

THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
20th August, 1985 at 10.15 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Frank Ereaut.

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 Jane Patricia Sandeman - ill.
Charles Binet Ahier, Connétable of Trinity -
out of the Island.
Leonard Norman, Deputy of St. Clement - out of
the Island.

Prayers read by Deputy Greffier

B.B.C. Radio Jersey - live broadcast of the
debate on the Review of Current Immigration
Policies in a Committee of the Whole House.

The Bailiff asked the Assembly whether it wished to
give permission to B.B.C. Radio Jersey to broadcast
live the debate on the Review of Current
Immigration Policies in a Committee of the Whole
House. After discussion, and having assessed the
reaction of some Members, the Bailiff withdrew the
request.

Subordinate legislation tabled.

The following enactments were laid before the
States, namely -

1. Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) (Jersey) Order, 1985.
R & O 7413.
2. Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts by Children) (Jersey) Order, 1985.
R & O 7414.
3. Social Security (Earnings Limit) (Jersey) Order, 1985. R & O 7415.
4. Civil Service Administration (Salaries) (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Order, 1985. R & O 7416.
5. Civil Service Administration (Shift Allowances) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Order, 1985. R & O 7417.
6. Gambling (Channel Islands Lottery) (Draws by Computer) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order, 1985. R & O 7418.

Fuel Oil Prices and the States' Oil Purchasing Scheme: Report. R.C. 16.

The Resources Recovery Board by Act dated 25th July, 1985, presented to the States a Report on Fuel Oil Prices and the States' Oil Purchasing Scheme.

THE STATES ordered that the Report be printed and distributed.

Matters noted - land transactions.

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 5th August, 1985, showing that in pursuance of Standing Orders relating to certain transactions in land, the Committee had approved -

- (a) as recommended by the Housing Committee, and in pursuance of an Act of the States dated 31st July, 1984, the acquisition from Mossport Investments Limited of its half-share of Dummy

Lane, St. Helier, shown hatched in green on Plan H.C. 1/85, for a consideration of £2,000 plus the payment of legal fees;

- (b) as recommended by the Housing Committee,

with the support of the Island Development Committee, the purchase from Mr. David Alfred Bisson and Mrs. Marjorie Mary Bisson, née Hamel, his wife, of William Place and 13, Columbus Street, St. Helier, required in connexion with a proposed redevelopment scheme, for a consideration of £72,000 plus the payment of scale legal fees;

- (c) as recommended by the Public Works Committee, the leasing from Mr. Anley John Dorey Richardson of a packing shed at Les Tihelles, Grantez, St. Ouen, measuring 1,626 square feet, for the storage and fabrication of elm wood, for a period of three years, from 1st April, 1985, with an option to renew, at an annual rent of £2,000.

Matters lodged.

The following subjects were lodged reffe> -

1. Dégrèvement procedure: amendment. P.92/85.
Presented by Senator Richard Joseph Shenton.
2. Broadcasting of States' Meetings: experiment. P.93/85.
Presented by Senator John Stephen Rothwell.

The following subjects were lodged on 6th August, 1985 -

1. States' Trading Activities: investigation. P.89/85.
Presented by Senator Richard Joseph Shenton.
2. Draft Attendance Allowances (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Regulations. 198 . P.90/85.
Presented by the Social Security Committee.
3. Draft Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 27) (Jersey) Regulations, 198 . P.91/85.
Presented by the Social Security Committee.

Telecommunications Board: privatisation.
P.30/85.

THE STATES noted that Senator Richard Joseph Shenton had withdrawn his Proposition regarding the privatisation of the Telecommunications Board (lodged on 2nd April, 1985 and deferred after consideration in the States on 30th July, 1985), having lodged in its place a Proposition regarding States' Trading Activities: investigation (P.89/85 - lodged on 6th August, 1985).

Draft Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries)
(Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Regulations, 198 .
P.92/84.

THE STATES noted that the President of the Gambling Control Committee had withdrawn the draft Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Regulations, 198 (lodged on 3rd July, 1984).

Review of Current Immigration Policies -
debate in a Committee of the Whole House.

