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THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
12th June, 1990 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
Air Marshal Sir John Sutton, K.C.B.,
was present.

All Members were present with the exception
of -

Senator Bernard Thomas Binnington -
out of the Island.
Senator John William Ellis - out of
the Island.
Senator Anne Baal - out of the Island.
Snowdon George Robins, Connétable of
St. Saviour - ill.
John Le Gallais, Deputy of St.
Saviour - out of the Island.
Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll, Deputy
of St. Helier - absent.
Henri Leon Dubras, Deputy of St.
Martin - out of the Island.
Cynthia Miriam Rumboll, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island.
Graeme Ernest Rabet, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island.

Prayers

Subordinate legislation tabled

The following enactments were laid
before the States, namely -

1. Civil Service Administration

(Salaries) (Amendment No. 10)
(Jersey) Order 1990. R & O 8065.

2. Cremation (Fees) (Amendment)
(Jersey) Order 1990. R & O 8066.
3. Misuse of Drugs (Modification)
(Jersey) Order 1990. R & O 8067.
4. Fire Service (General Provisions)
(Amendment No. 13) (Jersey) Order
1990. R & O 8068.

Law drafting programme. R.C. 14

The Policy and Resources Committee
by Act dated 1st May 1990, presented to the
States a list showing the items to be
included in the 1990 law drafting
programme.

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

Matters noted - land transactions

THE STATES noted an Act of the
Finance and Economics Committee dated 25th
May 1990, showing that in pursuance of
Standing Orders relating to certain
transactions in land, the Committee had
approved -

- (a) as recommended by the Education
Committee, the renewal of the
lease from the Trustees of St.
James Church of St. James Centre,
from 31st July, 1990 until 30th
July, 1991, at an annual rent of
#7,400;
- (b) as recommended by the Housing
Committee, with the support of the
Island Development Committee, the
purchase from Wesley Properties
Limited of No. 3, Wesley Street,
St. Helier for the sum of
£74,000, with the Committee being
responsible for the payment of all
legal fees;
- (c) as recommended by the Housing
Committee, with the support of the
Island Development Committee, the

purchase from Mr. Howard Julius Hirschfield of the property 7, Wesley Street, St. Helier, for the sum of #129,000, with the Committee being responsible for the payment of all legal fees;

(d) as recommended by the Housing Committee, the purchase from Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Picot, née Pasturel, of Field 355A Grouville, for a consideration of £257,076 with the Committee being responsible for the payment of all legal fees, and the purchase from Mrs. Elin Dorothy Le Ruez, née Malzard, of an access strip on the western side of Field 355B Grouville for a consideration of £32,500, with Mrs. Le Ruez reserving the right to connect no more than three dwelling units to the drains and services serving the new estate and rights of access, with the Committee being responsible for the construction of a wall on the boundary and payment of all legal fees; (The Committee rescinded its Act No. 5 of 2nd February 1990, which was notified to the States on 13th February, 1990.)

(e) as recommended by the Public Health Committee, the leasing from Mrs. Christine Louise Langlois, née Holbrow (as guardian of her minor children Michelle Langlois and Christian John Langlois) of No. 2, Bel Royal Gardens, St. Lawrence, a three-bedroomed property, for a period of two years, commencing 8th May, 1990, with an option to renew, at an annual rent of #8,060, with annual rent reviews linked to the Jersey Cost of Living Index, required for emergency accommodation for nursing and medical staff;

(f) as recommended by the Establishment Committee, the renewal of the lease from Mr. Roy Huelin Vibert of the property No. 1, Baycroft Nurseries, St.

Clement, an unfurnished three-bedroomed house, for a further period of one year, commencing 1st June, 1990, at an annual rent of #7,284, required for occupation by an essential employee appointed on a contract basis;

(g) as recommended by the Establishment Committee, the leasing from Mr. Brian Le Herissier and Mrs. Patricia Le Herissier, née Eve, of the property Le Petit Fief, Fosse à l'Ecrivain, Maufant, St. Saviour, a partly-furnished four-bedroomed bungalow, for a period of three years, commencing 1st June, 1990, with an option to renew, at an annual rent of #8,000, with annual rent reviews linked to the Jersey Cost of Living Index, required for occupation by an essential employee appointed on a contract basis.

