



**THE STATES assembled on Wednesday
24th February 2010, at 09.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Michael Cameron St. John Birt Esquire.**

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Senator Stuart Syvret – en défaut
Senator Frederick Ellyer Cohen – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.44 a.m.)
Senator James Leslie Perchard – en défaut
Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.36 a.m.)
Deputy John Alexander Nicholas Le Fondré of St. Lawrence – ill
Deputy Anne Enid Pryke of Trinity – absent on States business
Deputy Sean Seamus Patrick Augustine Power of St. Brelade – en défaut
Deputy Shona Pitman of St. Helier – ill

Prayers

Committee of Inquiry: suspension of the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police P.9/2010

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Deputy of St. Martin –

- (a) to agree that a Committee of Inquiry should be established in accordance with Standing Order 146 to inquire into a definite matter of public importance, namely the manner in which the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police was suspended from his duties on 12th November 2008 with particular regard to the procedures and documentation used in the suspension, the grounds relied on by the then Minister in taking his decision and his role and the role of other parties who were involved;
- (b) to appoint the following persons as members of the Committee of Inquiry –
 - (i) Mr. Derek J.C. Bernard, Chairman;
 - (ii) Mr. Gerard C.L. Baudains;
 - (iii) Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Allan;
 - (iv) Advocate Timothy Hanson;
 - (v) Mrs. Margaret Holland Prior, J.P.
- (c) to agree, in accordance with Standing Order 146(5)(b) and (c) –
 - (i) that Advocate Timothy Hanson should, if required, preside in the absence of the Chairman, and
 - (ii) that the quorum of the Committee shall be 3.

The Bailiff, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9(4) of the Police Force (Jersey) Law 1974 and Standing Order 82, ordered all strangers to withdraw from the precincts of the States and the doors of the Chamber to be closed.

THE STATES, having concluded the debate *in camera*, proceeded to vote in public assembly and rejected paragraph (a) of the proposition of the Deputy of St. Martin that a Committee of Inquiry should be established in accordance with Standing Order 146 to inquire into a definite matter of public importance, namely the manner in which the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police was suspended from his duties on 12th November 2008 with particular regard to the procedures and documentation used in the suspension, the grounds relied on by the then Minister in taking his decision and his role and the role of other parties who were involved.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 21

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy of St. Peter
 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)
 Deputy D.J. De Sousa (H)
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
 Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)
 Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

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Senator T.A. Le Sueur
 Senator P.F. Routier
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
 Senator T.J. Le Main
 Senator B.E. Shenton
 Senator F.E. Cohen
 Senator A. Breckon
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator A.J.D. Maclean
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
 Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy A.E. Jeune (B)
 Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)
 Deputy E.J. Noel (L)
 Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

ABSTAIN: 0

Following the rejection of paragraph (a), the Presiding Officer informed the Assembly that paragraphs (b) and (c) of the proposition were deemed to have been withdrawn.

The Connétable of St. Helier, Deputy of St. Peter and the Deputy of St. John, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106(c), declared an interest but remained in the Chamber for the duration of the debate.

Change in Presidency

THE STATES re-assembled after the lunch adjournment under the Presidency of Mr. Michael Nelson De La Haye, Greffier of the States.

Minimum Wage: revised hourly rate from 1st April 2010 P.14/2010

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier concerning a revision of the minimum wage hourly rate and rejected an amendment of Deputy Trevor Mark Pitman of St. Helier that for the figure of “£6.28” there should be substituted the figure “£6.36”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 9

Senator A. Breckon
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)
Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
Deputy D.J. De Sousa (H)

CONTRE: 36

Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator T.J. Le Main
Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator S.C. Ferguson
Senator A.J.D. Maclean
Senator B.I. Le Marquand
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of St. Mary
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
Deputy of St. John
Deputy A.E. Jeune (B)
Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)
Deputy E.J. Noel (L)
Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)
Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

ABSTAIN: 0

Change in Presidency

The Greffier of the States retired from the Chair during the consideration of the proposition of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier concerning a revision of the minimum wage hourly rate and the meeting continued under the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff.

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES rejected a proposition of Senator Paul Francis Routier that the Assembly should continue beyond 5.30 pm in order to conclude the debate on the proposition of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier concerning a revision of the minimum wage hourly rate.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 8

Senator P.F. Routier
 Senator A. Breckon
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

CONTRE: 36

Senator T.A. Le Sueur
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
 Senator T.J. Le Main
 Senator B.E. Shenton
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator A.J.D. Maclean
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 Connétable of St. Ouen
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 Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy A.E. Jeune (B)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
 Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)
 Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)
 Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
 Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)
 Deputy D.J. De Sousa (H)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

ABSTAIN: 0

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Thursday 25th February 2010 to continue consideration of the proposition of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier entitled 'Minimum Wage: revised hourly rate from 1st April 2010' (P.14/2010) and the outstanding items of public business.

THE STATES rose at 5.37 p.m.

M.N. DE LA HAYE

Greffier of the States