THE STATES adopted the Proposition of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton that consideration of the Review of Current Immigration Policies (P.83/85 - lodged on 30th July, 1985) in a Committee of the Whole House be deferred from the present Sitting to a later date.

Members present voted as follows -

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Senators

Shenton, Baal, Le Main.

Connétables

Grouville, St. Saviour, St. John, St. Brelade,
St. Martin, St. Peter, St. Clement, St.
Lawrence, St. Ouen.

Deputies

St. Ouen, Perkins(C), Le Gallais(S), Roche(S),
Trinity, Farley(H), Le Fondré(L), Rumboll(H),
Grouville, St. Mary, Beadle(B), Thorne(B),
Wavell(H), Blampied(H), St. John, St. Peter,
Carter(H).

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Senators

Vibert, Le Marquand, Jeune, Binnington,
Horsfall, Ellis, Rothwell, Manton.

Connétables

St. Helier, St. Mary.

Deputies

Mourant(H), Morel(S), Le Maistre(H),
Quenault(B), Le Brocq(H), Le Quesne(S),
Filleul(H), Vandervliet(L), Billot(S),
Mahoney(H), St. Martin.

Meeting in Extraordinary Session - Review of
Current Immigration Policies - debate in a
Committee of the Whole House.

THE STATES adopted the Proposition of the President
of the Policy Advisory Committee and requested the
Bailiff to convene a Meeting of the States in
extraordinary session on 17th September, 1985 in
order to consider in a Committee of the Whole
House, the Review of Current Immigration Policies
(P.83/85 - lodged on 30th July, 1985).

Payment of costs incurred in Police Court
proceedings by successful appellants. Question and
answer.

Senator Terence John Le Main asked Deputy Edgar
John Becquet of Trinity, President of the
Legislation Committee, the following question -

r Article 17(5)(a) of the Police Court
(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law, 1949,
as amended, the Royal Court may, where a
person convicted or sentenced in the Police
Court makes a successful appeal to the Royal
Court, order the

prosecution to pay to the appellant such costs
as may appear reasonably sufficient to cover
the out of pocket expenses of the appellant in
relation to such appeal.

Is the President willing to consider preparing
the necessary legislation to provide for a
similar power to be conferred upon the Royal
Court in respect of costs incurred by the
appellant in connexion with proceedings in the
Police Court preceding the appeal to the Royal
Court?>

The President of the Legislation Committee replied
as follows -

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Superintendent Registrar's Offices. Questions and answers.

Deputy Corrie Stein of Grouville asked Senator Anne Baal, President of the Etat Civil Committee, the following questions -

Having regard to the fact that on 20th June, 1983, the President of the Public Works Committee withdrew a Proposition which included new offices for the Superintendent Registrar, will the President accept that it is generally accepted that the current accommodation leaves a lot to be desired?

2. Will the President inform the House if it is her Committee's intention to provide new offices which will enable the marriage ceremony to take place, and the wedding guests to be accommodated, in surroundings more in keeping with the standards which the public are entitled to expect in 1985?
3. If the answer to question 2 is in the negative, does the Committee intend to improve in the near future, the unsatisfactory facilities at present available?>

The President of the Etat Civil Committee replied as follows -

cannot possibly speak for the general public. The view of my Committee is that the Superintendent Registrar's office should be moved to more suitable surroundings as soon as possible and my Committee is in discussion with the Public Works Committee about this matter.

In the meantime, the present offices are to be redecorated in the very near future.>

Building Costs. Questions and answers.

Deputy Corrie Stein of Grouville asked Deputy Hendricus Adolphus Vandervliet of St. Lawrence, President of the Housing Committee, the following

questions -

ng regard to the fact that the President made a Statement in the House on 21st February, 1984 about building costs and in the final paragraph stated that the Committee hoped `to be in a position to present a comprehensive report to the States on the subject before the end of the CURRENT SESSION', will the President inform the House -

1. why there has been such a delay in bringing forward the report when so many people are anxious to be able to buy their own property at a fair and reasonable cost?
2. when will the report be presented?>

The President of the Housing Committee replied as follows -

the Deputy is quite right to ask why, when I had hoped to be in a position to present a comprehensive Report on Building Costs a year ago, my Committee has not done so. However, in the second part of her first question she appears to confuse building costs with property sale prices which were not within the terms of reference of the Working Party.