Matters lodged

The following subjects were lodged
"au Greffe" -

1. Education Committee: capital proposals for 1991. P.84/90.
Presented by the Education Committee.
2. Fort Regent: leisure pool.
P.85/90.
Presented by the Fort Regent Development Committee.
3. 36½ Belmont Road, St. Helier: redevelopment. P.86/90.
Presented by the Housing Committee.
4. Draft Road Traffic (No. 35) (Jersey) Regulations 199 .
P.87/90.
Presented by the Defence Committee.
5. Draft Road Traffic (No. 36) (Jersey) Regulations 199 .

P.88/90.
Presented by the Defence
Committee.

The following subjects were lodged on 5th
June 1990 -

1. Draft Electricity Link with France
(Protection of Submarine Cable)
(Jersey) Regulations 199 .
P.81/90.
Presented by the Harbours and
Airport Committee.
2. La Collette: construction of
industrial building. P.82/90.
Presented by the Island
Development Committee.
3. Belle Vue Pleasure Park and Fields
91 and 91A, St. Brelade: rezoning.
P.83/90.
Presented by the Island
Development Committee.

Arrangement of Public Business for
next Sitting on 19th June 1990

THE STATES confirmed that the
following subjects lodged au Greffe should
be considered at the next Sitting on 19th
June 1990 -

Public Health Committee: capital
proposals for 1991. P.74/90.
Lodged: 29th May 1990.
Public Health Committee.

Housing Committee: capital proposals
for 1991. P.77/90.
Lodged: 29th May, 1990.
Housing Committee.

Public Services Committee: capital
proposals for 1991. P.78/90.
Lodged: 29th May, 1990.
Public Services Committee.

Green Street, St. Helier: road
improvements. P.79/90.
Lodged: 29th May, 1990.
Public Services Committee.

Draft Electricity Link with France
(Protection of Submarine Cable) (Jersey)
Regulations, 199 . P.81/90.
Lodged: 5th June, 1990.
Harbours and Airport Committee.

La Collette: construction of
industrial building. P.82/90.
Lodged: 5th June, 1990.
Island Development Committee.

Housing needs: Committee of Inquiry.
P.97/89.
Lodged: 20th June, 1989.
Senator J.S. Rothwell.
(Report of Policy and Resources
Committee refers - P.71/90).

On-street parking charges in St.
Helier. P.25/90.
Lodged: 20th February, 1990.
Public Services Committee.

Draft Video Recordings (Jersey) Law
199 . P.59/90.
Lodged: 1st May, 1990.
Education Committee.

Ceramic chimneys: prefabricated.
Questions and answers

Deputy Shirley Margaret Baudains of
St. Helier asked the Connétable of St.
John, President of the Island Development
Committee, the following questions -

Question 1

``Will the President confirm that in
February of this year the Island
Development Committee called for
reports on defects associated with
certain prefabricated ceramic
chimneys?''

The President of the Island Development
Committee replied as follows -

``No. In December, 1989, I was
informed by the Assistant Director
(Building Control) that corrosion
defects discovered in 200mm internal
diameter prefabricated ceramic lined
chimneys, manufactured between 1981
and 1985 by Insulated Chimneys Limited

(Dublin), could present a serious fire risk.

An immediate warning was issued to the public of the Island through the media by the Department of Planning and Building Control on 21st December, 1989, and a 'helpline' and inspection facility were set up to give advice to all property owners and occupiers.

A further warning was published on 13th March and the Department also posted warnings through the letter boxes of properties that were thought to have this type of chimney, advising the occupiers to contact the Department for an inspection to be carried out.

The result of inspections and further investigations were reported to the Island Development Committee on 22nd March of this year. The Assistant Director (Building Control) was directed to continue making inspections to establish the extent of the problem in the Island, and to continue advising the owners and occupiers of those properties affected of the need to cease use of any appliance connected to such chimneys and contact the suppliers in respect of replacement.

