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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

- 1. To receive the Housing Committee's Strategic Policy Report "Housing Today, the Forecast for the Future and Proposals for Change", and to endorse the Committee's principal aims as set out on page 5 of the Report.
- 2. To charge the Committee to investigate the introduction of a system of occupancy control for all residential accommodation as described in sub-section 2.2(ii) of the report and to report back to the States with its recommendations.
- 3. (a) to agree that every effort should be made, both to control the growth of the population, and to provide more land for residential development in order that, for the reasons outlined in sub-section 3.4(i), the twenty year residence rule can be reduced, in stages, to fifteen years; and
 - (b) subject to the approval of sub-paragraph (a), to agree that the twenty year residence rule be reduced to nineteen years with immediate effect.
- 4. To approve, in principle, the amendment of the Housing (General Provisions) (Jersey) Regulations, 1970, as amended, for the following purposes:-
 - (a) to enable the Committee to control the occupation of inherited properties, as described in sub-section 3.4(vii) of the report; and
 - (b) as described in sub-section 3.4(ii) of the report, to increase from three years to five years the length of time for which persons who have become entitled to acquire or lease property under Regulations 1(1)(b), 1(1)(c), 1(1)(d), 1(1)(e), 1(1)(f) and certain categories of Regulations 1(1)(h) and 1(1)(n), may leave the Island without losing that entitlement.
- 5. To agree, in principle, that the necessary steps be taken, as described in sub-section 3.2(v) of the report, to introduce legislation to require that properties designated at the time of construction for occupation by first-time buyers should be sold onward only to other first-time buyers, unless otherwise agreed by the Housing Committee.
- 6. To agree, in principle, the amendment, as described in section 3.3 of the Report, of the Lodging Houses (Registration) (Jersey) Law, 1962, as amended, for the following purposes:-
 - (a) to provide a minimum notice required for lodgers of four weeks;
 - (b) to incorporate the present Code of Practice into the Law;
 - (c) to give the Committee power to fix the annual registration fee for lodging houses; and
 - (d) to require all persons taking in lodgers to register with the Housing Department.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

NOTE: The text of the report accompanying this proposition was published separately.