

## THE STATES assembled on Tuesday, 28th June, 1988 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 Bernard Thomas Binnington - ill.

Mervyn Renouf Billot, Deputy of St. Saviour – out of the Island.

Carlyle John Le Hérissier Hinault, Deputy of St. John – out of the Island.

Derek Ryder Maltwood, Deputy of St. Mary – out of the Island.

Prayers

## Subordinate legislation tabled.

The following enactment was laid before the States, namely –

Cremation (Fees) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order, 1988. R & O 7765.

217 Price: £1.50

#### House Committee: appointment of President.

THE STATES, on the proposition of Senator Reginald Robert Jeune, appointed Deputy Sir Martin Le Quesne of St. Saviour as President of the House Committee.

#### Income Tax: legislation. P.43/88.

THE STATES acceded to the request of Deputy Maurice Clement Buesnel of St. Helier that his Proposition relating to income tax legislation (lodged on 12th April, 1988 and referred to the Finance and Economics Committee) be considered on 23rd August, 1988.

#### Clairvoyance and astrology for gain: legislation. P.65/88.

THE STATES acceded to the request of Senator Peter Geoffrey Kevitt Manton that his Proposition relating to clairvoyance and astrology for gain: legislation (lodged on 24th May, 1988) be considered on 23rd August, 1988.

# Greenfield Cottages, La Rocque, Grouville. Questions and answers.

Senator Terence John Le Main asked Deputy Hendricus Adolphus Vandervliet of St. Lawrence, President of the Housing Committee, the following questions –

- "1. Can the President inform the House, how many families/people were given eviction orders from a group of cottages at La Rocque called Greenfield?
- 2. Can the President tell this House if his department rehoused any of these families/people?
- 3. Is it correct that distress and hardship was caused by these evictions by the developer?

- 4. Can the President inform this House if it is correct that his department gave permission for the Bistro Rocque to house unqualified Portuguese workers in one of the properties?
- 5. If the answer to question 4 is in the affirmative why was the landlord/developer given this permission when some of these families could have stayed longer in their homes, whilst seeking suitable accommodation?
- 6. Is this a new policy of the Housing Committee to allow unqualified people to occupy A to H accommodation even on a short or temporary basis?"

#### The President of the Housing Committee replied as follows –

"1. This small cluster of five cottages is owned by two Jersey brothers, having been owned by the family for many years. The cottages are in a sub-standard condition, are very old, have no inside toilets and no baths.

Because there has been no transaction since the Housing Law took effect, my Committee has no conditions over the occupancy of these cottages. The owners have planning permission to build eight new houses, most of which are three-bedroomed, which will represent a valuable addition to the housing stock.

I understand that the owners have given eviction notices to existing tenants in accordance with legal requirements, though we have actual knowledge of only three tenants given such notice.

 Of those given eviction notice, my department has rehoused one retired married couple who met the normal criteria for States rental accommodation, and is due to house a single retired lady in February, 1989.

- 3. We have no knowledge of distress and hardship resulting from these evictions. The persons we have housed, or are due to house, appear to be content.
- 4. The owners of the cottages asked my Committee if they could rent No. 1 Greenfield Cottages to the Borsalino Rocque Restaurant for occupation by two or three of the restaurant's kitchen porters, without housing qualifications, for the 1988 summer season. The object of the exercise as far as the owners were concerned was not so much a financial one (as evidenced in a very low weekly rental charged) but rather to ensure a presence in the property until demolition was due to start. The intention was to use the cottage for sleeping only, given that all other facilities are available on the employer's premises. My Committee, having received a report from officers of the Housing Department who had visited the property, and in view of the poor standard of the property, agreed to the request subject to confirmation from the Development Committee that permission had been given. The consent is limited to the period ending October 1988.

My Committee could see that it was not reasonable to expect the owners to enter into a new tenancy with a local person for the period in question because of the need to ensure vacant possession of all the cottages at the time demolition is due to start.

5. When the owners applied for this concession, No. 1 was empty, the previous tenant having found alternative accommodation. To have refused the request would have simply resulted in the cottage remaining empty until demolition. My Committee saw no point in making an entirely negative response to the request.

6. No new policy is involved here; on a few occasions in the past, the Housing Committee has allowed an empty sub-standard property awaiting demolition in advance of an Island Development Committee approved redevelopment to be occupied in this way."

