THE STATES assembled on Wednesday, 3rd December 1997 at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Greffier of the States, Geoffrey Henry Charles Coppock, Esquire

All members were present with the exception of -

Senator Stuart Syvret - out of the Island David Leon Crespel, Deputy of Trinity - out of the Island

Prayers

Budget 1998

THE STATES resumed consideration of the Budget 1998 and the estimates of capital expenditure for the financial year commencing 1st January 1998, on pages 64 and 65 of the Budget.

THE STATES rejected an amendment of Deputy Robert Charles Duhamel of St. Saviour that in the estimate of capital expenditure of the Public Services Committee the amount of £900,000 in Vote No. C1637 ``Green Composting Site" should be disallowed.

Members voted as follows -

``Pour'' (8)

Senator

Shenton.

Connétables

St. Mary, Trinity.

Deputies

Duhamel(S), St. Martin, St. John, Le Main(H), Crowcroft(H).

``Contre" (43)

Senators

Horsfall, Rothwell, Le Maistre, Stein, Quérée, Bailhache, Tomes, Norman, Walker, Kinnard.

Connétables

St. Clement, St. Lawrence, St. Brelade, St. Peter, Grouville, St. Helier, St. Saviour, St. Martin, St. Ouen, St. Jean.

Deputies

Wavell(S), H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H), Coutanche(L), St. Mary, S. Baudains(H), Le Geyt(S), Pullin(S), John(H), Routier(H), Dorey(H), Layzell(B), Breckon(S), Grouville, Huet(H), Blampied(H), Rabet(H), Vibert(B), de la Haye(B), Le Cornu(C), St. Peter, Dubras(L), St. Ouen.

THE STATES adopted a proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee and agreed that the additional £1,350,000 granted to the Public Services Committee in Vote C0452 "Foul Sewer Extensions" on 2nd December 1997, should be funded from the general reserve in 1998 and that the capital estimates for 1999 would be reduced by the same amount.

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John withdrew paragraph (b) of his amendment.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Public Services Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Planning and Environment Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of

the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Defence Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Housing Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Prison Board appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

THE STATES allowed the estimate of capital expenditure allocated to Millenium Projects and WEB Ltd. (sinking fund) appearing on page 67 of the Budget.

THE STATES noted that the amount to be voted from the Capital Fund was £36,274,000.

THE STATES then proceeded to consider the estimates of capital expenditure to be financed from the trading funds appearing on page 66 of the Budget and -

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Harbours and Airport Committee was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Telecommunications Board was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Committee for Postal Administration was allowed.

THE STATES, having noted the estimated transactions of the trading funds, decided to allow the said estimates as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows -

TRADING FUNDS

Harbours - Page 54

Airport - Page 57

Telecommunications Board - Page 60

Committee for Postal Administration - Page 63

THE STATES considered the estimates of income to be produced from taxation appearing on page 2 of the Budget and agreed the estimate as follows -

££

Impôts on spirits 4,746,000

Impôts on wines 3,486,000

Impôts on beer 2,223,000

Impôts on tobacco 11,298,000

Impôts on motor fuel 8,442,000

Goods imported into the Island 150,000 3 0,345,000

Income tax 255,000,000

THE STATES commenced consideration of a Bill to continue certain expiring fiscal Laws; to prescribe the standard rate of income tax for the year nineteen hundred and ninety-eight; to amend further the Law relating to income tax to increase certain personal allowances and reliefs, to exempt certain payments from income tax, to alter the charge payable on an application to be treated as an exempt company and to provide for the variation of the rate of tax chargeable on certain profits or gains of an international business company; and to amend the Laws relating to wines and spirits duty, beer duty, tobacco duty and oils and spirits duty.

The Preamble and Articles 1 and 2 were adopted.

THE STATES rejected an amendment of Senator Nigel Lewis Quérée that in Part III, Article 3

- (a) in paragraph (1) -
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for the words ``sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds" there should be substituted the words

- "seventeen thousand one hundred and ten pounds",
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for the words two thousand three hundred pounds or four thousand six hundred pounds" there should be substituted the words "two thousand four hundred and twenty pounds or four thousand six hundred pounds";
- (b) paragraph (2) should be deleted;
- (c) paragraph (3) should be re-numbered as paragraph (2), and in clause (i) of sub-paragraph (a) and sub-paragraph (b) of that paragraph, for the words "two thousand three hundred pounds" there should be substituted the words "two thousand four hundred and twenty pounds".

Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, were adopted.

The said Bill was lodged ``au Greffe" in second reading.

