opening of Elizabeth Marina. My Committee continues its efforts to develop marine leisure, both as an opportunity for the Island to develop a new and vibrant light industry in marine trading and as a valuable supplement to the Island's tourism industry. The Committee is convinced that its strategy, of which the proposed fee increases are just a small part, is the correct one to follow into 1999.

Finally, on the question of being reconciled with overall States policy, members may argue that the "user pays policy" indicates that these proposed increases are insufficient against the costs in marina development. However, to go too far would be to kill our opportunities and fee alterations in particular must be sensitive to the market in order to continue our success this year in attracting non-residents and short stay yachtsmen to Jersey."

Beachguards' Headquarters, St. Ouen– question and answer – (Tape No. 478)

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John asked Deputy Frederick John Hill of St. Martin, Vice-President of the Tourism Committee, the following question –

"On 4th February 1997 I put questions to the President regarding the Beachguards' Headquarters at St. Ouen; would the President advise members of the progress that has been made since that date in providing a replacement building and whether a new building will be in place for the 1999 season?"

The Vice-President of the Tourism Committee replied as follows –

"Since the Deputy of St. John's question on 4th February 1997 and the Tourism Committee's response, when costs of £322,000 for a new seasonal Beachguards' Centre had been submitted by Public Services, the Tourism Department has consulted with that department's architects in an attempt to achieve a more reasonably priced development.

The latest, more conservative, proposals which would provide a double garage and boat store, two separate toilets and showers for staff, a First Aid and Rest Room, training area and gear store together with an improved tower are still estimated to cost £217,000 exclusive of any new electrical feed, heating, security shutters and other special provisions. It is considered that the eventual cost could be about £240,000/£250,000. This is still believed to be too high a price for the benefits achieved and unjustifiable in the current economic climate. The building would be one of 1,235 square feet at a cost of £194 a square foot.

Initially it had been proposed that the area be serviced with a development including new public toilets combined with an improved Beach Lifeguard Headquarters. Such a development would represent a better use of public money and provide much needed public facilities.

St. Ouen's Bay is an area of heavy beach use and there are no public toilet facilities between Le Braye and

Les Laveurs. Whilst the current building does need improving, and benefits would be achieved, the professional operation of the service is not jeopardised by the existing building.

The Tourism Committee will be pursuing the matter with the other relevant authorities in order to try to find a satisfactory way forward.”

Jersey Motor Transport Company Limited: H.I.E. and pensioner card holders – statement

The Vice-President of the Public Services Committee made a statement in the following terms –

“Members will recall that on 21st April 1998 a series of questions were raised concerning the method of monitoring payment made to the Jersey Motor Transport Company in respect of journeys made by pensioner and HIE cardholders. Due to a breakdown in the recording equipment in the States Chamber during that meeting, it was not possible to transcribe and subsequently respond to all of the supplementary questions raised. I would like to apologise to members for being unable to provide detailed responses at that time. However, following discussions with Deputy M.F. Dubras concerning one of his questions a further review has taken place and I would like to update members.

For the period 1st January 1998 to the end of October 1998 the following number of journeys have been made by members of the public with cardholder exception –

Pensioner Cards 362,754 journeys at a cost of £312,486;

HIE Cards 34,045 journeys at a cost of £27,602;

This makes a total of 396,799 journeys at a cost of £340,088.

The Jersey Motor Transport Company now provides these figures on a monthly basis to the Public Services Department. Each bus has an automated counting system installed that allows the driver to enter the journey type on production of the relevant card. The Company also has duty inspectors who ride on buses on a random basis to ensure that normal fares are being collected in line with company policy and in addition, check that the Pensioner and HIE cardholder exception scheme is being correctly administered by the drivers.

Before to the introduction of this new system in 1997, payments had been made based on the survey of the usage of buses by pensioners etc. which had been undertaken by the Internal Audit Section of the Treasury prior to 1989. From that time the level of payment made has been adjusted annually in accordance with the Jersey Cost of Living Index.

I would like to draw Members’ attention to the report and proposition dated 11th October 1988, when the States agreed that financial assistance should be given to the Jersey Motor Transport Company so far as to provide free travel on the buses to Jersey residents of pensionable age; also that modifications should be carried out to the terminus at the Weighbridge. In 1990 the Assembly considered a further report and proposition brought by the Defence Committee outlining the importance of continuing this scheme and the request to review it in line with increased Cost of Living and the number of journeys made. This method of payment continued until the Jersey Motor Transport Company was in a position to complete the installation of its automated system, and now that reliable data is available on a monthly basis, members are advised that the system will continue to be carefully monitored.