#### Health Insurance Exception scheme. Questions and answers.

Senator Betty Brooke asked Deputy Leonard Norman of St. Clement, President of the Social Security Committee, the following questions –

- "1. Is the Social Security Committee satisfied that the cash limits within which persons are eligible for a health insurance exception are correct, having regard to the value of money today?
- 2. Will the Committee undertake to consider increasing the limits and report to the States on its deliberations?

The President of the Social Security Committee replied as follows –

"1. The means testing of applicants for Health Insurance Exception is based on the welfare benefit rates which are reviewed each year by the Working Party on Need and the Constables, and then presented to the States by the Finance and Economics Committee. The revised rates from 1st October, 1987 were presented to the States on 18th August, 1987 (R.C.16) and included the effect of changing money values. The Social Security Committee applies these rates, plus 20 per cent as approved by the States, which means that a proportion of people not eligible for welfare payments nevertheless receives free of charge general practitioners' services and medicines. The criteria for means testing and its regular review seem equitable and appropriate for use with H.I.E. assessment. The

report on revised welfare rates each year is open to question by any member.

 The Proposition on Health Insurance Exception criteria for claims lodged on 14th June 1988 has been referred to the Finance and Economics Committee. The Social Security Committee will be considering that Proposition together with the Finance and Economics Committee, having regard to all the implications involved.

The questioner has already been invited to meet with the Committee so that we may have the benefit of her views and reasons why the ceiling should be raised and to what extent. I warmly re-issue this invitation."

#### Car parking charges. Questions and answers.

Deputy Maurice Clement Buesnel of St. Helier asked Deputy John Le Gallais of St. Saviour, President of the Public Works Committee, the following questions –

- "1. Following recent large increases in car parking charges, and the declared policy of invoking on-street car parking charges for both town centre streets and areas now known as residential zones does the President realise that his Committee's actions will force the local motorist, without a garage, to give up motoring?
- 2. If the intention of the Committee is only to limit traffic within the town precinct, can he say what steps his Committee will be taking in regard to the overnight parking of H-cars and United Kingdom and foreign registered cars in residential zones?
- 3. Is it now the policy of the Public Works Committee, in co-operation with the Defence Committee, to make

matters so difficult for the town motorist without private parking, that he or she is forced to use public transport which, at the moment, is both inadequate and expensive?"

The President of the Public Works Committee replied as follows -

"1. The Committee does not accept that the recent increase in off-street parking charges, nor the introduction of charges for on-street parking is likely to force any motorist to give up motoring.

If the town is to remain as the centre of the Island's commerce, as well as being the main residential area, it is important that the streets be free for the movement of traffic and pedestrians.

It is the Committee's policy to do all that it reasonably can to lessen the adverse effects of traffic, particularly in and around St. Helier, to the advantage of those who live, work, or, for whatever reason, wish to visit the town.

The Committee has been working in conjunction with the Defence Committee and the Constable of St. Helier, and believes that a "package of measures" will be necessary in order to achieve a significant improvement in the present situation. These measures will include –

- (a) the provision of more car parking spaces;
- (b) improvements to the roads outside the cordon area;
- (c) better public transport;

- (d) more parking to be provided where private development or redevelopment takes place; and
- (e) stricter observance of traffic and pedestrian discipline in the streets of St. Helier.
- 2. The Committee's intention is to limit traffic within the area described in the Island Plan as the town cordon, and beyond that to introduce measures to encourage traffic to use the ring road rather than streets crossing the town area. It has no plans, nor would it support any plans designed to discriminate against hire cars, United Kingdom or foreign registered cars, so far as legal, overnight, on-street parking is concerned. It must be remembered that Jersey registered cars are treated equally with others in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

The Public Works Committee will support the Island Development Committee in any measures it might take to require greater parking facilities for all future development, be it commercial or residential.

3. I have already outlined the Committee's policy on traffic matters.

In answer to the Deputy's specific questions, I would like to make it clear that the Public Works Committee wishes to see traffic managed in such a way that a fair balance is achieved between the interests of motorists and pedestrians and also between the residents and those who need to visit St. Helier.

At present, that balance is seriously distorted by the volume of traffic within the town. Better roads, more off-street car parking and an up-to-date and frequent public transport service are all improvements which will help to achieve a fair balance. They will, however, have to be paid for, and I envisage the need

for further significant increases in parking charges as these improvements are introduced."