On 6th April a meeting was arranged at my request with the President of the Housing Committee, the Vice-President of the Finance and Economics Committee and Vice-President of the Defence Committee, together with the Chief Fire Officer, the States' Treasurer, the Housing Officer, the Crown Advocate and representatives of the local suppliers of the chimneys. The purpose of that meeting was to see if there was a way forward in providing any assistance to the owners of those properties affected. It was agreed that the Assistant Director (Building Control) and the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Fire Service would carry out any research necessary to -

(a) identify a suitable prefabricated chimney, which could be safely

recommended as a replacement for the corroded chimneys; and

- (b) provide an estimate for the cost of the replacement with the chimney types selected.

It was also agreed that once the information was available, a further meeting would be arranged to decide what assistance, if any, might be available for property owners."

Question 2

"Will the President explain to the House the nature of the problems which are being experienced and state in how many households these chimneys have been installed?"

President, Island Development Committee

"The ICL ceramic lined chimney was a development of a previous prefabricated chimney system manufactured by Insulated Chimneys Limited. The liner is manufactured from high temperature, vacuum formed, alumina silica, which has excellent fire resistant properties, and is impervious to acid attack. The outer casing is formed from galvanised sheet steel, which is sometimes with PVC plastisol for external use.

During periods when the flue gases resulting from combustion are at low velocity (i.e. overnight, when open fires are 'banked' or when solid fuel appliances are set for 'low idling'), they are partially absorbed by the ceramic material. On reaching an area of the cooler outer metal casing, especially in roof spaces, there is a tendency for condensation to take place. If the fuels used have a small percentage of chlorine or sulphur as a constituent, then the condensation will have acidic properties. This acid attacks the inner surface of the outer metal casing causing the resultant corrosion. This eventually appears on the external surface of the chimney as a white powdering or rust spots. In some cases the metal casing has

disintegrated completely leaving only the structurally weak inner ceramic lining intact.

If allowed to continue the corrosion will eventually lead to complete failure of the inner lining as it is not in itself structurally capable of supporting the weight of any chimney sections above.

The quantity of chimney section sold by the supplier between 1981 and 1986 equates to approximately 250 average chimney installations. The Department of Planning and Building Control have now inspected over 170 properties, where chimneys of this type are installed. The majority of these are showing some degree of corrosion. Another 46 properties have been identified, but inspections have still to be undertaken when contact is made with the owners."

Supplementary question and answer

Deputy A.P. Bree - "If the apparent inherent defects of the composition and interaction of the components of the flues are known could I ask the President why were they recommended for use and, as I understand it in some cases, insisted upon?"

President Island Development Committee - "The ICL chimneys were installed with the recommendation of the Solid Fuel Advisory Service and because of their direct involvement in promoting and specifying the product that organisation apparently contributed financially, either wholly or in part, towards the replacement."

Deputy Baudains

Question 3

"As it appears that many of the houses affected by the problems are States' loan properties, will the President say how much longer it will be before positive steps are taken to

put matters right?"

President, Island Development Committee

``As far as the Island Development Committee is concerned there is nothing to prevent any house owner undertaking the work to replace a defective chimney with a suitable replacement. The Department of Planning and Building Control is able to give advice on replacement chimneys which comply with either the British Standard or possess a British Board of Agrément Certificate.

As regards financial assistance, the Assistant Director (Building Control) and the Chief Fire Officer have completed their investigations and their report will be discussed at a further meeting on 22nd June, which is the earliest date that all parties involved in the previous meeting are available."

Supplementary questions and answers

Deputy Bree - ``Could I ask the President whether the meeting referred to on 20th June is the same meeting that was referred to in question 1, `a further meeting would be held'?"

President, Island Development Committee - ``That sub-committee or that meeting of that number of various members of various committees have only met once and we will now be meeting for the second time on 22nd June."

