

**THE STATES assembled on Wednesday,
28th July 1999 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Philip Bailhache.**

All members were present with the exception of-

Senator Richard Joseph Shenton - out of the Island
Senator Nigel Lewis Quérée - absent
Senator Stuart Syvret - out of the Island
Iris Medora Le Feuvre, Connétable of St. Lawrence - out of the Island
Francis Herbert Amy, Connétable of Grouville - out of the Island
John Baudains Germain, Connétable of St. Martin - excused
Stanley John Le Cornu, Connétable of St. Clement - out of the Island
Margaret Anne Le Geyt, Deputy of St. Saviour - excused
Alastair John Layzell, Deputy of St. Brelade - out of the Island
Ronald Winter Blampied, Deputy of St. Helier - out of the Island
Michael Edward Vibert, Deputy of St. Brelade - out of the Island
Gerard Clifford Lemmens Baudains, Deputy of St. Clement - absent

Prayers

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES rejected a proposition of Deputy Graeme Ernest Rabet of St. Helier that the States should adjourn and not consider the proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee on Committees of the States reorganisation - Industries Committee (P.94/99 lodged "au Greffe" on 6th July 1999).

Committees of the States: reorganisation - Industries Committee - P.94/99; amendments - P.103/99; comments P.94/99 Com.

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning Committees of the States: reorganisation - Industries Committee and rejected an amendment of Senator Patricia Ann Bailhache that for sub-paragraph 1(b) of Part 1 of the proposition there should be substituted the following sub-paragraph -

“(b) to designate the Industries Committee as a Major Committee.”

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee, referred to their Act dated 2nd February 1999 in which they charged the Policy and Resources Committee to take immediate steps to promote the formation of an Industry Committee and -

PART 1

1. (a) approved the establishment with effect from 14th December 1999 of a Committee of the States to be known as the Industries Committee;
- (b) agreed that the Industries Committee should have the status of a Major Committee except that,

for the first three years of its operation, it would not be subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order No. 39,

and charged the House Committee to present to the States for approval the necessary amendments to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey;

2. agreed that the overall responsibility of the Industries Committee should be -
 - (a) to develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive industrial strategy for the Island, encompassing responsibility for economic policy as it relates to Industry and the Island's workforce;
 - (b) to perform a range of regulatory functions through an appropriate regulatory and licensing framework; and
 - (c) to protect the consumer and safeguard the public interest;
3. approved, in principle, the establishment, under the authority of the Industries Committee, of Strategic Development Boards for different industries within the Island, to function initially as sub-committees of that Committee, and constituted as follows -
 - (a) a Chairman, being a member of the Industries Committee;
 - (b) a Vice-Chairman, being a representative of the industry concerned;
 - (c) up to two additional States Members; and
 - (d) up to five additional representatives of the industry concerned;with a quorum comprising two States members and two representatives of the industry concerned, and the appointment and terms of office of persons appointed to each Board being determined by the Committee;
4. approved in principle the transfer to the Industries Committee, from the date of its establishment, of -
 - (a) the regulatory and licensing functions of the Committee for Postal Administration under the Post Office (Jersey) Law 1969, as amended;
 - (b) the regulatory and licensing functions of the Telecommunications Board under the Telecommunications (Jersey) Law 1972, as amended;
 - (c) the functions of the Finance and Economics Committee under the Regulation of Undertakings and Development (Jersey) Law 1973, as amended;
 - (d) the power and duty of representing the States in the matters specified in Article 31 of the Electricity (Jersey) Law 1937, as amended;
 - (e) the functions of the Public Services Committee, in relation to water rates and charges, and the accounts of The Jersey New Waterworks Company Limited under Article 14, and Article 22 respectively of the Water (Jersey) Law 1972, as amended;
 - (f) the functions of presenting matters to the States in respect of the Jersey Gas Company Limited under Articles 91, 95, 97 and 98 of, and the Second and Third Schedules to the Jersey Gas Company (Jersey) Law 1989;
 - (g) the functions of the Broadcasting Committee;

- (h) the responsibilities of the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the Jersey Consumer Council;

and charged the Policy and Resources Committee to present to the States for approval the necessary Acts under Article 29 of the States of Jersey Law 1966;

PART 2

- 5. charged the Policy and Resources Committee to investigate, with the appropriate Committees, the potential for transferring to the Industries Committee certain regulatory and licensing functions presently performed by the Tourism Committee, the Gambling Control Committee, the Public Services Committee and the Defence Committee respectively, as outlined in the report dated 30th June 1999 of the Policy and Resources Committee;
- 6. charged the Industries Committee, in consultation with the Committees concerned, to examine -
 - (a) the case for replacing the Tourism Committee, at an appropriate time, with a Tourism Industry Board reporting to the Industries Committee;
 - (b) the case for replacing the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, at an appropriate time, with a Board or Boards representing the agriculture and fisheries industries and reporting to the Industries Committee;
 - (c) the case for transferring the functions of the Finance and Economics Committee in relation to the Financial Services Commission to the Industries Committee;
 - (d) the case for transferring the functions of the Jersey Transport Authority to the Industries Committee;and to report back to the States with its findings and recommendations.
- 7. charged the Employment and Social Security Committee, the Education Committee and the Industries Committee to develop further a joint strategy and plan, for States approval if necessary, for the provision of training for industry;
- 8. charged the Employment and Social Security Committee, in consultation with the Industries Committee, to investigate and report back to the States with recommendations for the discharge of employment functions;
- 9. charged the Finance and Economics Committee, the Establishment Committee and the Department of Property Services to take all necessary steps, in accordance with overall States policies, and priorities, to provide sufficient funding, staff and accommodation to enable the Industries Committee to discharge its immediate responsibilities effectively;
- 10. charged the Policy and Resources Committee, not later than 16th November 1999, to present to the States for approval -
 - (a) draft terms of reference for the Industries Committee;
 - (b) draft terms of reference for each Strategic Development Board to be established in accordance with paragraph 3 of this proposition.

Members present voted as follows -

“Pour” (30)

Senators

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

Connétables

St. Helier, St. John, St. Saviour.

Deputies

H. Baudains(C), Coutanche(L), St. Mary, S.Baudains(H), Trinity, Pullin(S), Johns(H), Duhamel(S), Routier(H), Breckon(S), Grouville, Huet(H), St. Martin, Crowcroft(H), de la Haye(B), St. Peter, Dubras (L), St. Ouen, Le Claire(H).

“Contre” (5)

Connétables

St. Mary, St. Peter, Trinity.

Deputies

St. John, Rabet(H).

Changes in Presidency

The Bailiff retired from the Chamber during consideration of the proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee on Committees of the States: reorganisation - Industries Committee (P.94/99) and the Greffier of the States, Geoffrey Henry Charles Coppock, Esquire, took over the Presidency for a time. The Greffier of the States then retired from the Chair and the Deputy Greffier of the States, Miss Catherine Mary Newcombe took over the Presidency for the remainder of the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 1.16 p.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.