## Serious criminal charges against local family: charges dropped. Questions and answers.

Senator Terence John Le Main asked Her Majesty's Attorney General the following questions –

- "1. Will the Attorney General tell this House how a local family could be on serious criminal charges for seven months, and could he explain the reason why the case was dropped the day before it was due to be heard in court?
- 2. Was documentary evidence given to the defending lawyers in these seven months to support the prosecution case and if the answer is in the negative, could the Attorney General explain why?
- 3. Will the Attorney General be carrying out an investigation into the handling of this whole case, with a view to compensation possibly being paid to the family in question and to disciplinary action being taken against those concerned with the prosecution?

## Her Majesty's Attorney General replied as follows -

"I wish to preface my reply by stating that, while I am prepared to answer any questions relating to my official responsibilities on matters of public interest, I am not answerable to this House for the discharge of my duties as public prosecutor. I am Her Majesty's Attorney General, and, as a matter of constitutional law, I am answerable to the Crown and not to this House. Nevertheless I am of course prepared to assist the Members of this House so far as I properly can in relation to any matter of public interest.

I am not however prepared to reply to detailed questions on particular cases because I do not consider that it is in the public interest that I should do so. If I were to accept that a decision to prosecute or not to prosecute were open to scrutiny in this House I should be opening the door to possible political influence over matters of criminal justice which would be unconstitutional and wrong.

Wherever there are legitimate grounds for complaint against the actions of a police officer, whether a member of the States of Jersey police force or a member of the honorary police, there are statutory procedures for the investigation and punishment of that misconduct. So far as States police officers are concerned the procedures are set out in the Police Force (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 1974. So far as honorary police officers are concerned those procedures are set out in the Honorary Police (Jersey) Regulations 1977. Because it seems possible that a complaint against one or more police officers might be made it would be improper for me to prejudge the issue by expressing any view as to whether such a possible complaint were justified.

I assume that these questions are based upon a report which appeared in the local newspaper following the offering of no evidence by the prosecution in the case to which the Senator is referring. Because the report was very largely based upon comments attributed to defence counsel in that case, it is in my view regrettable that the Senator did not inform himself more fully by consulting either with the Centenier concerned or with the Solicitor General who directed that no evidence be offered.

By hearing only one side of the story it was almost inevitable that he should obtain a distorted view of the matter.

By way only of example the report suggested that charges were dropped without explanation seven months after they were brought. In fact the Solicitor General explained fully the reasons for his decision to the two advocates acting for the defendants who attended in his Chambers for that purpose. Furthermore the charges had been outstanding for seven months only because the defence were not ready to proceed. The Centenier originally fixed a date for the hearing in January. Because one of the advocates wished to obtain further evidence to assist the defence, the Centenier adjourned the hearing to a date in March. This date was not convenient to the defence advocates for a number of reasons and they were then permitted by the Centenier to make their own arrangements with the court officer. As a result the dates in June were fixed for the hearing. All this information would have been available to the Senator had be chosen to seek it."

#### Pedestrian crossing in the Parade. Question and answer.

Deputy Maurice Clement Buesnel of St. Helier asked Deputy John Le Gallais of St. Saviour, President of the Public Works Committee, the following question –

"Will the President inform the House whether his Committee would consider placing a pedestrian crossing in the Parade opposite to the main Hospital entrance to facilitate the crossing of patients who are elderly and infirm?"

The President of the Public Works Committee replied as follows –

"The Public Works Committee is advised that the risk of an accident would be increased were a pedestrian crossing (either a zebra or a pelican) to be sited opposite the Parade entrance to the Hospital with the present system of two-way traffic. The difficulty lies in the fact that the entrance is between two traffic-controlled junctions which are only some 150 yards apart. It is not at the mid-point, which makes the problem worse.

For several years past, successive Public Works Committees have proposed improvement measures for the area bounded by the Parade, Gloucester Street, the Esplanade and the People's Park. These proposals, which take the form of a gyratory scheme, were outlined to the States during the Island Plan debate, during the latter part of 1987.

The Committee has funds available to carry out the scheme, which is programmed for the coming winter. The major part of the work required will be at the West Park junction and further improvements will be introduced at the junction at Cheapside, Kensington Place and at the Parade with Gloucester Street. These improvements will eliminate the need for traffic lights at the Kensington Place and Gloucester Street junctions with the Parade.

When the gyratory system is introduced, the Parade in front of the Hospital will become one-way, as will Gloucester Street. At this stage it will be possible to improve safety for the pedestrian by the introduction of suitably located pedestrian crossings. The Committee will include these as part of the overall scheme.

Specific provision will be included for ambulances requiring access to the Hospital."

