

THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
5th December, 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, C.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.
Jack Roche, Deputy of St. Saviour -
ill.
Edgar John Becquet, Deputy of
Trinity - ill.

Prayers

Subordinate legislation tabled.

The following enactment was laid
before the States, namely -

Road Traffic (Public Parking Places)
(Amendment No. 13) (Jersey) Order,
1989. R & O 8002.

Committee for Postal
Administration: appointment of member.

THE STATES appointed Deputy Graeme Ernest Rabet of St. Helier as a member of the Committee for Postal Administration.

Manpower report for the half-year to 30th June, 1989. R.C.19.

The Establishment Committee by Act dated 20th November, 1989, presented to the States a report on manpower for the period 1st January, 1989 to 30th June, 1989.

THE STATES ordered that the said report be printed and distributed.

Resources Recovery Board Report for 1988. R.C.20.

The Resources Recovery Board by Act dated 4th October, 1989, presented to the States a report on the operation of the services administered by the Board for 1988.

THE STATES ordered that the said report be printed and distributed.

Matters noted - land transactions.

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee, dated 27th November, 1989, showing that in pursuance of Standing Orders relating to certain transactions in land, the Committee had approved -

- (a) as recommended by the Telecommunications Board, the granting to The Jersey Electricity Company Limited of a wayleave, across public land at Five Oaks, St. Saviour, as shown on Wayleave Plan No. 26J, for a consideration of #5, as required to service the radio equipment building, with each party being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees;
- (b) as recommended by the Public Works Committee, the purchase from Mr. William John Morvan of an area of land measuring 950 square feet

forming part of the site of the Norfolk Lodge Hotel, Rouge Bouillon, St. Helier, for a consideration of #10, required in connexion with the proposed new road junction at the bottom of Queen's Road, with the Committee being responsible for the payment of all legal fees;

(c) as recommended by the Housing Committee, the passing of a Contrat de Transaction with C. Le Masurier Limited, with each party being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees -

(i) to agree the re-alignment of the boundary separating the company's property No. 9 Columbus Street, St. Helier with the States' development at Vincent Court Phase II;

(ii) to agree that the gable of the building which the public had built near the eastern end boundary of Vincent Court Phase II might remain as it was including parts of the roof, gutters and fascias overhanging the property belonging to the company;

(iii) to grant to C. Le Masurier Limited the right to retain part of the roof, gutters and fascia boards of its new store in their present position overhanging the public property;

(d) as recommended by the Housing Committee, the passing of a Contrat de Transaction with Mr. Patrick Keith Foley and Mrs. Alison Elizabeth Foley, née King, the purchasers of the property No. 27, Columbus Street, St. Helier, in order to agree that the gable wall between Nos. 27 and 29, Columbus Street might be recognised as being in party ownership, and that the fascia

board and gutter which had been erected on that part of the wall owned by the public might remain as they were at present, with Mr. and Mrs. Foley being responsible for the payment of all legal fees;

(e) as recommended by the Establishment Committee, the leasing from Mrs. Maureen Hamel, née Quénault, of 'Burwood', Rue des Sablons, Grouville, a three-bedroomed detached house, for a period of two years with effect from 1st November, 1989, at an annual rent of #8,745, with a rent review on 1st November, 1990, in line with the Jersey Cost of Living Index, required for occupation by a civil servant employed on a two-year contract.

Management of States business.
Statement.

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

``At its meeting on 29th November, 1989, the House Committee considered again the current arrangements for establishing the agenda for Sittings of the States, in the light of the impression which all the members of the Committee share that this has been seen more than once in the course of the current session to be capable of improvement.

The Committee brought proposals of its own to the States in its report and proposition (P.3/89) which were debated on 21st February, 1989. At the conclusion of the debate a majority of the members present showed themselves opposed to the Committee's proposals. The Committee believes, however, that in the light of experience during the current session, there may be a majority of members in favour of some change. However, before bringing specific proposals to the House, the House Committee would be glad of an opportunity for an informal

exchange of views with Members interested in this topic. The House Committee does not consider that the subject merits a full blown meeting of the States In Committee. It believes, on the other hand, that its purpose would be better served if it itself held a meeting in the States Chamber to which all States' Members interested in the subject would be invited.

We therefore propose to hold such a meeting in the States' Chamber on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1990 at 11.30 a.m. and I take this opportunity of inviting Members to attend. It will be our intention, in the light of that discussion, to bring specific proposals to the House as soon as possible thereafter.

The meeting, being a meeting of the House Committee, will not be open to the public."

Population growth: future strategy. P.145/89.

THE STATES commenced consideration of a Proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding the future strategy for population growth.

Paragraph (1)(a), (b) and (c) was adopted, the States having rejected an amendment of Deputy Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll of St. Helier that sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) should be deleted and that after the word "reduced" there should be inserted the words "by the further application of the Regulation of Undertakings and Development Law by the Finance and Economics Committee, who should report to the States annually on the movement of economically active persons resident in the Island." and having rejected an amendment of Senator Pierre François Horsfall that sub-paragraph (c) be deleted, a new paragraph (2) be inserted "(2) that during 1991 further studies should be carried out using the 1991 census figures as a basis to determine the policy on the rate of job growth for 1992 and thereafter," the remaining paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly.

Paragraph (2) was adopted, the States having rejected an amendment of Deputy Rumboll that after the word "sector" there should be added the words "so that for the period 1990 to 1992 the net increase shall be no more than one per cent in the number of established posts and that during this period the Committee shall pursue proposals for achieving greater manpower efficiency in public services, leading to an eventual reduction below current levels."

Paragraph (3) was adopted.

Paragraph (4) was adopted, Deputy Rumboll having withdrawn his amendment that the words "the States capital programme and" and the words "by some 500 during the period 1990 to 1992." be deleted.

Paragraph (5) was adopted, the States having accepted an amendment of Deputy Rumboll that the words "with the proviso that they are to employ only persons with those qualifications." be deleted.

Paragraph (6) was adopted.

THE STATES, adopting paragraphs (1) to (6), as amended, agreed -

- (1) that the rate of job growth in total should be reduced -
 - (a) to some 400 in 1990;
 - (b) to some 200 in 1991; and
 - (c) to nil in 1992 and thereafter;
- (2) that the Establishment Committee should apply equivalent restraint in the public sector;
- (3) that the necessary legislation should be introduced forthwith to remove from the list of exemptions from the provisions of Article 2(1)(d) of the Regulation of Undertakings and Development (Jersey) Law, 1973, as amended -
 - (a) the engagement of a person within six months of the

completion of full-time instruction at a university, college, school, or other educational establishment;

(b) the engagement of a person for a total of eight months or less in any consecutive period of twelve months;

(4) that the States' capital programme and the granting of licences under Part III of the Regulation of Undertakings and Development Law should be further limited to reduce the number engaged in the construction industry by some 500 during the period 1990 to 1992;

(5) that the present policy under Part II of the Regulation of Undertakings and Development Law regarding the preference given to the establishment of new undertakings by persons with residential qualifications should be maintained;

(6) that, in consultation with the Tourism Committee, a policy objective should be established for a planned reduction in the number of registered beds in hotels and guest houses.

After discussion, the States agreed to defer consideration of paragraph (7) until the next Sitting.

THE STATES adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

E.J.M. POTTER
Greffier of the States.