Senator J.A. Le Maistre - ``As the President referred to the present financial implications here, will he confirm that under normal conditions this type of failure would come under latent defects which have, I understand, a time limit of maybe five years or so?"

President, Island Development Committee - ``I am not in a position to answer that question."

Deputy H.A. Vandervliet - ``A

further meeting is set for 22nd June, that's the first I have heard of it, and actually we've got the Working Party on Need on 22nd June, I've heard nothing at all and I'm involved in this."

President, Island Development Committee - "All I can say is that officers of the Island Development Committee have been contacting various officers and the Housing Committee, if you're not able to be there, Deputy, will I am sure be represented by somebody else."

Deputy Vandervliet - "This is not good enough, because Friday is Housing Committee day, and my Vice-President can't be in two places at once, I think it's only courtesy that I should have been approached."

Deputy Baudains

Question 4

"Will the President explain the rôle of the Planning Department's Building Control Officers in relation to the installation of such chimneys?"

President, Island Development Committee

"The Building Control Officers of the Department of Planning and Building Control are responsible to the Committee for the implementation of the Building Byelaws (Jersey) in respect of construction work undertaken in the Island which requires the approval of the Island Development Committee. This includes the acceptance of all materials used in the construction, structural alteration or extension of buildings, to ensure as far as possible that they are of a suitable nature and quality for the purpose for which they are used.

There are no facilities for the research and testing of new materials of this type in the Island, and the advice of outside bodies in the United

Kingdom is always used by the Department to a great degree.

In this particular case, ICL prefabricated domestic chimneys had been supplied and fitted in the Island since 1973, with no reports of failure. The components complied with BS 4543 and the manufacturers were in possession of an Agrément Board Certificate valid until 1st June, 1982.

The newly designed ceramic lined chimney was launched by the manufacturers to replace the existing chimney in 1981. No British Standard exists (even to this day) for ceramic lined prefabricated chimneys and the manufacturers gave assurances that an Agrément Certificate would be available in due course.

The Department accepted the chimney for use in new development using the best advice available at the time. In this case there were no adverse reports in respect of the product but additional tests were carried out by the Department in respect of the fire resistance of the ceramic material. Apart from the use of the ceramic material, which was a new concept for the inner lining, the new product differed very little from the previous chimney that the company had manufactured. A ten year guarantee was offered by the manufacturer and the product was backed and promoted by the Solid Fuel Advisory Service in the United Kingdom and Jersey.

Regular inspections of new work under construction in the private sector are undertaken by the Building Control officers but chimneys are not subject to a specific statutory inspection under the Building Byelaws, as is the case with foundations or drainage for example.

ICL chimneys have also been installed in existing properties, when new solid fuel or oil fired appliances have been added, some without approval of my Committee, or inspection by the

Building Control Officer."

Supplementary questions and answers

Deputy Bree - ``Could I ask whether the President is saying that his Committee is not responsible in any way for any defects which its officers may have, as it were, approved. If this is the case, can one assume that the policy of the Committee in future, is that all inspections carried out by its inspectors will also be free from any liability?"

President, Island Development Committee - ``The Committee is not liable for any damages. It is sympathetic, but it is not liable in any way. The officers of the Department took every precaution to ensure that the materials that were being used were satisfactory. On previous occasions ICL had produced satisfactory chimneys and there should not have been a problem, but the problem had arisen."

Senator J.S. Rothwell - ``Can the President just verify that this is based on sound legal advice?"

President, Island Development Committee - ``The Crown Solicitor was with us during our discussions."

Deputy Baudains

Question 5

``Can the President confirm that the local suppliers have already offered ex gratia payments to some of the householders concerned and, if so, how far these payments will go to enable them to put matters right?"

President, Island Development Committee

``It is understood from discussions with the local suppliers that some

householders have received payments which were made on an ex gratia basis without admissions of liability and at a time when it was not appreciated that there might be a more general problem. The payments in certain cases amounted to the cost of the chimney parts when originally supplied to the installers or developers.

Other householders have accepted replacement prefabricated chimneys or other building materials from the suppliers as an alternative to cash payments.