## Compensation for an appellant. Statement.

The President of the Defence Committee made a statement in the following terms –

"The House will recall the circumstances leading to the appointment of the present Defence Committee last September. The problems which had arisen with the court case involving police officers had affected morale and caused divisions which were not in the public interest. Fortunately my Committee was able to resolve these

problems and, with the agreement of the House, extended the term of office of the Chief Officer.

One outstanding matter which resulted from the decisions of the court was the question of compensation for a person who had been acquitted on appeal. In meetings with the Attorney General and members of his Department, the Committee was advised of a claim which had been made by the appellant.

My Committee is pleased to inform the House that agreement has been reached for payment of compensation which will be made by the insurance company acting for the States under our public liability scheme. It is not in the public interest to disclose the amount of compensation which is a matter between our insurers and the person concerned. I cannot therefore confirm or deny the figure which has been published in the media.

The Committee has reason to be grateful to the Attorney General for his support and advice throughout these difficult times and would wish it to be known how much we appreciate the work carried out on behalf of the States by the Crown Officers Department. As far as States Members are concerned, my Committee is grateful for their understanding of the problems.

It is to be regretted that the same thing cannot be said of the activities of the local press. In an Island community the responsibility for our reputation rests upon the shoulders of all residents and that includes newspaper proprietors. Throughout the period during which the Committee was attempting to resolve the problems, the sensational reporting of the press tended to hurt innocent parties. This insensitive approach has not helped the Committee in its attempts to heal divisions and improve the morale of the local force. At a time when law and order is of concern to every responsible member of the public, I am sure the

House will recognise the difficulties which have been created by constant publicity of past actions.

My Committee would now wish to bring this matter to a conclusion, but in so doing must take to task the present policies of the media which create hurt for the individual under the guise of news. The latest press comment which appeared last Tuesday came from a reporter who approached me in the grounds of Beaulieu Convent School while I sat waiting for the Cardinal to bless a new extension to the premises. I stated to the reporter then that I thought it time the press put the Island's interests before their own, but sadly this did not affect the ultimate decision to put profit before probity."

## Competitive supply of telephone equipment and cabling. Statement.

The President of the Telecommunications Board made a statement in the following terms –

"May I remind the House that on 28th February, 1984, the then President of the Telecommunications Board informed Members that the Board would permit the competitive supply of many items of customer apparatus, so as to provide the Board's customers with a choice of supplier. The decision was implemented on 1st July, 1984.

The Board now believes that competitive supply, or "liberalisation" as it is commonly called, should be extended to include the internal cabling and wiring of premises, both residential and business. The Board will continue to supply all external lines and the equipment on which these lines terminate.

The effect of this further liberalisation will be to allow customers or their contractor to wire premises for telephone service. Jersey Telecoms will provide wiring guides and specifications and will monitor installation work to ensure that satisfactory standards are maintained.

A number of factors has influenced the Board in its decision to extend liberalisation. Not least is the fact that the number of orders received last year was 20 per cent up on 1986, and in the first four months of this year, orders are up by 26 per cent on 1987. Together with industrial action taken by the E.E.T.P.U. in pursuit of a wage claim, this growth has resulted in an unacceptable delay in the completion of residential orders.

The House should note that it is not the Board's intention to extend the liberalisation of business equipment beyond those items already on competitive supply. Items such as switchboards, keysystems, dealer boards and payphones, all of which have a significant effect on the telephone network, will still be supplied exclusively by the Board.

The Board believes that the extension of competitive supply will benefit both the Board and its customers, and I can assure the House that Jersey Telecoms will continue to provide a first class service and welcome the challenge of further competition."

## Supplementary and additional votes of credit.

THE STATES considered an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 13th June, 1988, presenting Acts of the undermentioned Committees and, acceding to the requests contained therein, granted to the said Committees supplementary(S) and additional(A) votes of credit out of the general reserve as follows –

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Finan	ce and E	conomics Committee		
	Crown Officers Department			
	0311	Staff	4,100	
	Viscoun			
	0332	Premises	29,500	
	0334	Transport	1,500	
	Probation Service			
	0356	Maintenance of persons		
		in hostels, hospitals and		
		special schools	11,000	
	Impôts			
	0361	Staff	6,300	
	Economic Adviser's office			
	0421	Staff	10,000	
	0422	Premises	29,700	
	0423	Supplies and services	3,300	
	0425	Establishment	4,600	
	Commercial Relations Department			
	0431	Staff	4,900	
		Total request	<u>104,900</u>	
<b>Defence Committee</b>				
Civil emergency				
	1053	Supplies and services	<u>9,400</u>	