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 25 of the Public Finances (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1967, as amended, declared that the Bill to continue certain expiring fiscal Laws; to prescribe the standard rate of income tax for the year nineteen hundred and ninety-eight; to amend further the Law relating to income tax to alter certain personal allowances and reliefs, to exempt certain payments from income tax, to alter the charge payable on an application to be treated as an exempt company and to provide for the variation of the rate of tax chargeable on certain profits or gains of an international business company; and to amend the Laws relating to wines and spirits duty, beer duty, tobacco duty and oils and spirits duty (which Bill had this day been lodged "au Greffe") should immediately have effect as it it were a Law passed by the States and sanctioned by Her Majesty in Council.

THE STATES, having completed consideration of the Budget, agreed the summary of the estimated income and revenue expenditure for 1998 appearing on page 67 of the Budget as follows -

INCOME	
	£

Income Tax 255,000

£

£

,000

Impôts 30,345

,000,

Investment Income 3,0

00,000

288,345

,000 LESS

Non-Trading Committees

Revenue expenditure 308,414,100 Capital Servicing 16,000,000

324,414,100

Authorised Revenue

Expenditure

Revenue Income 59,750,200 Interest on advances from Capital Fund 3,324,600

Income 63,074,800

261,339,300

Financial Services Commission Return 3,45

4,000

257,885

,300

30,459,

700

Trading Committees

Expenditure 66,487,300 Income 81,725,200 15,237,900

Estimated transfer to Trading Funds 13,0

77,450

2,16

0,450

32,620,

150 ADD

Estimated surplus brought forward at 1st

January 1998 5,360,100

37,980,

250

Appropriation to Reserves:

Net Appropriation to the General Reserve

(27,000,000)

Balance to be transferred to Capital Fund

£10,980,250

THE STATES further agreed the estimated

transactions of the capital fund for 1998 as follows -

Revised estimate of balance in hand at 1st January 1998 30,612,800

Transfer from Strategic Reserve 10,000,000

Capital repayments and receipts 30,200,000

Estimated balance on revenue account 10,980,250
(as above) 81,793, 050

Capital Expenditure as recommended by the Finance and Economics Committee 33,274,000

Add:

Millenium Projects 2,000,000 WEB Ltd (Sinking Fund) 1,000,000 36,274,000 Loan sanction repayments 10,720,000 46,994,

000

Estimated balance in hand at 31st December 1998 34,799,050

Road Traffic (No. 47) (Jersey) Regulations 1997 - P.173/97

THE STATES, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Order in Council of the twenty-sixth day of December 1851 and Article 49 of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Road Traffic (No. 47) (Jersey) Regulations 1997.

Draft Amendment (No. 20) to the Tariff of Harbour and Light Dues - P.174/97

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 6 of the Harbour and Light Dues (Jersey) Law 1947, as amended, approved a draft amendment to the Tariff of Harbour and Light Dues approved by the States on the nineteenth day of August 1980.

Boats and Surf-Riding (Control) (Amendment No. 16) (Jersey) Regulations 1997 - P.176/97

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 4 of the Harbours (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1961, as

amended, made Regulations entitled the Boats and Surf-Riding (Control) (Amendment No. 16) (Jersey) Regulations 1997.

Harbours (Amendment No. 26) (Jersey) Regulations 1997 - P.177/97

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 4 of the Harbours (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1961, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Harbours (Amendment No. 26) (Jersey) Regulations 1997.

The Lloyds TSB (Jersey) Law 1997 (Appointed Day) Act 1997 - P.181/97

THE STATES commenced consideration of the draft The Lloyds TSB (Jersey) Law 1997 (Appointed Day) Act 199 and adopted the preamble, and paragraphs 1 and 2.

The Schedule was adopted, the States having accepted an amendment of the Finance and Economics Committee that, in paragraph 2, after the word ``undertaking" there should be inserted the words ``in Jersey".

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 1 of The Lloyds TSB (Jersey) Law 1997, made an Act entitled The Lloyds TSB (Jersey) Law 1997 (Appointed Day) Act 1997.

Natwest Offshore Limited (Jersey) Law 1997 (Appointed Day) Act 1997 - P.182/97

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 9 of the NatWest Offshore Limited (Jersey) Law 1997, made an Act entitled the Natwest Offshore Limited (Jersey) Law 1997 (Appointed Day) Act 1997.

Public Lotteries Board: membership - P.183/97

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Gambling Control Committee, and in pursuance of Regulation 3(5) of the Gambling (Channel Islands Lottery) (Jersey) Regulations 1975, as amended, as a result of the resignation of Mr. Colin Hill and Mrs. Cynthia Rumboll, appointed the following persons as members of the Public Lotteries Board for a period of five years, namely -

Mr. Geoffrey James Roscouet Mr. Paul Crespel.

La Collette, St. Helier: transfer of administration of Elan Animal Products building - P.184/97

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Public Services Committee, approved the transfer of administration from the Public Services Committee to the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee of the Elan Animal Products Building, La Collette Phase I Reclamation site, as outlined on drawing No. JDR003.

THE STATES rose at 3.07 p.m.

C.M. NEWCOMBE

Deputy Greffier of the States.