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THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
28th November, 1989 at 10.15 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
Admiral Sir William Pillar, G.B.E., K.C.B.

,
was present.

All Members were present with the exception
of -

Senator Terence John Le Main - out of
the Island.

Leonard René Hamel, Connétable of
St. Clement - ill.

Leonard Picot, Connétable of Trinity -
out of the Island.

Prayers

Subordinate legislation tabled.

The following enactments were laid
before the States, namely -

1. Places of Refreshment
(Registration) (Fees) (Jersey)
Order, 1989. R & O 7999.
2. Tourism (General Provisions)
(Amendment No. 14) (Jersey) Order,
1989. R & O 8000.

Matters lodged.

The following subjects were lodged
"au Greffe" -

1. Draft Family Allowances (Jersey) Regulations, 19 . P.149/89.
Presented by the Social Security Committee.
2. Rent rebate scheme for private sector tenants. P.150/89.
Presented by the Housing Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration on 12th December, 1989.
3. Waterfront area of St. Helier: development. P.151/89.
Presented by the Island Development Committee.
4. Draft Road Traffic (No. 34) (Jersey) Regulations, 19 (P.141/89): second amendment. P.152/89.
Presented by the Defence Committee.
5. Draft Road Traffic (No. 34) (Jersey) Regulations, 19 (P.141/89): third amendment. P.153/89.
Presented by Senator Terence John Le Main.
6. Draft Road Traffic (No. 34) (Jersey) Regulations, 19 (P.141/89): fourth amendment. P.154/89.
Presented by Senator Dereck André Carter.
7. Draft Water (Amendment) (Jersey) Law, 19 . P.155/89.
Presented by the Public Works Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration on 12th December, 1989.
8. West of Albert Pier reclamation site - development preparation: transfer of funds. P.156/89.
Presented by the Public Works Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration on 12th December, 1989.

Fields 14, 14A and 18, La Rue de Maupertuis, St. Clement: compulsory purchase. P.152/88. Withdrawn.

THE STATES noted that in pursuance of Standing Order 17(6) the Proposition of the Housing Committee relating to the compulsory purchase of Fields 14, 14A and 18, La Rue de Maupertuis, St. Clement (lodged on 22nd November, 1988) had been withdrawn.

Rents of commercial property:
control. P.143/89.

THE STATES acceded to the request of Senator Corrie Stein that consideration of the Proposition relating to the control of rents of commercial property (lodged on 7th November, 1989) be deferred from 12th December, 1989 to a later date.

Government House. Statement.

The President of the Island Development Committee made a statement in the following terms -

``When my Committee met last Thursday a considerable time was spent discussing Government House. I now wish to advise Members that my Committee, after discussion, unanimously decided that it wished to revoke the planning permit issued for the demolition and rebuilding of Government House.

It is a fact that in November of last year my Committee was supportive of the Public Works Committee's proposals, which were subsequently approved by the States on 13th December, 1988 that the house be demolished. At that time we knew that the architects, engineers and quantity surveyors had advised that the cost of refurbishment and our extension to Government House was likely to be much higher than that of building new. There was also the unspecified cost of rehousing the Lieutenant Governor while the work was being carried out.

At the same time work was proceeding on the study of buildings to be designated as sites of special interest and, although on a draft list, not very much information was available about the history and architectural quality of Government

House.

Following States' approval to demolition my Committee did not further research the historical or architectural content of the buildings, but instead concentrated on the design of the new Government House. After much discussion with outside bodies my Committee gave planning permission.

It is now clear to us that the arguments for choosing the least costly option were not the ones which should have prevailed. We now know much more about Government House and have a better understanding of how greatly it is valued by the Island. We feel that our change of mind is justified.

I am confident that the Public Works Committee will accept this decision as being right for Jersey and will join us in studying alternative proposals. There can be no doubt that, provided we are prepared to pay the price, the old house can be restored and the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey provided with a home, guest suites and reception rooms, which will reflect the high esteem which this Island has for this office."

Budget 1990.

THE STATES commenced the consideration of the Budget for the financial year commencing 1st January, 1990, which in accordance with Article 16 of the Public Finances (Administration) (Jersey) Law, 1967, had been presented to the Assembly on 14th November, 1989, by the Finance and Economics Committee and comprised -

- (i) the estimate of the revenue expenditure and of the income of the committees of the States;
- (ii) the estimate of the transactions of the capital fund; and
- (iii) the Report of the Finance and Economics Committee thereon.

THE STATES, having considered the estimates

of the revenue expenditure and of the income of the various committees, decided to allow the said estimates as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows -

Finance and Economics Committee -
Pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and
11.

Defence Committee - Pages 12, 13, 14
and 15.

Public Works Committee - Pages 16, 17,
18, 19, 20 and 21.

Education Committee - Pages 22, 23,
24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

Public Health Committee - Pages 32,
33, 34 and 35.

Resources Recovery Board - Pages 36
and 37.

Agriculture and Fisheries Committee -
Pages 38 and 39.

Tourism Committee - Pages 40 and 41.

Etat Civil Committee - Pages 42 and
43.

Social Security Committee - Pages 42
and 43.

Cottage Homes Committee - Pages 42 and
43.

Establishment Committee - Pages 44 and
45.

Island Development Committee - Pages
46 and 47.

Elizabeth House Committee - Pages 46
and 47.

Housing Committee - Pages 48 and 49.

Prison Board - Pages 48 and 49.

Fort Regent Development Committee -
Pages 50 and 51.

Gambling Control Committee - Pages 52
and 53.