It is known that the cost of the ICL prefabricated chimney parts supplied to the developers of the Ville au Roi estate in St. Lawrence when the houses were built, was in the region of #600. The most recent estimate for the supply of parts for an alternative make of prefabricated chimney at one house on that estate is #1,200. This does not include the cost of installation, any building work necessary, or redecoration."

Supplementary questions and answers

Senator R.J. Shenton - ``Will the President accept that the real question to be asked of the Committee is the one in which people who have bought homes in good faith now find themselves faced not only with a house that is unsafe, a fire that they cannot use but also unable to find the necessary financial resources to put the matter right, and it is this rather urgent regard for those people who are innocent of the problems that have brought this matter to the attention of the Island Development Committee. May I also say that there was not the degree of urgency by the Island Development Committee when the matter was first raised, and in fact I recall the President's attitude in the beginning as being cavalier in this matter and it was only when it was brought up by me to the Committee that meetings were instituted and are still going on. Would he also confirm that the meeting planned for tomorrow only

circulated yesterday at the last minute, at the eleventh hour, as the President of Housing has said and many of us can not make that meeting which we would certainly like to attend. I'm sorry, on 22nd June."

President, Island Development Committee - "I can assure this House that my Committee is very sympathetic to the situation that has arisen. I object to the Senator's comments because as soon as my officers were aware of the situation that had arisen, I was informed and I instructed them to move as quickly as possible to have the matter closely examined. I cannot do more."

As far as the meeting of 22nd June is concerned my officers have been sorting out these meetings, I gave them a list of dates from which I was available and they have been in contact with various officers of other departments and apparently some agreement must have been arrived at as to when a meeting to discuss further any possible financial help will be discussed. I cannot say more."

Deputy M.C. Buesnel - "Could I ask the President if there is not an obligation partly on the supplier for the faults that have occurred in these chimneys in later years?"

President, Island Development Committee - "I can't answer that question."

Deputy Baudains - "I'm not at all happy with the answers I have received this morning and I was hoping that the President of the Island Development Committee can invite me along to this meeting so I can represent the 250 householders concerned."

President, Island Development Committee - "The more the merrier. I shall be happy to invite Deputy Baudains and she is most welcome."

Deputy M.R. Billot - "In one part of these notes it refers to a ten year

guarantee by the manufacturers. Have they been required to pay for these replacements?"

President, Island Development Committee - "That was on the first occasion when ICL chimneys were supplied to the Island. The second lot did not have a ten year guarantee, it transpires."

Water restrictions. Statement

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

"The current water supply position for the Jersey New Waterworks Company Limited is potentially much more serious than the conditions prevailing last year or in 1976. The basic stream flow feeding the Company's reservoirs is much lower than last year and is likely to be similar to 1976, but with a correspondingly higher demand than in that year.

Whilst the position has improved slightly in the last week, there is still less water in storage than in 1976 or 1989.

The Water (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 1990 is now in force, which introduces a new Article to the Water (Jersey) Law 1972 which permits the Public Services Committee by Order to enable the Company to restrict temporarily the quantity of water it supplies to any premises. Under this Article, the Public Services Committee proposes to make an Order later this week which will introduce restrictions on water usage by Water Company commercial users. The Order will come into effect on Monday 18th June, 1990.

Full details of classes of users and the appropriate reductions of water usage will be advised by the Jersey New Waterworks Company, however, they will be similar to those introduced last year under the State of Emergency."

Ritz Hotel site, St. Helier: car park

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Public Services Committee, approved the transfer of administration of the Ritz Hotel site at Colomberie, St. Helier from the Island Development Committee to the Public Services Committee for the purpose of car parking until the Housing Committee is ready to use it.

Compensation of victims of uninsured drivers of motor vehicles: agreement with Motor Insurers' Bureau

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Defence Committee, approved the terms of the draft Agreement between the Defence Committee and the Motor Insurers' Bureau with regard to the compensation of victims of uninsured drivers of motor vehicles and ordered the printing and publication thereof.