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Public	Works (	Committee			
	Adminis	tration			
	2001	Staff		11,000	
	2002	Supplies and Ser	vices	13,700	
	Trading	Standards			
	2102	Premises		5,700	
	2106	Grants			2,000
		Total re	quest £32,400	<u>30,400</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Educa	ition Con	nmittee			
	Primary	education non-fee	-paying		
	2502	Non-teaching sta		25,600	
	Seconda	ry education non-f	ee-paying		
	2602	Non-teaching sta		37,500	
	Victoria	College			
	2612	Non-teaching sta	ff	15,000	
	Jersey C	ollege for Girls			
	2632	Non-teaching sta	ff	5,100	
	Vocational and non-vocational education				
	2702	Non-teaching sta	ff	31,400	
	Special of	education			
	2802	Non-teaching sta	ff	21,200	
	Child we	elfare			
	2912	Staff		50,400	
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			Total request	<u>207,200</u>	

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#### **Public Health Committee**

Grants

3211 Jersey Family Nursing

Service <u>37,800</u>

**Island Development Committee** 

5206 Preparation of surveys,

development plans,

consultation fees, etc. <u>74,000</u>

### **CAPITAL REQUESTS**

#### **Public Works Committee**

C0375 Replacement of telephone

switchboard at South Hill

offices <u>7,000</u>

**Education Committee** 

C0547 Hautlieu School – Library

and lifts 4,000

C0599 Horticulture and Agriculture

Training Centre 12,100

Total request 16,100

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**Public Health Committee** 

C0688 Upgrade theatre/wards,

General Hospital 140,000

C2723 Alterations to 1 Don Terrace,

St. Helier <u>40,000</u>

Total request £180,000 <u>140,000</u> <u>40,000</u>

**Resources Recovery Board** 

C0468 Replacement of east and

west shed roof  $\underline{170,000}$ 

**Prison Board** 

C1058 Rehabilitation of heating

and hot water supplies 344,000

**Harbours and Airport Committee** 

Harbours

C0240 Port of St. Helier –

general development 2,781,600

Airport

C0293 En-route air traffic services

interface and radar plot

extraction development <u>150,000</u>

Total request  $\underline{2,931,600}$ 

The total of requests granted for the June Supply Day amounted to £4,114,400. The deferred Supply items amounted to £539,800.

# Maternity Hospital premises, St. Helier – conversion: additional vote of credit. P.81/88.

THE STATES deferred consideration of the request of the Public Health Committee for an additional vote of credit in the sum of £400,000 for the conversion of the Maternity Hospital premises (C2724).

The Proposition relative thereto was lodged "au Greffe" by the Public Health Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration on 26th July, 1988.

# Community Health Service: supplementary votes of credit. P.82/88.

THE STATES deferred consideration of the request of the Public Health Committee for the following supplementary votes of credit –

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3201	Staff	6,500
3203	Supplies & services	3,800
3205	Establishment	4,700

The Proposition relative thereto was lodged "au Greffe" by the Public Health Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration on 26th July, 1988.

# Probation Service and Economic Adviser's Office: supplementary votes of credit. P.83/88.

THE STATES deferred consideration of the request of the Finance and Economics Committee for the following supplementary votes of credit –

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Probatio	n Service	
0351	Staff	13,500
Econom	ic Adviser's Office	
0421	Staff	12,300

The Proposition relative thereto was lodged "au Greffe" by the Finance and Economics Committee.

# Public Works – administration and public buildings: supplementary votes of credit. P.84/88.

THE STATES deferred consideration of the request of the Public Works Committee for the following supplementary votes of credit –

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Adminis	tration	
2001	Staff	79,000
Public B	uildings	
2082	Premises	20,000

The Proposition relative thereto was lodged "au Greffe" by the Finance and Economics Committee.

#### Public Lotteries Board: appointment.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Gambling Control Committee and in pursuance of Regulation 3 of the Gambling (Channel Islands Lottery) (Jersey) Regulations, 1975, as amended –

(a) re-appointed the following persons as chairman and members of the Public Lotteries Board for a period of five years, from the date of re-appointment, namely –

Michael A. Rumfitt, chairman Peter S. Cruickshank Ian T. Barnes Colin S.N. Hill Derek A. Wallis John Clennett;

(b) appointed the following persons as members of the Public Lotteries Board, for a period of five years from the date of appointment, namely –

John N. Le Fondré Mrs. Mary M. Gaiger.