Recent figures obtained from the Employment and Social Security Department indicate that the number of people in receipt of a Jersey pension and eligible for free bus transport is 12,200. This does not include pensioners from another country who reside in Jersey, these residents or visitors to the Island are not eligible for free bus transport. In addition there are 1,199 head of household HIE cardholders who are not in receipt of a Jersey pension who are also eligible for free bus transport. It should be noted that for bus transport the HIE card is transferable to other members of the household, this situation will be reviewed

in consultation with the Employment and Social Security Department.”

Housing Strategy 1998 – 2003 (P.201/98) – statement

The President of the Policy and Resources Committee made a statement in the following terms –

“On Thursday of last week the Policy and Resources, Finance and Economics, Planning and Environment and Housing Committees met to discuss the way forward in achieving the Housing Committees principal aims as set out in that Committees Report and Proposition entitled Housing Strategy, 1998-2003.

All four Committees agreed that the States debate on the Housing Strategy would be far more effective if it was debated as a package, and if States Members had further information with regard to the Housing Committees propositions on rezoning of land and on the role of the Housing Trusts. At the same time the four Committees recognised the urgency of the situation and also that for the Housing Committee to achieve its aims it would need the full support of other Committees and of the States.

Working to a deadline of a States debate by the end of February, 1999, the four Committees agreed the following timetable –

- (1) the completion of a residential land availability review covering the period up to the year 2003, by the end of December, 1998;
- (2) the publication of the residential land availability review in January, 1999 for the information of States Members;
- (3) the Planning and Environment Committee to prepare a report and proposition on the options for meeting housing needs, to be lodged by the end of January, 1999;
- (4) the Finance and Economics and Housing Committees to meet on the 24th November to discuss the funding options for the provision of social rented housing;
- (5) the four Committees to meet again on the 9th December to discuss –
 - (i) an interim report from the Site Acquisition Group of Officers;
 - (ii) the outcome of the meeting between the Finance and Economics and Housing Committees on funding options;
 - (iii) the holding of another meeting of the Housing Forum, which embraces those in the public and private sectors who have a role to play in achieving the Housing Committees aims;
 - (iv) the population assumptions on which the housing needs forecasts are to be made.
- (6) the Housing Committee to hold a public meeting after the 9th December to explain the future role of the Housing Trusts and other agencies in helping the Housing Committee achieve its aims.

The Policy and Resources Committee will continue to co-ordinate the action agreed to ensure sufficient information is available to States Members to ensure a fully effective debate on the Housing Strategy by the end of February, 1999.

Housing (Jersey) Law 1949: proposed amendments – P.171/98 and P.216/98

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Housing Committee regarding proposed amendments to the Housing (Jersey) Law 1949 and adopted amendments of Senator Leonard Norman that in paragraph (2), subparagraph (a), for the words “17th March 1998” there should be substituted the words “28th July 1998” and that in paragraph (2), after subparagraph (b) there should be inserted the following subparagraph –

“(c) shall be lawfully constructed subsequent to 28th July, 1998 on land in respect of which the Planning and Environment Committee had granted permission prior to that date for the development of the land for the construction of dwelling accommodation.”

Members present voted on the amendments as follows –

“Pour” (28)

Senators

Bailhache, Norman, Walker.

Connétables

St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Brelade, Grouville, St. Helier, St. John, Trinity, St. Saviour, St. Clement.

Deputies

Coutanche(L), Trinity, Pullin(S), Johns(H), Duhamel(S), Routier(H), Dorey(H), Grouville, St. John Blampied(H), Rabet(H), Crowcroft(H), Vibert(B), de la Haye(B) Dubras(L), St. Ouen.

“Contre” (12)

Senators

Shenton, Stein, Syvret, Kinnard.

Connétable

St. Peter.

Deputies

H. Baudains(C), S. Baudains(H), Breckon(S), Huet(H), St. Martin, Le Main(H), St. Peter.

THE STATES adopted the proposition, as amended, and approved, in principle, the preparation of further amendments of the Housing (Jersey) Law 1949, (“the Housing Law”) to provide as follows –

1. where, before the coming into force of the Housing Law on 4th April 1949, a Company acquired land and continues to hold that land, no person may occupy, without the consent of the Housing Committee, any dwelling accommodation which is, or is to be constructed, on that land unless he is a person with housing qualifications under one or more of the categories which the States, by Regulations under Article 15 of the Housing Law, specify as applicable to this type of land;
2. the provisions of paragraph 1 will not apply to any unit of dwelling accommodation on the land which –

(a) was in existence on 28th July, 1998; or

- (b) was on that date actually and lawfully in the course of construction;
- (c) shall be lawfully constructed subsequent to 28th July, 1998 on land in respect of which the Planning and Environment Committee had granted permission prior to that date for the development of the land for the construction of dwelling accommodation.

Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (No. 2) Jersey) Act 1998– P.217/98

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 2 of the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Law 1951, as amended, made an Act entitled the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (No. 2) (Jersey) Act 1998.

Mr. D.R. Manning– financial assistance (Field 1007, St. John)– P.220/98

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Alan Breckon of St. Saviour regarding the provision of financial assistance to Mr. D.R. Manning (Field 1007, St. John).

THE STATES adopted paragraph (1) and –

- (1) approved the granting of financial assistance by way of a loan to Mr. David Ronald Manning, in order that he can construct a domestic dwelling on Field 1007, St. John;

Members present voted on paragraph (1) as follows–

“Pour” (35)

Senators

Shenton, Horsfall, Le Maistre, Stein, Quérée, Bailhache, Syvret, Norman, Walker, Kinnard.

Connétables

St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Brelade, St. Peter, Grouville, St. Helier, St. John, Trinity, St. Saviour.

Deputies

H. Baudains(C), Coutanche(L), S. Baudains(H), Trinity, Pullin(S), Johns(H), Duhamel(S), Routier(H), Dorey(H), Breckon(S), St. John, Le Main(H), Rabet(H), de la Haye(B), St. Peter, Dubras(L).

“Contre” (8)

Connétable

St. Clement.

Deputies

Layzell(B), Grouville, Huet(H), Blampied(H), Crowcroft(H), Vibert(B), St. Ouen.

Paragraph (2) was referred to the Finance and Economics Committee for consideration and report to the States.

Committee of Inquiry: building costs in Jersey – P.221/98

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee, and in accordance with Article 30 of the States of Jersey Law 1966, approved the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry to investigate fully the costs of building projects in Jersey and to report back to the States with such recommendations (if any) as the Committee considers to be appropriate.

Senator Nigel Lewis Quérée, having declared an interest in the matter, withdrew from the Chamber prior to the debate.

Jersey Financial Services Commission: appointment of Commissioner – P.222/98. Debate in camera.

The Bailiff, in pursuance of Article 3 of the Financial Services Commission (Jersey) Law 1998, as amended, and in accordance with Standing Order No. 46(2), ordered the withdrawal of strangers and the closing of the doors of the Chamber in order that the appointment of a Commissioner of the Jersey Financial Services Commission be debated in camera.

THE STATES, having deliberated thereon in camera, proceeded to vote in public assembly and, adopting a proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee, appointed Mr. Richard Pratt as a Commissioner of the Jersey Financial Services Commission for a period of three years with effect from 1st January 1999.

Magistrate's Court (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 199 – P.224/98

THE STATES commenced consideration of the draft Magistrate's Court (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 199 and adopted the Preamble.

Members present voted as follows –

“Pour” (26)

Senators

Horsfall, Bailhache, Syvret, Walker, Kinnard.

Connétables

St. Lawrence, St. Brelade, St. John, SClement.

Deputies

H. Baudains(C), Coutanche(L), S. Baudains(H), Trinity, Pullin(S), Johns(H), Duhamel(S), Routier(H), Dorey(H), Breckon(S), Grouville, Blampied(H), Crowcroft(H), Vibert(B), de la Haye(B), St. Pete St. Ouen.

“Contre” (9)

Senator

Norman.

Connétables

St. Mary, Grouville, St. Helier, Trinity, St. Saviour.

Deputies

Huet(H), St. John, Rabet(H).

Articles 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Magistrate's Court (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 199 .

Electoral law reform – P.207/98, P.212/98 (Revised), P.215/98 and P.226/98

THE STATES resumed consideration of the amendments of the proposition of the Legislation Committee concerning electoral law reform which had been discontinued at the meeting on 3rd November 1998.

THE STATES rejected an amendment of Deputy Alan Simon Crowcroft of St. Helier that at the end of sub-paragraph (f) there should be inserted the following additional paragraph–

“and to approve in principle that –

a poll card should be sent to every person whose name has been entered on the Electoral Register, immediately following the declaration by the Royal Court of an election for a member of the Assembly of the States of Jersey.”

Members present voted as follows –

“Pour” (12)

Senators

Stein, Syvret, Kinnard.

Deputies

Johns(H), Routier(H), Breckon(S), Grouville, St. John, Crowcroft(H), Vibert(B), St. Peter, Dubras(L).

“Contre” (19)

Senators

Le Maistre, Norman.

Connétables

St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Brelade, Grouville, St. Helier, St. John, Trinity, St. Saviour, St. Clement.

Deputies

H. Baudains(C), Coutanche(L), S. Baudains(H), Pullin(S), Duhamel(S), Dorey(H), Huet(H), de la Ha (B).

THE STATES then adjourned having agreed to defer consideration of the amended proposition concerning Electoral law reform until 1st December 1998.

THE STATES rose at 6.32 p.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.