Had the Working Party found anything to suggest that the relatively high cost of building in the Island was the result of any of those involved in the industry making an unreasonably high level of profit, then the Working Party would have reported a long time ago, and my Committee would have recommended to the House the appointment of a Committee of Enquiry to carry out further investigations. In the event, the Working Party found that building costs in the Island could, in general, be justified but, that in certain areas, savings could be made. It is against this background that my Committee has given greater priority to the review of its policies than to the production of the Report on Building Costs.

2. the Report will be presented to the States before the end of October.>

Private Hire Drivers' Public Fares: constitution of Working Party. Statement.

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

States at their Sitting held on 14th May, 1985, referred to the Defence Committee a Proposition of Senator R.J. Shenton asking the States to request the Defence Committee to prepare the necessary legislation to enable that Committee to exercise control over Private Hire Drivers' Public Fares in a similar way to the control already exercised over taxi fares.

The Defence Committee, having considered this matter, has decided that the best approach is for the Proposition to be considered by a Working Party made up of impartial persons, which would also look at the overall effect of the private and public hire taxi fares structures to establish whether or not the taxi user in Jersey is getting a fair deal.

Mr. John Averty has kindly agreed to act as Chairman of the Working Party and Mr. Derek Bernard, Mr. John Clennett and Mr. Paul Beasant, have kindly agreed to serve as members of the Working Party.

Mr. Colin Powell, the Economic Adviser, will assist the Working Party in its deliberations.>

Pier Road Multi-storey car park - extension: transfer of funds.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Public Works Committee, approved the transfer of £1.3 million from Vote C0359 - 'Sixth Multi-Storey Car Park' to a vote to be designated 'Alterations to Pier Road Multi-Storey Car Park', to enable the extensions to the Pier Road Multi-Storey Car Park, approved in principle by the States on 18th June, 1985, to be constructed immediately.

Job Opportunity, Community Service and Youth
Employment Schemes: continuation.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Education
Committee, approved the continuation of the -

- (a) Job Opportunity and Community Service
Schemes to run from 30th September, 1985
to 26th April, 1986;
- (b) Youth Employment Scheme to run from 30th
September, 1985 to 26th April, 1986;
- (c) Preparation for Employment Course.

Airport - Department of Electronics: new workshop.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Harbours
and Airport Committee -

- (a) approved drawings Nos. 2825/1A and 2825/3
showing the construction of a new zone
workshop for the Department of
Electronics at the Airport;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to
sign the said drawings on behalf of the
States.

Census (Jersey) Regulations, 1985. P.67/85.

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 2 of the Census
(Jersey) Law, 1951, as amended, made Regulations
entitled the Census (Jersey) Regulations, 1985.

Methodist Church (Jersey) Law, 1985. P.68/85.

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most
Excellent Majesty in Council, made a Law entitled
the Methodist Church (Jersey) Law, 1985.

Christmas Bonus (Jersey) Regulations, 1985.
P.85/85.

THE STATES, by virtue and in exercise of the powers
conferred upon them by the Order in Council of the
fourteenth day of April, 1884, made Regulations
entitled the Christmas Bonus (Jersey) Regulations,

1985.

St. Elmo Hotel: purchase and modification. P.86/85.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the
Public Health Committee -

- (a) approved the purchase of the St. Elmo Hotel from Mr. Roy Deeks trading as St. Elmo Enterprises Limited, at the valuation negotiated by the States Land and Property Officer of £270,000;
- (b) approved, in principle, the modifications to the St. Elmo Hotel required to facilitate its temporary use as hospital residential staff accommodation;
- (c) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass the necessary contract in the matter;
- (d) authorised the Treasurer of the States to pay the cost of the purchase out of the Capital vote of credit granted to the Island Development Committee under the heading isition of Land - Major Reserve> (Vote No. C.0904).

THE STATES rose at 12.35 p.m.

R.S. GRAY

Deputy Greffier of the States