# H.M. Prison: negotiated contract for heating and hot water systems.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Prison Board –

- (a) authorised the Board to agree a negotiated contract with H. & V. Fabrications Limited for the refurbishment of the heating and hot water supplies at H.M. Prison (Phase I) in the sum of £311,250;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the necessary contract with H. & V. Fabrications Limited.

#### Jersey Gas Company (Jersey) Law, 1988. P.180/87 and P.72/88.

THE STATES commenced consideration of a Bill to re-enact provisions concerning the constitution, organisation, powers and duties of the Jersey Gas Company Limited.

The Preamble and Articles 1 to 63 were adopted.

Article 64 was adopted, the States having accepted the amendments of the Finance and Economics Committee that the following paragraph should be substituted for paragraph (1) –

- "(1) The gas supplied by the Company shall be tested each quarter by the gas examiner appointed under Article 67 on at least
  - (a) one day in each month at the principal works of the Company; and
  - (b) two days in each month at such place as the gas examiner chooses, and the testing shall be in the manner and under the conditions specified in the First Schedule and the gas shall be of a calorific value expressed in British Thermal Units declared by the Company and called the Declared Calorific Value; and, as regards purity, the gas shall not show any trace of sulphuretted hydrogen when tested in accordance with the rules specified in that behalf in or pursuant to that Schedule; and the result of each test shall be communicated to the Company by post, not later than the next following day.";

that in paragraph (4) for the words "States Laboratory" there should be substituted the words "Laboratory of the Official Analyst" and the following words should be deleted –

"and not less than six tests shall be made each quarter at the principal works of the Company."

Article 65 was adopted, the States having accepted amendments of the Finance and Economics Committee that in paragraph (2) for the words "A gas examiner appointed by the Resources Recovery Board" there should be substituted the words" The gas examiner appointed under Article 67" and for the words "an examiner" there should be substituted the words "the examiner".

Article 66 was adopted.

Article 67 was adopted, the States having accepted amendments of the Finance and Economics Committee that in paragraph (1) for the words "a competent and impartial person" there should be substituted the words "the Official Analyst", that in paragraph (4) the words "the Resources Recovery Board and to" should be deleted, that the following paragraph should be inserted —

"(5) The gas examiner shall make a report every quarter of the results of his testing in pursuance of this Law to the Resources Recovery Board and the report shall be receivable in evidence.";

that the existing paragraph (5) should be renumbered paragraph (6) and that after paragraph (6) the following paragraph should be added –

"(7) In this Article and in paragraph 1 of the First Schedule Official Analyst has the meaning assigned to it by the Food and Drugs (Jersey) Law, 1966."

Articles 68 to 100 were adopted.

The First Schedule was adopted, the States having accepted an amendment of the Finance and Economics Committee that in paragraph 1 for the words "gas examiner" there should be substituted the words "Official Analyst".

The Second and Third Schedules were adopted.

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Jersey Gas Company (Jersey) Law, 1988.

#### Occupation and Liberation Committee: appointment. P.75/88.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton –

- (a) appointed a Committee to be known as the Occupation and Liberation Committee;
- (b) appointed Senator Peter Geoffrey Kevitt Manton as President and Deputy Margaret Sylvia Rose Beadle of St. Brelade, Deputy Cynthia Miriam Horne of St. Helier and Deputy Graeme Ernest Rabet of St. Helier as members of that Committee;
- (c) requested the Committee to report back to the States in due course with proposals for ways and means of ensuring that the occupation and the liberation of the Island are not forgotten.

## Territorial Army Royal Engineer Field Squadron Centre. P.76/88.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Defence Committee -

(1) supported the conversion of the R.E. Yard, South Hill, for use as the Centre for the Territorial Army Royal Engineer Field Squadron; and

(2) agreed to the transfer of the administration of the R.E. Yard from the Public Works Committee to the Defence Committee.

#### House Committee: appointment of members.

THE STATES, on the Proposition of Deputy Sir Martin Le Quesne of St. Saviour, President of the House Committee, appointed the following as members of the Committee –

Senator Pierre François Horsfall Senator Anne Baal Deputy David John de la Haye of St. Helier Deputy Cynthia Miriam Horne of St. Helier Deputy Terence Augustine Le Sueur of St. Helier Deputy Graham Huelin of St. Brelade.

THE STATES rose at 12.45 p.m.

R.S. GRAY,

Deputy Greffier of the States.