Motor Traffic (Third Party Insurance) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law, 1989 (Appointed Day) Act 1990

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 5 of the Motor Traffic (Third Party Insurance) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 1989, made an Act entitled the Motor Traffic (Third Party Insurance) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 1989 (Appointed Day) Act 1990.

Field 1367, La Route du Petit Clos, St. Helier: rezoning. P.76/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Housing Committee, referred to their Act, dated 29th August, 1989, regarding the rezoning to use for Category A residential development and its acquisition, of land at Field 1367, La Route du Petit Clos, St. Helier, including existing farmstead buildings, together with a strip of land to

the south of Field 1371 required for access purposes and -

- (a) approved the acquisition from Mr. Stewart Edgar Mourant of Field 1367 (including existing farm buildings) and part of Field 1371, Mont au Prêtre, St. Helier, for a consideration of #1,414,550, with each side being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees;
- (b) in addition, agreed to make a further payment to Mr. Mourant of #11,650 for each additional plot in excess of 47 in respect of which the Island Development Committee may grant permission;
- (c) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass the necessary contract;
- (d) authorised the payment of the expenses incurred in connexion with the acquisition of the said land and buildings and all interest therein from the Island Development Committee's capital vote of credit C0904 'Acquisition of Land Major Reserve'.

Members present voted for paragraph (a) as follows -

``Pour" (37)

Senators

Shenton, Jeune, Horsfall, Rothwell, Le Main, Brooke, Le Maistre, Carter, Stein.

Connétables

St. Peter, St. Clement, St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, Trinity, St. Martin.

Deputies

de la Haye(H), Morel(S), Roche(S), Trinity, Vandervliet(L), Beadle(B), Wavell(H), Blampied(H), Billot(S), Norman(C), St. John, St. Peter, Buesnel(H), St. Ouen, Coutanche(L), Jordan(B), St. Mary, Bailhache(H), Baudains(H), Clarke-Halifax(S).

``Contre" (7)

Connétables

St. John, St. Helier, Grouville.

Deputies

Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H), Huelin(B),
Grouville.

Members present voted for paragraph (b) as follows -

``Pour" (23)

Senators

Jeune, Horsfall, Rothwell, Brooke, Le
Maistre, Stein.

Connétables

St. Helier, St. Mary, St. Ouen, St.
Brelade.

Deputies

de la Haye(H), Morel(S), Trinity,
Vandervliet(L), Beadle(B),
Blampied(H), Norman(C), St. John, St.
Peter, Buesnel(H), Le Sueur(H), St.
Ouen, Coutanche(L).

``Contre" (21)

Senators

Shenton, Le Main, Carter.

Connétables

St. John, St. Peter, St. Clement, St.
Lawrence, Trinity, St. Martin,
Grouville.

Deputies

Roche(S), Wavell(H), Billot(S),
Baudains(C), Huelin(B), Jordan(B), St.
Mary, Bailhache(H), Baudains(H),
Grouville, Clarke-Halifax(S).

Field 1367, La Route du Petit Clos,
St. Helier: rescission of provisions
regarding acquisition. P.80/90 withdrawn

The proposition presented by the
Connétable of St. John, requesting the
States to rescind that part of their Act
dated 28th August, 1989, approving
paragraphs (9)(ii) and (9)(iii) of the
proposition of the Island Development
Committee relating to the rezoning of the

land for category A housing (P.57/89), as amended) and the acquisition of some 8.6 vergées of land at Field 1367, La Route du Petit Clos, St. Helier, was withdrawn.

Constitution of the States: review.
P.46/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton, requested the House Committee to examine the constitution of the States and, in particular, the question of the necessity for the office of Senator and the division of the Island into constituencies, and to make any recommendations for change which the Committee might think appropriate.

Members present voted as follows -

``Pour" (30)

Senators

Shenton, Le Main, Brooke, Le Maistre, Stein.

Connétables

St. John, St. Peter, St. Clement, St. Lawrence, St. Martin, Grouville.

