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THE STATES assembled on Wednesday,
11th September 1996 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Greffier of the States,
Geoffrey Henry Charles Coppock, Esquire

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
General Sir Michael Wilkes, K.C.B., C.B.E,
was present.

All members were present with the exception of -

Senator Terence John Le Main - absent
Senator Stuart Syvret - suspended
Leonard René Hamel, Connétable of St.
Clement - out of the Island
Kenneth Priaulx Vibert, Connétable of St.
Ouen - ill
Terence Augustine Le Sueur, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island
Shirley Margaret Baudains, Deputy of St.
Helier - ill.

Prayers

Harbours and Airport Committee - vacancy in
Presidency

In accordance with Article 28(3) of the States
of Jersey Law 1966, the President gave notice
that there was a vacancy in the office of
President of the Harbours and Airport Committee.

Strategic Policy Review and Action Plan 1996 -
P.129/96, amendments and second amendments -
resumption of debate

THE STATES resumed consideration of the
Strategic Policy Review and Action Plan 1996.

Sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 2 was adopted, as
amended.

Deputy Gary Matthews of St. Brelade withdrew his amendment that at the end of clause (i) of the sub-paragraph there be inserted the words `` , but without recourse to compulsory redundancies". Clause (i) was then adopted. Clause (ii) was withdrawn by the President of the Establishment Committee. Clause (iii) was adopted.

The debate was then adjourned.

Change in Presidency

During consideration of sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 2 of the Strategic Policy Review and Action Plan 1996 the Greffier retired from the Chair and the debate continued under the presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Philip Bailhache.

Committees of the States: reorganization - P.107/96 and P.134/96

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee on the reorganization of the Committees of the States. The States, referring to their Act, dated 28th September 1995, recording their acceptance of the policy for the public sector as set out on page 57 of the Strategic Policy Review 1995 - Part I ("2000 & Beyond"), and their agreement of the objectives for the public sector set out in paragraph 11.12 of that Review, adopted sub-paragraph (a) as amended, the States having accepted an amendment of Deputy Robert Charles Duhamel of St. Saviour that the words ``the proposals for reducing the number of Committees of the States as set out in the report of the Policy and Resources Committee, dated 1st July 1996, and to approve" be deleted.

Sub-paragraph (b) was adopted.

Sub-paragraph (c) was adopted as amended, the States having accepted an amendment of Deputy Duhamel that after the words ``Task Force" there should be substituted the following -

``to investigate, and to report to the States on -

- (i) the proposed terms of reference of the new Committees and those given additional responsibilities, including an identification and analysis of the future discharge of the responsibilities of the

Committees that will cease to exist;

- (ii) the proposed constitution of each new Committee and each Committee given additional responsibilities and any major sub-Committee or similar body that is proposed to support a given Committee and the political accountability of the subordinate body;
- (iii) the proposed lines of communication between Committees, identifying areas for inter-Committee co-operation;
- (iv) the financial and manpower implications of the new arrangements;
- (v) the legislative changes necessary to implement the new arrangements, with an estimate of the consequent demand on law drafting services;
- (vi) the operational and organizational efficiencies that will accrue from the new arrangements;
- (vii) the target timetable for implementing the new arrangements."

THE STATES thereupon -

(a) agreed in principle -

- (i) the creation of a new Finance and Manpower Committee;
- (ii) the creation of a new Law and Order Committee;
- (iii) the creation of a new Civil Affairs Committee;
- (iv) the creation of a new Industry Committee;
- (v) the transfer to the Employment and Social Security Committee of the functions of the Industrial Relations Committee;
- (vi) the transfer to the Housing Committee of the functions of the Cottage Homes Committee;

- (vii) the disbanding of the Occupation and Liberation Committee;
 - (viii) the transfer of the functions of the Overseas Aid Committee to a Trust formally established for that purpose;
- (b) confirmed the responsibilities of the Policy and Resources Committee set out in paragraphs 13 to 15 of the report;
- (c) charged the Policy and Resources Committee to set up a Task Force to investigate, and to report to the States on -
- (i) the proposed terms of reference of the new Committees and those given additional responsibilities, including an identification and analysis of the future discharge of the responsibilities of the Committees that will cease to exist;
 - (ii) the proposed constitution of each new Committee and each Committee given additional responsibilities and any major sub-Committee or similar body that is proposed to support a given Committee and the political accountability of the subordinate body;
 - (iii) the proposed lines of communication between Committees, identifying areas for inter-Committee co-operation;
 - (iv) the financial and manpower implications of the new arrangements;
 - (v) the legislative changes necessary to implement the new arrangements, with an estimate of the consequent demand on law drafting services;
 - (vi) the operational and organizational efficiencies that will accrue from the new arrangements;
 - (vii) the target timetable for implementing the new arrangements.

THE STATES rose at 4.50 p.m.

C.M. NEWCOMBE

Deputy Greffier of the States.