Legislation Committee - Pages 52 and
53.

Overseas Aid Committee - Pages 52 and 53.

Broadcasting Committee - Pages 52 and 53.

Industrial Relations Committee - Pages 54 and 55.

Policy and Resources Committee - Pages 54 and 55.

Occupation and Liberation Committee - Pages 54 and 55.

Harbours and Airport Committee - La Collette Reclamation Scheme - Pages 56 and 57.

TRADING COMMITTEES

Harbours and Airport Committee - Pages 58 and 59.

Telecommunications Board - Page 60.

Committee for Postal Administration - Page 61.

THE STATES, referring to the summary of income and revenue expenditure appearing on page 71 agreed the total revenue expenditure in the sum of #252,299,500, the total income from committees in the sum of #136,023,600 and having allowed for a balance in hand at 31st December, 1989 of #7,668,600 agreed the amounts to be transferred to the strategic reserve, accumulated reserve and general reserve in the sums of #20,000,000, #2,000,000 and #30,000,000 respectively.

THE STATES noted that on the basis of levels of taxation proposed by the Finance and Economics Committee the surplus on the revenue account to be transferred to the capital fund amounted to #36,277,700.

Having allowed for a balance of #38,581,600 to be brought forward at 1st January, 1990, and taking into account the capital repayments of #14,856,000 the States noted that there would be available in the capital fund the sum of #89,715,300. The States then proceeded to consider the estimates of capital expenditure recommended by the Finance and Economics Committee on pages 62, 63, 64 and 65 of the

Budget and -

NON-TRADING COMMITTEES

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Finance and Economics Committee appearing on page 62 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Defence Committee appearing on page 62 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Public Works Committee appearing on page 62 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Education Committee appearing on page 62 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Public Health Committee appearing on page 63 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Resources Recovery Board appearing on page 63 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee appearing on page 63 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Cottage Homes Committee appearing on page 63 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Establishment Committee appearing on page 63 was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Island Development Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Housing Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital

expenditure of the Prison Board appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Fort Regent Development Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Occupation and Liberation Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was allowed.

TRADING COMMITTEES.

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

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Telecommunications Board appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of capital expenditure of the Public Works Committee not recommended by the Finance and Economics Committee appearing on page 65 of the Budget was disallowed.

THE STATES having terminated the discussion on the capital estimates noted that the amount to be voted from the Capital Fund was #52,797,000.

THE STATES considered the estimates of income to be produced from taxation appearing on page 69 of the Budget and agreed the estimate as follows -

	#	#
Impôts on spirits	4,991,000	
Impôts on wines	2,631,000	
Impôts on tobacco	3,530,000	
Impôts on beer	1,790,000	
Impôts on motor fuel	1,778,000	
Goods imported into the Island (Tariff)	450,000	15,170,000
0		
Income tax		180,500,0

Motor tax 1,215,000

THE STATES adopted in second reading a Bill to continue certain expiring fiscal Laws; to prescribe the standard rate of income tax for the year nineteen hundred and ninety; to amend further the law relating to income tax to increase personal allowances and reliefs, to modify provisions relating to the allowance for a housekeeper for widows and widowers and the additional personal allowance for children, to provide relief in respect of premiums paid under certain contracts of private medical insurance, and to make further provisions in respect of the exemption of annuity funds and the transfer of payments between funds; to increase the registration fee under the Depositors and Investors (Prevention of Fraud) (Jersey) Laws, 1967 to 1986; and to increase wines and spirits duty, beer duty, the duty on certain tobacco products and oils and spirits duty.

The said Bill was lodged ``au Greffe".

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 25 of the Public Finances (Administration) (Jersey) Law, 1967, have 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; to amend the law relating to income tax to increase personal allowances and reliefs, to modify provisions relating to the allowance for a housekeeper for widows and widowers and the additional personal allowance for children, to provide relief in respect of premiums paid under certain contracts of private medical insurance, and to make further provisions in respect of the exemption of annuity funds and the transfer of payments between funds; to increase the registration fee under the Depositors and Investors (Prevention of Fraud) (Jersey) Laws, 1967 to 1986; and to increase wines and spirits duty, beer duty, the duty on certain tobacco products and oils and spirits duty (which Bill has this day been lodged ``au Greffe"), shall immediately have effect as if it were a law passed by the States and sanctioned by Her Majesty in Council.

THE STATES having terminated the discussion on the Budget agreed the summary of the estimated income and revenue expenditure for 1990 appearing on page 71 of the Budget

as follows -

INCOME

	#
Committees	136,023,
600	
Taxation	196,885,
000	
	332,908,
600	

DEDUCT

	#	#	#
Revenue expenditure		252,299,	
500			
		80,609,1	
00			
ADD			

Estimated balance in hand		
at 1st January, 1990.	7,668,6	
00		
	88,277,7	
00		

APPROPRIATION TO RESERVES

Strategic reserve	20,000,000	
Accumulated reserve	2,000,000	
General reserve	37,000,000	
less estimated balance		
in hand at 31st		
December, 1989	7,000,000	30,000,000
52,000,000		
Balance to be transferred		
to capital fund	#36,277	
,700		

THE STATES further agreed the estimated transactions of the capital fund for 1990 as follows -

	#	#
Balance brought forward	38,581,600	
Capital repayments	14,856,000	
Estimated balance on revenue account	36,277,700	
(as above)	89,715,300	
Capital expenditure	52,797,0	

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Estimated balance in hand at 31st
December, 1990 #36,918,300

THE STATES rose at 5.30 p.m.

E.J.M. POTTER

Greffier of the States.