Deputies

de la Haye(H), Morel(S), Roche(S), Blampied(H), Billot(S), Norman(C), St. John, St. Peter, Baudains(C), Buesnel(H), Le Sueur(H), St. Ouen, Huelin(B), Jordan(B), St. Mary, Bailhache(H), Baudains(H), Grouville, Clarke-Halifax(S).

``Contre" (11)

Senators

Horsfall, Rothwell, Carter.

Connétables

St. Mary, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, Trinity.

Deputies

Trinity, Vandervliet(L), Beadle(B), Coutanche.

Maintenance payments: legislation.
P.56/90

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Shirley Margaret Baudains of St. Helier regarding the

preparation of legislation in relation to maintenance payments. Having adopted amendments of the President of the Legislation Committee that for the word "prepare" there should be substituted the words "consider the possibility of preparing" and that after the words "maintenance and support" there should be added the words "and to report thereon", the States adopted the proposition and requested the Legislation Committee to consider the possibility of preparing the necessary legislation to ensure that the innocent parties (including children) in separation and divorce proceedings do not suffer financial hardship because of the failure of the other party to make his or her payments at the proper time for maintenance and support and to report thereon.

West of Albert Pier: construction of warehouse. P.65/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Harbours and Airport Committee, approved in principle the construction of a warehouse measuring 20,000 square feet west of Albert Pier.

Fire Service: provision of hydraulic platform aerial appliance. P.66/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Defence Committee, approved in principle the provision in 1991 of a new combined hydraulic platform aerial appliance for the Fire Service.

Dairy industry: financial assistance. P.68/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, agreed, with effect from 1st January 1990 until 31st December 1991 -

- (a) to provide a subsidy of up to #480,000 a year in respect of milk produced in excess of the liquid milk requirement of the Island;
- (b) to provide a subsidy of #100,000 a year to encourage producers to

tailor their production levels to the needs of the market;

(c) to provide a subsidy of #200,000 a year to encourage producers to improve the calving index of their herds and to raise butterfat production;

(d) to provide #50,000 a year for promotional activity aimed at increasing exports of embryos and semen;

(e) to provide a subsidy of #30,000 a year to finance a bull-proving scheme and thereafter to increase the subsidy as outlined in the report of the working party examining financial assistance to the dairy industry, dated 20th March 1990, and as agreed by the States on 22nd November 1988 (P.135/88 refers);

(f) to provide a subsidy to aid Jersey Milk by paying the interest between 6½ per cent and base rate on monies borrowed to install an ultra high temperature treatment plant at Five Oaks Dairy. (At current levels of interest it is expected that the figure will be #170,000);

(g) that four items, (a), (b), (c) and (d), of this proposition would be increased annually by the prevailing rate of inflation.

Rentes Publiques: redemption of outstanding amount. P.69/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee, agreed to redeem, on 31st December 1991, the outstanding amount of #174,640 of "rentes publiques" issued under the powers in the "Loi (1881) sur la conversion et l'amortissement de la dette publique".

Rentes Publiques (Redemption) (Jersey) Act 1990. P.69/90

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted an Act entitled the Rentes Publiques (Redemption) (Jersey) Act 1990.

Albert and Victoria Piers:
reconstruction of landing stages. P.73/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Harbours and Airport Committee, approved in principle the reconstruction of the two landing stages on the Albert Pier and two landing stages on the Victoria Pier.

Elizabeth Place, St. Helier: lease of Nos. 4 and 5. P.75/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Public Health Committee -

- (a) approved the lease of units of accommodation at Nos. 4 and 5 Elizabeth Place, St. Helier, by the Public Health Committee, from Mr. James Gerard Hibbs, Mr. Bernard John Hibbs and Mrs. Katharine Collyer, née Hibbs, for a period of nine years at an initial cost of #17,500 a year to be reviewed and negotiated in line with the Jersey cost of living index or current market rates, whichever is higher, every three years;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the necessary contracts.

THE STATES rose at 5.15 p.m.

E.J.M. POTTER

Greffier of the States.